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KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 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.

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 None. All Members were present.

2. Declarations of Interest.

2.1 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 present but had provided details of the reported on the following 4 crimes recorded for December 2017 (up to 30th):

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary, other	1	High Street (Dalling's)
Theft, other	1	The Nap – mobile phone taken whilst unattended
Drug related	1	Gade Valley - cannabis farm (57 plants)
Other crimes	1	Gade Valley - arson
Total	4	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There were 13 crimes reported in the previous month (November 2017)

4.2 The Corporate Communications Team Report.

4.2.1 These were no longer being received.

4.3 Neighbourhood Watch.

4.3.1 "OWL" Communications.

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

4.3.2 No further reports

4.4 Other Matters.

4.4.1 None.



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5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (1)

5.1 Highways Matters

5.1.1 County Cllr Roberts was not in attendance.

5.1.2 Cllr Morrish asked whether there was an update regarding the High Street “pinch-point”, to which Cllr Button responded that there was not. Cllr Morrish added that he was inclined to raise this again with Cllr Roberts.

5.2 Any other matters.

5.2.1 None.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 5th December 2017.

6.1 Cllr Jackson noted that minute 9.4.7 was incomplete, as “...Cllr McLean then added his support to the Council’s support of the Residents’ Association campaign and to”. Members were happy that the Clerk would correct this to read “Cllr McLean then added his support to the Council’s support of the Residents’ Association campaign and to Cllr Morrish’s proposal.”

6.1.1 Therefore, subject to this amendment, it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 5th December 2017 be adopted as a true record.

6.2 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 Cllr Jacksons asked if there was any further news of the cost of the Village Poll, to which Cllr Anderson responded that he still believed it would be in the region of £2,700, as was previously quoted by Dacorum Borough Council. Members felt that in view of the shambolic arrangements, particularly with the poll cards, the Council should not be expected to pay the full amount. Cllr McLean proposed, and it was agreed by all, that the Council should write a letter of complaint to Sally Marshall, Dacorum Borough Council’ Chief Executive, suggesting this, particularly citing the problems with the poll cards and the poor staffing of the polling station at All Saints Church.

8. Reports.

8.1 Standing Committees.

8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

8.1.1.1 Minutes of the meetings of 21st November and 5th December 2017, as approved by Committee on 19th December 2017.

8.1.1.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 21st November and 5th December 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 Neighbourhood / Village Plan

8.3.1.1 Cllr Morrish reported that the consultant with whom he was had been discussing this had stated that he believed he could obtain funding of £9,000. This would be in the forthcoming financial year.

8.4 Clerk's Report / Action List

8.4.1 No report.

8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 No report.

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for December 2017.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for December 2017 in the sum of £18,497.61 be adopted, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.

The Chair then signed the schedules of payments.

9.2 Internal Audit Fee Letter for the Financial Year Ending 31/3/2018 from Clubfinance Ltd.

9.2.1 Members were asked to approve the appointment of Clubfinance Ltd as Internal Auditors for the year ending 31/3/18. The Clerk reported that he was very happy with the service provided by Clubfinance, especially as they were proactive, very helpful, had a lot of local knowledge and local government experience and fully understood the way the Council's accounts were prepared and structured.

9.2.2 It was, therefore, proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That Clubfinance Ltd be appointed the Council's Internal Auditors for the year ending 31/3/18.

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllr McLean reported that the Borough had not had any meetings since the last Parish Council meeting.

10.1.2 Cllr Anderson reported that the Scrutiny Committee of which he is Chair would be meeting on 23rd January and that one of the main questions on the agenda related to why did Dacorum not reduce its house building allocation to the government requirement?

10.1.3 Cllr Button asked whether there was any feedback from the consultation process, and



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when the next phase of the process would be. Cllr Anderson responded that there were no specific dates, but he believed that it would take the form of a new draft plan to Dacorum Borough Council's Cabinet with a single option recommendation.

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

10.2.1 Nothing to report.

11. Members Items and Questions.

11.1 "Portfolios" - 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

11.1.2 Cllr Collins reported that the path and gully at the entrance to the Toby Carvery had been cleared. This included the attendance of an engineer.

11.1.3 Cllr Angiolini reported that the rubbish and fly-tips had been cleared from the garages at Barnes Way. He added that the Warden would also make regular visits.

11.1.4 Cllr Morrish noted that the improvement works to the garden at the bottom of Rucklers Lane was still outstanding.

11.2 The Village Garden / Allotments (Cllr Johnson).

11.2.1 Cllr Johnson reported that he was planning to plant daffodils in the garden but that this had been hampered by bad weather.

11.3 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson).

11.3.1 The next litter pick would be on 25th February.

12. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK).

12.1.1 Cllr Morrish reported that there was no further news on the future of Rectory Farm.

12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP).

12.2.1 Cllr Morrish reported that site for the village map lectern for The Common would shortly be agreed and installed.

12.3 Others

12.3.1 None



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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 a new "media man" had joined the group and would be taking on the design and production of the newspaper.

13.2.2 Transport

No report.

13.2.3 Local Environment

Cllr Morrish reported that Sustrans should be issuing their report in February, which he then intended to bring to the Council's March meeting, Cllr McLean had undertaken to make representations at Dacorum Borough Council, and that there will be a meeting with the Canal and Rivers Trust and Hertfordshire County Council on 31st January.

13.2.4 Local Business

Cllr Rogers noted that the next meeting of the group was Monday 15th January.

13.2.5 Recreation / Leisure

No further report.

14. High Street Surgeries

14.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 17th February.

15. Other Matters.

15.1 None.

16. Any Other Business.

16.1 Cllr Jackson updated Members on the position on petitions concerning the Green Belt campaign. Mike Penning was still very keen to present to Parliament. To date there were 350 signatories on the written petition and 850 on the on-line one.

16.1.1 It was agreed that Cllrs McLean, Jackson and Johnson would form a small working group to assess the current position in more detail and to prepare the next stage in the campaign.

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.



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18. Budget 2018-19.

18.1 The third draft of the budget for 2018-19 had been issued with the agenda. It included a statement of the differences from the previous draft.

18.1.1 Cllr Anderson provided a brief outline this version. He noted particularly that “Grants to local organisations” had already been spent for the current year.

18.1.2 Members felt that there should be a specific item of (say) £1000 to demonstrate the Council’s continued support for the Green Belt campaign. Cllr Anderson agreed to incorporate this in the final version.

18.2 It was then:

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that this budget be formally and publicly presented for approval at a special meeting of the Council to be held on 16th January 2018.

Meeting closed at 20:55.

Appendix A - REPORTS.

There were no separate reports to this meeting