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# KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017** at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Angiolini (Vice-Chair), Collins, De Silva, Jackson, Johnson, and Morrish.

Also Present: Mr Paul Dunham, Clerk to the Council; PCSO Ian Martin; County Cllr Richard Roberts

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Cllrs Button (Chair), McLean and Rogers.

1.2 In the absence of the Cllr Button, Cllr Angiolini was in the Chair.

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 reported on the following 11 crimes recorded for July and 17 for August 2017:

**July 2017**

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary, dwelling	1	Alexandra Road
Burglary, other	2	Shendish – handbag left in room Red Lion Lane, Druglink
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3	Highfields – tools from van Chipperfield Road – handbag from car Belham Road – festival tickets from unlocked car
Damage or Destroy <£5k	1	Premier Inn – attempted theft of catalytic converter
Theft from shop	1	Taylor's Tools – generator
Drug related	2	Cannabis (2)
Other crimes	1	Spar – attempted burglary
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	

**August 2017**

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary, dwelling	3	Hempstead Road Station Footpath Watford Road (2 arrested)



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Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	Waterside – tools from van Rucklers Lane – from unlocked vehicle (repeat)
Theft of motor vehicle	1	Coniston Road- following house party (offender known)
Damage or Destroy <£5k	1	Wayside Farm – damage to motor vehicle
Theft from shop	1	Taylor's Tools – generator
Theft, other	1	Love Lane - theft of mail
Drug related	1	Cannabis
Other crimes	7	Abbots Rise- car entered, nothing taken Red Lion PH – assaults (6, including 2 on police officers)
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	

- 4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.
- 4.1.2 There were 14 crimes reported in the previous month (June 2017)
- 4.1.3 Cllr Anderson questioned the assaults at the Red Lion were recorded such that they could impact on its licence, especially as there had also been several complaints relating to noise. PCSO Martin responded that they would be part of the consideration.
- 4.1.4 PCSO Martin announced that he would be getting married the following, for which everyone offered congratulations and best wishes.
- 4.2 The Corporate Communications Team Report June 2017.
- 4.2.1 The report was noted.
- 4.3 Neighbourhood Watch.
- 4.3.1 “OWL” Communications.  
“OWL” reports / emails had been forwarded to Members.
- 4.3.2 Cllr Jackson reported that new co-ordinators covering Shendish had joined, adding that the Dacorum Neighbourhood Watch was considered to be the “best” in Hertfordshire.
- 4.3.3 The Clerk added that Kings Langley shopkeepers had created a “WhatsApp” group to alert its members of “suspicious” activities in the High Street. He added further that the group had been very active during a recent visit to the area by “Travellers”. PCSO Martin added that he had been following the “Travellers” and noted how the villages of Kings Langley had rallied to prevent them gathering on The Common. Cllr Roberts added that the main gathering, which is an annual event, had been in Bedfordshire and that those on Chipperfield Common were a splinter group. He added further that he felt that Dacorum Borough Council warranted thanks for its handling of the situation.
- 4.4 Other Matters.
- 4.4.1 None.
5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (1)
- 5.1 Highways Matters
- 5.1.1 The Clerk had circulated the Highways Works Bulletin, and then Cllr Roberts provide further updates on this and other items, as follows:



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- The Nap (crumbling road hump) – repairs were expected to commence in “early 2018”
- Hempstead Road pavement repairs were also expected to commence in “early 2018”
- The High Street “pinch-point” still needed further consideration...

## 5.2 Road Closure Orders: Langley Hill, Vicarage Lane and Rucklers Lane

5.2.1 Details of the above had been included with the agenda papers, and were noted.

## 5.3 Hertfordshire County Council Corporate Plan 2017/21 and Annual Report 2016/17

5.3.1 Details of the above had been included with the agenda papers, and were noted.

## 5.4 Any other matters

5.4.1 Cllr Roberts reported that consultations were currently underway following a review of / reductions in the provision of children’s centres etc.

5.4.2 Cllr Roberts reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Herts, encouraged by central government, had issued proposals to merge with the Fire and Safety Services, adding that there were several synergies and opportunities. (Members had previously been issued with details of this).

5.4.3 Cllr Roberts had been alerted to issues with crossing the road at the Red Lion junction, with particular reference to its use by schoolchildren. It was noted that their numbers were probably on the increase because of the recent housing developments nearby as there would also be an increase in the numbers of vehicles.

5.4.4 Cllr Roberts had been made aware of a planning issue in Watford Road relating to a vehicle cross-over. He had provided advice to the applicant regarding appeals

5.4.5 Cllr Collins commented that had the problem with the hump in The Nap been dealt with more quickly, it should have been possible to get the contractor to remedy (what he felt was) the poor workmanship.

5.4.6 Cllr Anderson referred to the planning issue in Watford Road, where the application had been refused by Dacorum Borough Council on the basis of objections from Herts Highways, but that the applicant had gone ahead with the works regardless. There was now some confusion regarding who should now enforce the decision (Dacorum Borough Council or Hertfordshire County Council). This remained unresolved.

## 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 27<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be adopted as a true record.

6.2 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

## 7. Matters Arising.

7.1 Cllr Jackson asked whether the Hempstead Road shrub bed had been trimmed and it was confirmed that it had been.



## 8. Reports.

### 8.1 Standing Committees.

#### 8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

##### 8.1.1.1 Minutes of the meetings of 20<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017, as approved by Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

##### 8.1.1.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be adopted as a true record.

### 8.2 Chair's Reports

#### 8.2.1 No report.

### 8.3 Reports from Chairs of other Committees / Groups.

#### 8.3.1 The Clerk and Cllr Angiolini reported that the preparation for the Christmas Lights event had begun. The Clerk was dealing with the application form for the licence (from Hertfordshire County Council) for the installation of the decorations on the lamp columns. They were also pleased to report that the event's main sponsor, Wilden Services, had paid for new and enhanced decorations. It was noted that the payments are annual and that should the sponsor be unable to continue his support for the event sometime in the future, alternative funding would need to be sought.

#### 8.3.2 Cllr Johnson reported that there was to be a meeting of the High Businesses on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### 8.4 Clerk's Report / Action List

#### 8.4.1 No report.

### 8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

#### 8.5.1 Cllr Morrish asked if the Warden could sweep and tidy the area outside the former sorting office prior to each High Street market.

## 9. Finance Matters

### 9.1 Schedule of Payments for July and August 2017.

#### 9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for July and August 2017 in the sums of £12,022.33 and £7,953.67 respectively be adopted, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.

The Chair then signed the schedules of payments.

#### 9.2 Examination and signing of the Council's Bank Account Statements (as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017).



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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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 were:

Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£121,548.23
NS&I Investment Account:	£44,640.44

9.3 Income and Expenditure Statements 2017-18.

9.3.1 The statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 were examined by the Members and a statement to that effect signed by the Chair.

9.4 Examination and signing of the Council’s Bank Reconciliation Statement (as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017).

9.4.1 In accordance with Audit requirements and recommendations, the statement was examined by the Members and the Statement signed by the Chair.

9.5 Kings Langley Arts and Crafts Society – request for financial assistance.

9.5.1 Cllr Anderson declared a Personal Interest in this item as Mrs Anderson was a member of the Kings Langley Arts and Crafts Society.

9.5.2 Members considered a request for a donation towards “yarn bombing” (decorating with woollen produce) the High Street for Christmas 2017 and summer 2018.

9.5.2.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED.

That the Council makes a donation of £250 to Kings Langley Arts and Crafts Society towards “yarn bombing” 2017 and 2018.

9.5.2.2 Members commented how much they and others enjoyed the 2017 “yarn bombing” and that it had brought people into the village from miles around and had received positive comments on social media sites.

9.6 Kings Langley Bowls Club – request for financial assistance

9.6.1 Members considered a request for a donation of £250 towards scoreboards. Cllr Anderson pointed out that those Members who had participated in a recent bowls match with the Kings Langley Bowls Club should declare a Prejudicial Interest in this item. In so doing, this rendered the meeting inquorate and, therefore, unable to determine the item. The donation was, however, agreed in principal, but referred to the next meeting of the Council.

## 10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 No reports

10.1.2 Site Allocation DPD

Members had received information regarding this with the agenda. Cllr Anderson commented that this was the current plan (not the one which will be released later in the month). The Clerk added that a copy of the current plan was available in the office.



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## 10.1.3 Freedom of Information request re parking enforcement in Kings Langley.

The Clerk explained that this item had been brought forward from the previous meeting for the attention of Borough Councillors Anderson and McLean, that at that meeting Members had expressed their concerns that the attendance at certain areas (e.g. Home Park Mill Link Road, London Road and car parks) were disproportionately high for the needs of the village as time would be better spent in the High Street, especially as the car parks are free.

Members felt that Dacorum Borough Council should be asked to agree a policy change for service level requirements more suited to the needs of Kings Langley. Cllr Anderson suggested that the Clerk should write to the portfolio-holder for this service at Dacorum Borough Council, Cllr Graeme Eliot. This was agreed. Cllr Jackson asked that more attention to the illegal use of the zig-zag lines in Love Lane be included in the request.

## 10.1.4 Mayor's visit

Members considered what could be the best opportunities for this annual occurrence, that the Mayor would be invited to attend the Christmas Lights event anyway, but no real conclusion was reached.

## 10.2 Hertfordshire County Council (not requiring the presence of Cllr Roberts).

### 10.2.1 None

Cllr Jackson had to leave the meeting at this point and gave her apologies.

## 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

See report from Cllr Johnson.

Cllr Jackson reiterated her concerns for the loss of trees throughout the village, many cut down by Dacorum Borough Council, siting Coniston Road as a prime example. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Dacorum Borough Council for an update.

### 11.2 The Village Garden / Allotments (Cllr Johnson)

#### 11.2.1 See report from Cllr Johnson.



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## 11.3 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson)

11.3.1 The next litter pick was scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> September.2017. Cllr Johnson commented that it would be nice to see some more Councillors attending.

## 11.4 Rucklers Lane shrub / flower bed working group

11.4.1 The Clerk reported that he had sought quotes from three contractors and was awaiting finalisation of any received.

## 11.5 Photographic Competition 2017 (Cllr Johnson)

11.5.1 Cllr Johnson suggested that this year's subject be "Kings Langley People & Places". Electronic images would be accepted this year. Cllr Anderson suggested that it might be an idea to create a calendar with the entries and to ask the entrants permission so to do.

## 12. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

### 12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK)

12.1.1 Cllr Morrish presented a brief video produced by a local community group, of which he was a member, called Kings Langley Community Benefit Society, of its vision for Rectory Farm, which was on the market. The group wants to offer an alternative to highly priced executive homes, which it felt would be the likely outcome of a sale to a developer, by providing affordable housing, locally grown food, small business workshops, marina and new moorings and local Amenities and wildlife areas. Members were pleased with this initiative. Cllr then asked if the Council could offer any financial support. On the understanding that any financial assistance would be in supporting the group's bid and proposals,

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the Council would pledge £300 to assist Kings Langley Community Benefit Society in its bid for the acquisition of Rectory Farm.

### 12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP)

12.2.1 Cllr Morrish reported that he was still looking at the most appropriate "lectern" stand for the new maps and still needed to agreement of the Canal and Rivers Trust for location of one of the sites.

### 12.3 The Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils (HAPTC):

#### 12.3.1 The Government's Litter Strategy.

The Clerk has issued a summary of the above which had been provided by the Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils (HAPTC). Members considered that there may be some pointers in the government strategy and would keep them in mind for future consideration.

#### 12.3.2 "150 Points of Light"

The Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils (HAPTC) had pointed out that there were no entries for Hertfordshire in the above National Association of Local Clerks (NALC) document. Members agreed to inform the Clerk if there were any items they wished to be submitted.

### 12.4 Others

#### 12.4.1 None





## 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

No report.

#### 13.2.2 Transport

No report.

#### 13.2.3 Local Environment

No report.

#### 13.2.4 Local Business

See 8.3.2.

#### 13.2.5 Recreation / Leisure

See report from Cllr Johnson.

## 14. High Street Surgeries

14.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> October. Cllr Johnson and Morrish agreed, provisionally, to be in attendance.

## 15. Other Matters.

### 15.1 Website.

15.1.1 Members had received papers relating to this with the agenda. The Clerk and Cllr Morrish explained the current position. The previous "candidates" had been unresponsive but Cllr Morrish had since discovered a company with a similar name – Town & Parish Council Websites – which was able to demonstrate considerable success in the provision of simple and cost-effective websites and services, using industry standard software, well within the Council's budget. It was agreed that, subject to obtaining assurances of certain safeguards (e.g. recoverable systems), the Clerk be authorised to engage Town & Parish Council Websites to provide the Council's website services.

### 15.2 Best Gardens' Competition presentation evening (13<sup>th</sup> October).

15.2.1 Cllr Angiolini informed the meeting of the arrangements for this event.

### 15.3 Request for a bench / shelter at the bus stop outside the Service Club.

15.3.1 Members had received copies of a request / petition reference the above. It was agreed that if there was space, the Clerk should contact Hertfordshire County Council Passenger Transport Unit to see whether an "Adshel" shelter could be placed there. It might also be possible to have a bench there too.

### 15.4 Bench for the late Mr Graham Taylor.

15.4.1 The Clerk informed Members that Mrs Taylor had expressed a preference for a bench and that it be placed either on the Lower Common, near the cottage where she and Graham Taylor used to live, or on The Common itself. The Clerk added that there were





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already many benches on The Common and that if the Lower Common site was found to be unsuitable, Mrs Taylor might be persuaded to have the bench sited outside the Services Club (see above, 15.3). It was agreed that The Clerk and Cllr Anderson would check the Lower Common to see whether the bench could be suitably sited there.

- 15.5 The Royal Air Force Association Battle of Britain Commemorative Service, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- 15.5.1 The Clerk had not received a response from Cllr Button regarding his attendance at this ceremony. However, Cllr Angiolini agreed to represent the Council. It was understood that Cllr McLean would be attending as part of the Dacorum Borough Council contingent. It was further agreed that, as in previous years, the Council would purchase a wreath for the occasion.
- 15.6 Kings Langley Arts and Crafts Society – “Kings Langley’s Children’s Christmas Cards to the Village”.
- 15.6.1 The group sought permission from the Parish Council to decorate the village for Christmas, which was agreed.
- 15.7 School of History, University of East Anglia (UEA) – “Orchards East” project.
- 15.7.1 Members had received paperwork regarding the above project. The item was noted

### 16. Any Other Business.

- 16.1 Cllr Collins reported that the “Village Newspaper” was gaining support from several people who were volunteering for various roles

Meeting closed.



## Appendix A - REPORTS.

Reports from Cllr Johnson.

### High Street surgery

The McCarthy and Stone retirement apartments remain a topic of interest, although most people who came along the High Street were more pragmatic and supportive of proposed development. This isn't to say that everyone supported the development, and whether they did or they didn't, they were given details of how to 'log' their views on the Dacorum Planning website. There was a lot of interest in what, if anything, McCarthy and Stone would do for the village; suggestions included a crossing point on Hempstead Road and a sundial on the Common.

The other issues raised were fairly low key, including when the pinch point was going to be sorted out (with the emphasis on timing not solution), what was being done to make cycling safer in the village (involvement of Sustrans was explained), concern about the development proposals for Apsley (which were shared!) and what was happening with Rectory Farm (the possibility of a purchase proposal being put together by TiK was universally welcomed).

### Litter pick

The litter pick on Sunday was sparsely attended, i.e. me. I did a circuit of The Nap, Green Park, Village Garden, Rockcliffe Park and back again, filling two bags (almost exclusively in Green Park.) Sadly, the litter had returned when I walked through Green Park the following day. Given the subject of litter is a regular topic at High Street surgeries, social media etc, and a monthly litter pick isn't attracting large numbers, it may be worth offering groups the opportunity to 'borrow' pickers and clean up their street or a particular location. I have been approached by the Girl Guides and Scouts in the past and others have mentioned this when we have 'picked' on the last Sunday of the month.

I would be happy to be the contact point, arrange collection and return, etc.

### Watford Road

The potential breach of a previously declined planning application at 75 Watford Road is currently being investigated by Dacorum Planning Enforcement.

### Village Garden

The earthworks works were expected to take place towards the end of July/beginning of August but have been delayed due to another job over-running. All the remaining wood chippings in the Village Garden have now been spread along the Watford Road side.

Leisure Group updates:

### Kings Langley Carnival

Cheque presentation 4 October.

### Kings Langley Gardens competition.

Cheque presentation 13 October.



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### Village contacts

For the sake of completeness, the report that should have accompanied the 'Village Contacts' list previously submitted is attached for information only.

### Photo competition

Revised rules submitted for this meeting.



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## Kings Langley Parish Council Photographic Competition

1. The subject for the Kings Langley Parish Council (KLPC) Photographic Competition 2017 is 'Kings Langley People and Places.' The theme is open to individual interpretation, but entries must be taken within the parish boundaries of Kings Langley.
2. The competition is open to residents living within the parish boundaries of Kings Langley only. There will be two categories (i) aged 14 and under and (ii) aged 15 and over. The winner in each category will receive a prize of £25.
3. Entrants can submit up to two photos no larger than A4 as prints, in colour or black and white. Electronic images can be emailed to [alan.johnson@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:alan.johnson@kingslangley-pc.gov.uk). No entries can be returned and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. Each entrant will pay £2 by cash at the Parish Council Office or by cheques made payable to Kings Langley Parish Council.
4. Each entry should be marked with ALL of the following: name, full postal address, contact telephone number (both daytime and evening), email address, age category and where the photo was taken.
5. Images may be digitally enhanced to remove spots or scratches, but not manipulated. Entrants can enhance the picture to make it brighter, clearer etc, but not manipulate the content. All entries must be the original work of the entrant.
6. Entrants must not be professional photographers and, for the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes more than half their annual income from the sale of their photographs.
7. Entries should be sent to: Kings Langley Parish Council, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley WD4 9HR. The competition closes at midnight on Monday 26 February 2018.
8. The KLPC reserve the right to amend or interpret the rules in the interests of the competition. In all matters the decision of the KLPC is final



## **The Village Vision**

Initial Report by the Leisure working party.

At the initial Village Vision meeting, one of the working groups set up there was asked to survey existing leisure provision in Kings Langley and to identify gaps in that sector. Responses to that enquiry could then be considered with a view to taking positive action. This is our preliminary report as the group charged with this task.

The logical starting point was to formulate a directory of existing provision for leisure activities. The Parish Council provided a list as a basis for enquiries. It quickly became clear that this document was out of date. Some clubs/organisations had ceased to exist while others had started or moved into the area in recent times. Contact details also needed to be updated.

This has now been done but the situation needs to be constantly reviewed. Consequently, we have drawn up a revised directory in accessible form. It contains some basic information about the range of provision in place. For example, we have used such notations as Y (young people), YC (young children) A (adults) and so on. These indications may need to be amended in the light of more precise information. We have also given guidance on whether the provision made is indoors(I) or outdoors (O). In some instances, there may be room for expansion. For example, the All Saints Parochial Church Council is currently considering proposals to re-order the church interior to make it usable for a wide variety of church and community purposes. Some other public buildings such as schools have facilities which might be enjoyed by others than the staff and pupils.

We were struck by the wealth and range of existing leisure provision for all age-groups. In some instances, the title of that provision was self-explanatory, such as that provided for musical and dramatic activities. It may be desirable at a later stage to invite groups featuring in the directory to give fuller accounts of themselves. That would be a substantial exercise resulting in a prospectus rather a directory.

Using this directory as their starting point, others may consider if there are significant gaps which could be filled, bearing in mind that there are other locations just outside the village which offer wider provision. This is beyond the remit of our working group.

We are left with the clear impression that Kings Langley is well catered for in terms of leisure opportunities, much of which is provided by enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers. We are fortunate to live in such a community.

Alan Johnson

Harold Taylor