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KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

Present: Cllrs Collins, De Silva, Jackson and Rogers.

Also Present: Mr Paul Dunham, Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for Absence.

- 1.1 Cllrs Anderson, Angiolini (Vice-Chair), Button (Chair) Johnson, McLean and Morrish.
1.2 In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Cllr De Silva was elected Chair for the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest.

- 2.1 There were none.

3. Public Participation.

- 3.1 There were no members of the public present for this item.

4. Police Matters and Other Services.

- 4.1 PCSO Martin was not able to attend the meeting but had provided details of the following 14 crimes recorded for June 2017 (to 29th):

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary, dwelling	1	Chipperfield Road
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	Rucklers Lane – wheel trims
Damage or Destroy <£5k	4	Shendish – gates damaged Barnes Lane – roof tiles damaged Kings Langley School Wayside Farm – dog’s grave
Theft from shop	2	Home Chic Home SPAR
Theft, other	4	Oscars – non-payment for drinks Shendish – used cooking oil (x2) Kings Langley School
Drug related	1	Texaco fuel station
Other crimes	1	Shendish – ABH (alcohol related)
Total	14	

- 4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.
4.1.2 There were 11 crimes reported in the previous month (May 2017)

- 4.2 The Corporate Communications Team Report May 2017.
4.2.1 The report had not been received. Cllr Jackson undertook to chase this.



- 4.3 Neighbourhood Watch.
4.3.1 "OWL" Communications.
"OWL" reports / emails had been forwarded to Members.

- 4.4 Other Matters.
4.4.1 None.

5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (1)

- 5.1 Highways Matters
5.1.1 County Councillor Roberts had given his apologies, but had provided a brief report noted containing updates as follows:

- The Nap (crumbling road hump) – repairs have "been priced up" "and this should be done this year".
- Hempstead Road pavement – works have been "also priced up and again planned for this year".
- Vicarage Lane, Chipperfield Road and Love Lane road humps – "all in the programme" – works co-ordination planning underway.

- 5.2 Any other matters
5.2.1 None.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 6th June 2017.

- 6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 6th June 2017 be adopted as a true record.

- 6.2 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

- 7.1 There were none.

8. Reports.

- 8.1 Standing Committees.
8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.
8.1.1.1 Minutes of the meetings of 16th May and 6th June 2017, as approved by Committee on 20th June 2017.

- 8.1.1.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 16th May and 6th June 2017 be adopted as a true record.



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8.2 Chair's Reports

8.2.1 No report.

8.3 Reports from Chairs of other Committees / Groups.

8.3.1 No reports

8.4 Clerk's Report / Action List

8.4.1 The Clerk reported that the accounts and audit papers had all been submitted to the external auditors.

8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 Cllr Collins asked if the Warden could trim the shrub bed outside the post office.

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for June 2017.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for June 2017 in the sum of £10,516.39 be adopted, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.

The Chair then signed the schedule of payments.

9.2 Examination and signing of the Council's Bank Account Statements (as at 31st May 2017).

9.2.1 The Chair examined the Council's bank account statements and signed a statement to that effect on behalf of the Members that the balances as at 31st May 2017 were:

Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£142,560.49
NS&I Investment Account:	£44,640.44

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 No reports

10.2 Freedom of Information request re parking enforcement in Kings Langley.

10.2.1 The Council had requested a breakdown of parking enforcement activity showing the number of visits to specific areas in the village and the numbers and types of tickets issued. The information received showed this over a period of a year (financial year 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017) and then the figures for the final quarter of that year. Members felt that the attendance at certain areas (e.g. Home Park Mill Link Road and car parks) were disproportionately high for the needs of the village as time would be better spent in the High Street, especially the car parks are free; this was probably because the same model was used throughout the district.

It was agreed that this item should be carried forward to the next agenda so that the Council's Borough Councillors can be involved in the debate and to explore whether it might be possible to vary the contractual arrangements specifically for Kings Langley.



11. Members Items and Questions.

11.1 “Portfolios”

11.1.1 Geographical areas:

High Street area	Cllr Rogers
Coniston area	Cllr Jackson
Watford Road area	Cllr Johnson
Hempstead Road area	Cllr Collins
Abbots Rise area	Cllr Angiolini
Rucklers area	Cllr Morrish
Great Park area	Cllr Button
Blackwell Road area	Cllr De Silva
The Common, Vicarage Lane / Langley Hill	Cllr Button

- a) Cllr Rogers reported that the second meeting to discuss a possible Chamber of Commerce was scheduled for September.
- b) The Clerk commented that the no parking signs were still in the verges at the top of Coniston Road and that he was surprised that the Clean, Safe and Green team had not removed them. Cllr Rogers undertook to so do.
- c) Cllr Collins reported that the bollard on the corner of Common Lane had been uprooted. Cllr Jackson undertook to report it to Herts Highways. Cllr Collins added that the grounds at the Premier Inn had now landscaped and looked much better.

11.2 The Village Garden / Allotments (Cllr Johnson)

11.2.1 See report from Cllr Johnson.

11.2.2 Cllr Jackson asked whether the gates between the village garden and the churchyard could be cleaned and / or painted. The Clerk would discuss this with the Warden. Cllr Jackson also reported that the “village clock” had undergone its annual service. She confirmed that it was now working properly.

11.3 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson)

11.3.1 The next litter pick was scheduled for 30th July 2017.

11.4 Rucklers Lane shrub / flower bed working group

11.4.1 The Council had now heard from BT that, although the telephone box has been scheduled for consideration for removal, the process involved meant that this would not be for at least two years. Having discussed this with Cllr Morrish, the Clerk suggested to Members that the Council should proceed, but with the specification to ensure there is future provision to incorporate the space which will be left once the box is removed. This was agreed.

12. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK)

12.1.1 No report.



12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP)

12.2.1 The Clerk reported that he had completed the BACS payment paperwork.

13. Vision Group.

13.1 Chair / Leader's report

13.1.1 See report from Cllr Johnson.

13.2 Sub-group reports

13.2.1 Communication

Cllr Jackson reported that although much interest had been shown in the production of a village newsletter, no actual volunteers had come forward for the suggested roles that would be needed. She added that she had run a poll on Facebook, which had also shown considerable interest.

13.2.2 Transport

No report.

13.2.3 Local Environment

No report.

13.2.4 Local Business

See 11.1.1.

13.2.5 Recreation / Leisure

See report from Cllr Johnson.

14. High Street Surgeries

14.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 19th August. As there was no Council meeting in August, the Clerk would progress this by email.

15. Other Matters.

15.1 None.

16. Any Other Business.

16.1 None.

Meeting closed at 20:54.

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Appendix A - REPORTS.

Reports from Cllr Johnson.

High Street surgery
Report previously provided.

Litter pick
No litter pick this month.

Watford Road
Nothing to report.

Village Garden
The earthworks works are expected to take place towards the end of July/beginning of August. It is hoped to look at the costs of putting a gate on the entrance in Church Lane to make the Village Garden a safer environment for children.

Leisure Group updates:
Kings Langley Puffaten - 18 June
Very successful with @250 entries and £1500 raised for local charities.

Kings Langley Carnival - 24 June
Very successful - a good day with a record number of stalls from local groups and organisations.

Sundial on Common
Unfortunately, the sundial builder had never in 45 years' experience 'built' the base for one of his sundials. His estimate of £1k for this work was out by @£6k (including VAT). He subsequently confirmed the estimates we had received were almost identical to the sum paid for base for the previous sundial he had installed. Funding was sought from Imagination, who promptly put their business up for sale!

Walking football
Herts FA funding has dried up and Kings Langley Football Clu do not have the resources to subsidise it.

Photographic competition
The intention is to run another competition with the title 'Kings Langley People and Places' - with the emphasis on the 'and'. The rules will be tweaked to allow digital images to be emailed.

Trim Trail
Initial discussions held with Cheryl Hall who is very keen to pursue this initiative.