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# KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017** at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

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

Also Present: Mr Paul Dunham, Clerk to the Council; PCSO Ian Martin.

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Cllr McLean. Cllr Collins' attendance was delayed by train problems.

2. Declarations of Interest.

2.1 There were none.

3. Public Participation.

3.1 Mrs Riddell of Common Lane asked to speak to agenda item 9.5 (The Village Pound).

3.1.1 Mrs Riddell had visited the council office on several occasions to pursue refurbishment or reconstruction of The Pound which had fallen into disrepair in recent years. She expressed that she felt that it should be reconstructed in a manner befitting its historic importance and character with the appropriate workmanship of experienced craftsmen.

3.1.2 With the Members' permission, this item was brought forward. Members recalled that this item had been deferred from the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> October to allow Cllr Johnson to obtain a further quote for the work as he felt that those presented were high. Cllr Johnson spoke in support of this quote (of £4943.31) stating that he felt it was "like for like" with the previous best quote (£6032.81), and that, furthermore, it was from a local company that should be supported. Cllr Button agreed, adding that he felt, after all, it was really only a fencing job.

3.1.3 Cllr Anderson, Angiolini and Morrish supported the previous quote as, because of The Pound's vital part in local history, the work should be carried out by a specialist company.

3.1.4 The Chair decided to put this to the vote, and on a show of hands, by 4 to 3:

It was RESOLVED that the quote of £6032.81 from Cambridge Restoration, be accepted.

3.1.5 The Council recorded its thanks for the extra work and effort of Cllr Johnson and the Administrative Assistant.

4. Police Matters and Other Services.

4.1 PCSO Martin reported on the following 11 crimes recorded for October 2017:

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary, dwelling	3	Chipperfield Road – entry via patio door (jimmied) Coniston Road – entry via patio door (jimmied) Common Lane – entry via forced front door



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Burglary, other	1	High Street – attempted theft from till
Damage or Destroy <£5k	2	Shendish Manor – damage to barn Hempstead Road – neighbour cut down trees
Theft, other	3	Toby Carvery – theft of takings (retuned in full) Common Lane – pedal cycle Texaco fuel station – making off without payment
Other crimes	2	The Nap – public order offence High Street – counterfeit £20 note
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	

- 4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.
- 4.1.2 There were 8 crimes reported in the previous month (September 2017)
- 4.1.3 Cllr Anderson asked if he could be kept informed of any further developments relating to the trees incident in Hempstead Road.
- 4.1.4 Cllr Angiolini reported a regular fly-tipping occurrence by No. 1 Coniston Road, apparently by the resident there and hoped that PCSO Martin would be able to act should it continue. Cllr McLean responded that the fly-tips were eventually removed.
- 4.1.5 PCSO Martin confirmed that in burglary and similar cases, where no life is at risk, 999 should only be used if the perpetrator(s) was / were “in the act” of carrying out the crime.
- 4.1.6 Cllr Jackson asked whether there had been any calls from Kings Langley on Hallowe’en, to which PCSO Martin replied there had been none.
- 4.2 The Corporate Communications Team Report.
- 4.2.1 The report for October 2017 had been issued with the agenda, and was noted. Cllr Jackson added that she had heard from the compiler that there were resource issues with the regular production of this report.
- 4.3 Neighbourhood Watch.
- 4.3.1 “OWL” Communications.  
“OWL” reports / emails had been forwarded to Members.
- 4.3.2 Cllr Jackson reported that over 50,000 of the card protection wallets had been sold.
- 4.4 Other Matters.
- 4.4.1 The ward had a new PC. Details would be provided later.

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 County Cllr Roberts was unable to attend.
- 5.1.2 Cllr Button stated his disappointment that there had not been a report from the meeting that Cllr Roberts had had with the Vicarage Lane residents action group.
- 5.1.3 It was noted that the Vicarage Lane “resurfacing” was now only to be a “coating”.
- 5.1.4 Cllr Anderson reported that the refuse collection issues had been resolved.



5.2 Any other matters

5.2.1 None.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 be adopted as a true record.

6.2 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 It was agreed that the High Street “pinch-point” issue would be raised again on the next agenda.

Cllr Collins arrived at this point.

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 Christmas Lights Festival

8.3.1.1 The Clerk and Cllr Angiolini provided a further update on the preparation for and the activities of this year’s event, and that:

a) He would like help in leafletting cars on the Saturday prior to the event

b) Unfortunately, the sleigh would not be available for Santa, but that the use of Druglink’s tuk-tuk might be an option.

8.3.1.2 Consideration was given to whether the Council would like a stall alongside the Neighbourhood Watch this year, like last year, but it was agreed that it wouldn’t.

8.3.2 The Council recorded its appreciation for the special work and effort of Cllr Johnson and the Administrative Assistant.

8.4 Clerk’s Report / Action List

8.4.1 No report.



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8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 None.

## 9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for October 2017.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for October 2017 in the sum of £10,803.30 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> October 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. The balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 were:

Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£119,579.41
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> October 2017 were examined by the Members and a statement to that effect signed by the Chair.

9.4 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Receipts

9.4.1 The Clerk had undertaken to report the details of the £6,994.80 that had been received for the period 1/4/17-30/9/17. These were:

Amount	Reference	Address
£4,027.50	4/01388/15/FUL	44 High Street
£2,967.30	4/03062/15/FUL	77 Watford Road

9.5 The Village Pound Rebuild.

9.5.1 See above in minute 3.1

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

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllr Rogers sought clarification regarding the winter withdrawal of the green bin collections, which Cllr Anderson confirmed would be the case again this year.

10.1.2 The issue of the rubbish / detritus in the bottom of the bins in the High Street was raised again. The Clerk assured Members that the Warden had checked this recently and that it was still there, but the Clerk was asked to arrange for this to be checked again, especially so that it may be resolved before the Christmas Lights event.



- 10.1.3 Cllr Anderson reported that there was a threat of industrial action at Dacorum Borough Council over the retention of redundancy payment rights.
- 10.2 Hertfordshire County Council (not requiring the presence of Cllr Roberts).
- 10.2.1 Cllr Johnson reported that the sewage odour problem in the High Street had finally been dealt with by Thames Water.
- 10.2.2 Cllr Collins reported that he had spoken to Life Opportunities (High Street / Vicarage Lane) regarding an overgrowing holly bush and that they would be dealing with it.. He added that he was maintaining his on-going “discussions” with Herts Highways regarding the mud at the entrance to the Toby Carvery and leaf falls with the Clean, Safe and Green team.
- 10.2.3 The Clerk reported that the perpetrator of the fly-tip on the land belonging to the Canal and River Trust in Home Park Mill Link Road had been identified and reported to the police.
- 10.2.4 Cllr Angiolini reported that the general rubbish and fly-tipping at the garages at the top of Barnes Rise had still not been cleared despite being reported to Dacorum Borough Council by the Clerk. Cllr Angiolini added that one of the tenants of the garages had offered to install some parking poles his at his own expense. Cllr Anderson responded that he could see some issues with the practicalities of doing that, adding that it would have to be raised with the officer responsible at Dacorum Borough Council, Nick Brown.
- 10.2.5 Cllr Morrish reported that the small resurfacing job in Rucklers Lane had been completed but that the refurbishment of the beds at the bottom was still outstanding.
- 10.2.6 It was noted that conditions had been placed on the planning application at Pillings in Rucklers Lane.

## 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

No further reports

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

- 11.2.1 Cllr Johnson reported that 170 shrubs had been obtained and planted in the Village Garden. The Council recorded a very special thankyou to Cllr and Mrs Johnson and Mrs Jill Hunt for their hard work on this project.



## 11.3 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson)

11.3.1 The litter pick scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> October was “converted” into a Village Garden working party.

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

### 12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK)

12.1.1 Cllr Morrish reported that he there had been a dialog with the new owners of Rectory Farm regarding community benefits and the relocation of the farm area.

### 12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP)

12.2.1 Cllr Morrish reported that he was awaiting the proofs for the lectern displays.

### 12.3 Others

12.3.1 None

## 13. Vision Group.

### 13.1 Chair / Leader’s report

13.1.1 No report.

### 13.2 Sub-group reports

#### 13.2.1 Communication

Cllr Jackson reported that the newsletter group would be having a stall at the Christmas Lights event.

#### 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 Rogers confirmed Cllr Collins’ report to the previous meeting that the local business forum would not meet again until January

#### 13.2.5 Recreation / Leisure

No further report.

## 14. High Street Surgeries

14.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> December. Although no surgery was scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> November, as it was High Street market day; Cllrs Johnson and Morrish would be in attendance.

## 15. Other Matters.

### 15.1 Neighbourhood Plan

15.1.1 Cllrs Button and Morrish 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 Morrish now felt confident that there was a team of people who could effectively drive the production of a plan.



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- 15.1.3 Cllr Button was concerned about any costs involved.
- 15.1.4 Cllr Anderson reminded Members of his previous assertion that a local (village) plan could not be used to actually stop unwanted developments, but it could certainly be used to channel any proceeds arising from any developments (existence of a plan also increases the amount of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies that would come to the Parish), and that, on that basis he was supportive.
- 15.1.5 It was agreed that Cllr Morrish would progress this matter.
- 15.2 The arrangements and agenda for the Extraordinary Parish Meeting (EPM) to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 regarding the Dacorum Local Plan.
- 15.2.1 Cllr Johnson asked that this item be combined with item 15.5 (Working with the Kings Langley and District Residents' Association (KLDRA)), which was agreed.
- 15.2.2 It was noted that Dacorum Borough Council was presenting an exhibition of the plan at Kings Langley Cricket Club on the 13<sup>th</sup> November and it was felt that a visit to it was very important.
- 15.2.3 The Clerk had provided an example agenda from a previous EPM as guidance and some initial suggestions were discussed.
- In the expected absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair, Cllr McLean was nominated to be asked to Chair the EPM
  - It was acknowledged that only those on the Electoral Roll could speak or vote on any matters that may be raised
  - The main aims would be to provide further information, to encourage as many people as possible to participate in the consultation and to explain how.
- 15.2.4 This led to Cllr Anderson repeating his proposal for a call for a village poll on the topic to be included on the agenda. This led to a debate summarised as follows:
- Cllr Johnson stated that he and other members of the Residents' Association felt that it would detract from, and the public might be lulled into thinking that it replaced, the need for direct responses.
  - Cllr Morrish was in favour of a poll because it would demonstrate a unified strength and depth of feeling.
  - Cllr Angiolini questioned what it would achieve and that, especially as it would not be binding, felt it would not have any affect.
  - Cllr Anderson felt that it would show strength and depth of feeling in addition to, and enhancing, that shown in direct responses.
  - Cllr Jackson wondered whether a petition would be appropriate, but there were some doubts regarding this. It was noted that it was not popular within the Residents' Association.
- 15.2.5 The Chair decided to put Cllr Anderson's proposal to a vote, and on a show of hands, by 5 voted to 4:

It was RESOLVED that the agenda for the Extraordinary Parish Meeting would include a call for a village poll on the question of development of the Green Belt.

Further, it was agreed that Cllr Anderson would prepare the wording for this.



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## 15.3 Services of Remembrance 2017.

### 15.3.1 Members were asked to note and agree the arrangements for the following:

- Armistice Day Ceremony, Saturday 11th November, 11am

It was noted that the Clerk had produced an Ordered of Ceremony and no wreath would be laid by the Council.

- Remembrance Day, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 3pm, and agree the Council's contribution towards cost of refreshments and the purchase of a wreath.

It was noted that Cllr Button would be laying the wreath on behalf of the Council. Cllr Johnson undertook to organise the refreshment and,

It was RESOLVED that the Council would contribute £70 towards the cost of the refreshments.

### 15.3.2 Members considered the Council's donation to The Poppy Appeal and the payment for the additional wreaths for the Battle of Britain Parade in September and the Christopher Cox, VC, ceremonies in March and April.

It was RESOLVED that the Council would make a total payment of £200 as a donation towards the Poppy Appeal and in payment for wreaths.

## 15.4 Dates for Meetings 2018.

### 15.4.1 The draft schedule of meeting dates produced by the Clerk was agreed

## 15.3 Christmas and New Year Office Opening Hours.

### 15.3.1 It was agreed that the Council Offices would be closed from 12:30, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 until 09:30, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, and it was noted that the office staff would need to take three days annual leave.

## 15.4 Kings Langley Community Award.

### 15.4.1 It was agreed that the Council would continue to run the above but with the additional requirements that the award cannot be made to someone who had received it in the previous 3 years and that there would have to be a proposer and seconder.

## 15.5 Working with the Kings Langley and District Residents' Association (KLDRA)

### 15.5.1 See above minute 15.2.1.

## 15.6 All Saints' Church Christmas Tree Festival, 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

### 15.6.1 The Clerk informed the meeting that the Council's Administrative Assistant would be happy to organise this and decorate the tree if the Council wished to participate. It was therefore agreed that the Council would participate and pay the entry fee of £20 and buy decorations to the value of £20.

## 15.7 The Nap car parking (Cllr Rogers).

### 15.7.1 Cllr Rogers explained that one of the main issues of concern arising from Business Vision initiative was that of the lack of parking. He felt that this could be alleviated by turning the area of grass alongside the community centre into a parking area, which should be able to provide around 90 additional spaces. He sought the members support to pursue this idea.





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15.7.2 Cllr Anderson responded that the area, which was owned by Dacorum Borough Council, was protected under Planning, adding that a (relevantly) recent request by the Three Valleys Children's Centre to utilise it was refused outright.

15.7.2 The meeting felt that the idea should not be pursued.

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. Review of Charges for Hire of Council Hall to be effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

18.1 The Clerk had provided copies of the current Terms and Conditions of Hire with the agenda and there was a discussion about the current rate of usage. The outcome of which was that it was,

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the Council would not increase the charges for the use of the hall with effect from 1st April 2018.

19. Budget 2018-19.

19.1 The first draft of the budget for 2018-19 was circulated at the meeting and presented by Cllr Anderson. There was a short debate and the document was then noted at this stage. Cllr Anderson was thank for his work.

Meeting closed at 22:08



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## **Appendix A - REPORTS.**

There were no separate reports to this meeting