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# KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017** at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 None. All Members were present.

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 8 crimes recorded for September 2017:

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary, dwelling	1	Rockliffe Avenue – rear window broken whilst owner on holiday
Burglary, other	2	Barnes Rise, garage Beechfield, garage
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	Chipperfield Road – tools from unlocked van on drive (offenders arrested)
Damage or Destroy <£5k	2	Middle Farm – fences damaged Wayside Farm – fences damaged
Theft from shop	1	Taylor's Tools – generator
Other crimes	1	Texaco fuel station – making off without payment
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There were 17 crimes reported in the previous month (August 2017)

4.1.3 Further to discussions at the last Council meeting relating to the Red Lion PH, PCSO Martin confirmed that the licencing officer was aware of the noise complaints issues.

4.1.4 In response to a question from Cllr Anderson, PCSO Martin stated that the garage break-ins resulted in damage only.

4.1.5 Cllr Johnson reported that there had been a lot of activity outside his house on the previous Thursday when police had stopped a van carrying what was believed to be a load of stolen tools and the occupants were arrested. The van was towed away. In



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response to a query from the Clerk, PCSO Martin stated that the crimes related to this incident would not appear under Kings Langley as the van had been stolen from Watford.

## 4.2 The Corporate Communications Team Report.

4.2.1 No reports had been received since the June 2017 issue.

## 4.3 Neighbourhood Watch.

4.3.1 "OWL" Communications.

"OWL" reports / emails had been forwarded to Members.

4.3.2 Cllr Button wasn't receiving the "OWL" updates direct because of a problem with his email, so the Clerk agreed to add him to his forwarding group.

## 4.4 Other Matters.

4.4.1 None.

PCSO Martin left the meeting at this point and was thanked for his attendance and contribution.

## 5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (1)

### 5.1 Highways Matters

5.1.1 Cllr Roberts reported as follows:

- The High Street "pinch-point". Whilst this is still on the list to be resolved, Cllr Roberts expressed his concerns that the whole street was becoming "narrower" because of the growing size of vehicles. Cllr Morrish added that resolving this issue would do a lot to appease many villagers. Cllr Roberts undertook to "kick-start" the resolution process again.
- High Street drains / sewage outside Montague's. He maintained that this was for Thames Water (TWA) and / or landlords and owners to resolve. Cllr Roberts undertook to write to TWA if necessary.
- Vicarage Lane traffic issues. He thanked Cllr Button for his notes from a recent meeting, but admitted that he didn't understand the full problem. Further meetings were being arranged. Cllr Jackson argued that a resolution to the safety concerns at the bottom of Vicarage Lane should be included in any resolution, although Cllr Roberts he was quick to respond that the study using the County's criteria did not prove a that there was a safety issue. Cllr Angiolini cited many incidents of vehicle damage and "stand-offs". Cllr Collins wondered whether the front gardens on the even numbers side could be used, but others present felt that that would not be a popular move. Cllr Button added that he felt that the discussions should be wider as it appeared that those currently involved lived on the odd numbers side. He added that, in his view, passing places should be considered. Cllr Andersen responded that he favoured a one-way system. Cllr Rogers suggested that to help move this forward, a small working group could be set-up. This was agreed, and that Cllrs Button, Rogers and Johnson would be its members. Cllr Roberts added that he would be able to fund a speed check, although not until next year.
- The new date for the Vicarage Lane resurfacing works was 22<sup>nd</sup> November.



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- 5.1.2 Cllr Button asked if there was a date for replacing the humps in Love Lane, to which Cllr Roberts responded that the footways were being resurfaced, but that the humps work had not been programmed yet.
- 5.1.3 Cllr Roberts added that he was planning one-to-one meeting with Mr Davies of Vicarage Lane regarding the above issues.

- 5.2 Any other matters  
5.2.1 None.

## 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

- 6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 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 15<sup>th</sup> August and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017, as approved by Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

- 8.1.1.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> August and 5<sup>th</sup> September 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 were continuing:

- The main sponsors payment had been received, which would cover the new lights
- The task of obtaining advertisers for the brochure and additional sponsors would begin shortly
- The Kings Langley Arts and Craft group would be decorating the village as they did in the summer
- The Rotary's sleigh should be available again this year



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- The licence for the displays is taking a two-stage form with an initial permission to install them, followed by an in-situ test.

8.3.2 The beneficiaries of the best kept gardens' competition presentation evening would be the Kings Langley Primary Scholl's garden club. Members were reminded that help would be needed from 6:30pm. Cllr Angiolini added that there would be a special auction of a bespoke perfume consultancy this year, provided by a local perfumer.

8.4 Clerk's Report / Action List

8.4.1 No report.

8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 The Clerk reported that the warden's main activities in the foreseeable future would be clearing up in the village garden (after the groundworks), the Hempstead Road shrub bed (clearing and adding some new plants) and planting up all the flower beds (some 1800 plants).

## 9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for September 2017.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for September 2017 in the sum of £8,807.32 be adopted, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.

The Chair then signed the schedules of payments.

9.2 External Audit for the year ended 31st March 2017.

9.2.1 Members had been issued with copies of the External Auditor's letter and the Annual Return. The letter stated that "There were no matters which came to our attention which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report".

9.2.2 Approval and Acceptance

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the Annual Return, External Auditor's Report, Certificate and Opinion for the year 2016/17 be accepted and approved.

9.3 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Receipts

9.3.1 It was noted that the Council would be receiving £6,994.80 in respect of the above for the period 1/4/17-30/9/17. The Clerk added that he had requested a breakdown of the developments to which these applied.

9.4 The Village Pound Rebuild.

9.4.1 Members received a verbal report from the Clerk to explain the quotes for this work that had been enclosed with the agenda. It had been difficult finding companies to quote but those two that had responded had been recommended by the National Trust and were experienced in oak building. The Clerk sought the Council's approval the lowest of the two quotes - £6,032.81



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9.4.2 Prior to the meeting Cllr Johnson had spoken to Cllr Anderson expressing that he felt he might be able to obtain a cheaper quote. It was therefore agreed that Cllr Johnson would obtain a further quote and that the item would be re-presented to the next meeting of the Council.

9.5 Kings Langley Bowls Club – request for financial assistance towards the purchase of score boards (brought forward from the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> September).

9.5.1 Members were asked to consider the enclosed application.

9.5.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED.

That the Council donates £250 to Kings Langley Bowls Club towards the purchase of score boards.

9.6 Druglink (Red Lion Lane) – request for financial assistance towards the provision of a “Coffee Ethic Van”.

9.6.1 Members were asked to consider the enclosed application.

9.6.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED.

That the Council donates £250 to Druglink (Red Lion Lane) towards the provision of a “Coffee Ethic Van”.

9.6.1 Members are asked to consider the enclosed application.

9.7 Essex & Herts Air Ambulance – request for a grant (see enclosed).

9.7.1 Members were asked to consider the enclosed request.

9.7.2 It was proposed (Cllr Angiolini), seconded (Cllr Button) and RESOLVED.

That the Council makes a grant of £100 to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

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

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllr Anderson reported the following

- There had been some issues with the collection of refuse in Vicarage Lane because of the gas works which had been resolved
- The Council had been considering the future of its garage stock with a view to whether any sites were suitable for housing development (by a Housing Association). The lower block in Rucklers Lane had been identified in this respect. In response to Cllr Jackson’s question, Cllr Anderson responded that the garages were difficult to rent. It was also noted that most garages were no used for general storage. Cllr Button added that he hoped that there would still be sufficient provision for parking.
- The Public Enquiry regarding the Right of Way near Lady Meadow was on the following Tuesday, at which, he would be a witness.

10.1.2 Cllr Jackson noted the response from Luke Johnson at Dacorum Borough Council regarding the tree planting programme, and it was concluded that there didn’t appear that there was much more that the Council could do.



10.1.3 Cllr Jackson also noted that there had been less grass cutting this year. The Clerk responded that Dacorum Borough Council worked within the budget set by the County. Further, Cllr Jackson felt that Kings Langley Football Club should be congratulated and thanked for their efforts in managing parking on match days to avoid damage to the grass verges. The Clerk responded that he had already written to the club as suggested.

Cllr Rogers gave his apologies and left the meeting at this point.

10.1.4 Cllr Collins reported that there were a lot of leaves and conkers on the footway on the Hempstead Road outside the Toby Carvery and that the footway on Havelock Road was in a very poor state. The Clerk responded that the latter should be raised with Cllr Roberts.

10.1.5 Cllr Angiolini had been approached by several residents of Abbots Rise concerned about speeding there and wondered if a “slow” sign could be painted. Cllr Anderson responded that it might be possible to paint one on the side of a fence or similar, thereby avoiding Hertfordshire County Council. This could though, still be raised with Cllr Roberts.

10.1.4 Cllr Morrish reported that the resurfacing works to part of Rucklers Lane was still to be clearly understood and that pavement repairs were being considered for next year. Work to the beds at the bottom of Rucklers Lane was still to be organised. The Clerk responded that he had to arrange a meeting with Dacorum Borough Council’s Rob Cassidy.

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

10.2.1 None

## 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.

No further reports

11.2 The Village Garden / Allotments (Cllr Johnson)

11.2.1 See report from Cllr Johnson.

11.3 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson)

11.3.1 The next litter pick was scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> October.



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

### 12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK)

12.1.1 Cllr Morrish reported that the sale of Rectory Farm was progressing with 28 bids having been received in the initial round and that bids in excess of £6.5m were being sought in round 2, meaning that TIK were out of the running. He added that he was hoping to work with the buyers to have a community approach to development there.

### 12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP)

12.2.1 Cllr Morrish reported that he had agreed the lecterns to be purchased and the he now needed to provide the Clerk with the information with which to raise a purchase order.

12.2.2 The Clerk reported that he had received a further visit from the farmer at Whippendell Bottom regarding the state of the fencing on the permissive path and suggested that next year's PPP grant should be used to replace / repair it.

### 12.4 Others

12.4.1 None

## 13. Vision Group.

### 13.1 Chair / Leader's report

13.1.1 See report from Cllr Johnson in the agenda papers.

### 13.2 Sub-group reports

#### 13.2.1 Communication

See report from Cllr Jackson distributed at the meeting.

Cllr Button gave a "well done" to those concerned with the public meeting regarding the village newsletter.

#### 13.2.2 Transport

No report.

#### 13.2.3 Local Environment

Cllr Morrish hoped to receive the report from Sustrans on cycle paths soon.

#### 13.2.4 Local Business

Cllr Collins reported that the group considering the organisation of a local business forum may not meet again until January. Cllr Anderson added that Inspired (at the former Eagle PH) and the economic development team manager at the Borough would like to be involved.

#### 13.2.5 Recreation / Leisure

See report from Cllr Johnson in the agenda papers.

## 14. High Street Surgeries

14.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> October. This was High Street market day; Cllr Johnson, Morrish and Jackson would be in attendance.



## 15. Other Matters.

### 15.1 Local Plan

15.1.1 Cllr Button had asked that this item be reconsidered especially in view of the current / on-going threats to the Green Belt around Kings Langley.

15.1.2 Cllr Anderson asserted that a local (village) plan could not be used to actually stop unwanted developments

15.1.3 It was noted that one could cost up to £100k to develop.

15.1.4 Cllr Morrish believed that it was important for the Council and the community to have a sense of direction which a village plan would provide.

15.1.5 Cllr McLean added that what was coming was important and that we should wait until the forthcoming plans were tangible.

15.1.6 Cllr Button added that there was a danger that Kings Langley would cease to be a village.

### 15.2 The Common – protective fencing

15.2.1 Cllr Button had asked that this item be considered, but it was felt that the cost would be prohibitive

### 15.3 Call for an Extraordinary Parish Meeting (EPM)

15.3.1 Cllr Anderson introduced this item. He asked that the Council calls an Extraordinary meeting to provide the opportunity to propose action against the threat to the Green Belt in and around the village posed by the latest Dacorum Borough Council Local Plan “Issues and Options” statement, and to ensure that the views of the residents are included in the consultation process. His view was that this would be best served by calling for a village poll. It was noted that this would require a proposal (including the wording) from just 10 electors.

15.3.2 The “Issues and Options” statement was being considered by Dacorum Borough Council’s Cabinet this evening and is expected to be approved for publication in its existing format, which Members have had the opportunity to see. It will identify four potential sites in Kings Langley, namely:

- Shendish - Extending Hemel Hempstead South to Rucklers Lane, i.e. land between the Manor & Rucklers Lane (900 houses + primary school);
- Hill Farm - Extending the North-West corner of the village off Love Lane, between the A41, Chipperfield Road and the new Secondary School (280 houses);
- Rectory Farm - Extending the North-East corner of the village (80-200 houses);
- Wayside Farm - Extending the South-West corner of the village to fill in the A41 (offices and/or anything between 100 & 2,000 houses).

15.3.3 The consultation period would commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and end on 13<sup>th</sup> December. It would not be possible because of the timing and notice periods required to hold a poll until the 14<sup>th</sup> December. It was also noted that the Parish Council would have to pay for the poll, and Cllr Anderson suggested that money could be made available from the Chartered Court Fund. It was also noted that a poll would not be binding on the Borough.





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15.3.4 Members were a little apprehensive particularly with the timing and because the poll would not be binding, although it was also felt that it was imperative that the community's strength of feeling is made known and to try to present "one voice".

15.3.5 It was agreed that an Extraordinary Parish Meeting be called at suitable time and place, as soon as possible (dependant on the availability of venues etc.) and if the "Issues and Options" statement remains in its current form, whereby it continues to pose a threat to the local Green Belt..

### 16. Any Other Business.

16.1 None.

### 17. Exclusion of the Public.

17.1 It was proposed, seconded and resolved:

That, in accordance with Kings Langley Parish Council Standing Order 17(q), under schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended to schedule 12(A) by the Freedom of Information Act 2000, in the view of the special and/or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

### 18. Budget 2018-19.

18.1 Cllr Anderson reported that a meeting of the Personnel Committee meeting had been and that its outcome would inform the budget process. Additionally, it was noted that:

- a) The sponsorship of the Christmas Lights event was only guaranteed for a year and now that this and the cost of the lighting displays had increased, future provision will have to be considered more carefully with additional or different sponsors being sought;
- b) The Benefit Support Grant would be phased out

18.2 The Clerk asked that consideration be given to replacing the Council's internal telephone system (which also controlled the door)

18.3 Cllr Button asked that the Chair's allowance be increased, and it was agreed that this should be £1000.

18.4 The Clerk added that provision should be made for commemorating the centenary of the end of WW1.

Meeting closed at 22:15



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## Appendix A - REPORTS.

Reports from Cllr Johnson.

High Street surgery no surgery in September - next High Street surgery 21 October.

Litter pick - September

Three councillors (Sandra, Mark and myself) and Alan Jackson were on the litter pick trail this morning.

We did Hempstead Road to the Football Club (including outside the parade of shops), the Common, the High Street, The Nap, Green Park, Village Garden, Rockcliffe Park and Watford Road. In total we collected 11 bags of rubbish. Hats off to Mark who filled five bags including lots of empty bottles and half bottles of vodka in the laybys outside the football club - football supporters or football mums and dads (I suspect the latter given the quantity).

Most of these were left by the bins, as were a transparent bag full of clothes, a suitcase and a car tyre which have all been left ON the undergrowth by the layby bins and routinely ignored by Clean, Safe and Green teams (one of whom was emptying those bins last week). On the subject of bins, those in the High Street were full to overflowing AGAIN - I suspect because they are half full of rotting rubbish which isn't being cleared. Can our Borough Councillors exert any pressure to clean out the bins - it only needs to be done once (a year)?

You will recall I said at the last meeting:

"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."

We discussed and it was suggested we wait and see how this month went. "Not that well" is the answer (if we are judging this by public participation). Interestingly, someone posted they cleaned up Barnes Lane off their own bat! I bumped into a couple of dog walkers on Station Footpath who'd got so fed up with College kids littering Rockcliffe Park, they 'picked' the park and then emptied the bag outside the college reception (letting them know why they were doing it). Is it worth writing to the college and asking them to remind their students there are lots of bins in the park and in the college? Or doing their own litter picks ?

Watford Road - no one appears willing to pursue a breach of planning decision.

Village Garden

The earthworks will take place on 5th October. It will then be necessary to add some manure/compost to improve the soil and some additional gravel on the path. Some shrubs will be planted in the autumn and next spring.



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Leisure Group updates:

Kings Langley Carnival  
Cheque presentation 4 October.

Kings Langley Gardens competition.  
Cheque presentation 13 October.

Walking Football

Kings Langley Football Club are pursuing some funding options to 'kick start' walking football for the youthful over 50s at the newly renamed CRY Stadium..



## **Kings Langley Parish Council Photographic Competition**

### **Proposal**

The proposal is the competition is advertised in January, closing date at the end of February, judged in March and winner announced at the Annual Parish Meeting. The intention is to display the best photographs in the Community Hall in the afternoon before the Annual Parish Meeting. The rules of the competition are as follows:

### **Kings Langley Parish Council Photographic Competition**

1. The subject for the Kings Langley Parish Council (KLPC) Photographic Competition 2017 is 'Living in Kings Langley.' 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 cannot be accepted. 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 27 February 2017.
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.



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## VISION: COMMUNICATION

### **Report for Full Council Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017**

#### Facebook – Kings Langley Parish Council Page

This is being updated by Paul, Beverley and Sandra on a fairly regular basis. We currently have 235 people ‘liking’ our page – this means anything we post on KLPC page automatically appears in their news feed.

Regularly we share posts with Kings Langley Matters local Facebook group which currently has 7,983 members. This means nearly 8,000 people might see things we post, but please note it doesn’t mean that this many people actually read our posts.

#### Village Newsletter

Progress with this project has been slow for a while, but it is accelerating now that we have an executive group of John Addy (Chair), Susan Simpole (Treasurer) and Harold Taylor (Secretary). A business plan and constitution have been agreed and a bank account is in process of being opened. We have met as a wider discussion group several times over the last few months, and the Exec group has also started to meet and discuss the finer detail. I have been invited to be an advisor to the Exec group, as well as a link to the Parish Council, which I am pleased to accept while the project is still in its infancy.

We invited David Collette from Chipperfield News to share his insights with us and we learned some interesting things from that. We are keen to avoid making mistakes that other successful organisations are already aware about, and have been in contact with Bovingdon, Nash Mills, Flamstead and other local newsletters to discover how they do things.

We have been very pleased with the amount of support that Kings Langley Secondary School is prepared to give, including the possibility of student involvement in newsletter layout plus potential reprographics facilities. One of the discussion group is a school governor and has excellent links with a deputy head. Gary Lewis has reiterated his support for the school to be firmly involved with a community newsletter. The Exec group is mindful, though, that the newsletter is to be a community-led enterprise and should not be overwhelmed by the school involvement.

The next stage is for an open public meeting at the school at 7.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> October. This meeting is to find an editor/editing panel, lead fundraiser and distribution lead. This will also be an opportunity to gauge feelings about a ‘membership’ group of 50 people prepared to pay £10 as seed funding, which will also help satisfy our adopted constitution. Copies of the business plan and constitution can be provided upon request.

Councillors Derek Collins and Mark Rogers have been fully involved throughout and are essential to the successes so far within this project.

#### OWL Business Watch messages

Mark and I have been in regular contact about using the OWL Business Watch communication process for helping to inform local businesses regarding the projects undertaken and progress made within the Parish Council’s Vision: Business. Reminders of meetings and other relevant information is being sent by OWL to those in Kings Langley who are members of Business Watch.

Sandra Jackson. 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017