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KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Cllr Anderson and Button.

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 on the following 16 crimes recorded for January 2018):

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary, other	1	High Street (Dalling's) - attempted
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3	Premier Inn – theft of tools from van Langley Hill – window broken, property stolen Church Lane – number plates taken
Theft from shop	7	Sweet as a Button (4) Spar (2) Fuel station - alcohol
Theft, other	2	Vicarage Lane building site – dumper truck Former Royal Mail Sorting Office – dumper truck
Drug related	1	Cannabis
Other crimes	2	Kings Langley Tandoori – making off without payment Watford Road – drink / drive
Total	16	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There were 4 crimes reported in the previous month (December 2017)

4.2 The Corporate Communications Team Report.

4.2.1 Not received.



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4.3 Police & Crime Commissioner's Newsletter (January 2018)

4.3.1 The newsletter was noted with interest, and that it appeared that it was a replacement for the Corporate Communications Team Report (see 4.2).

4.4 Neighbourhood Watch.

4.4.1 Cllr Jackson reported that in her Co-ordinator's role, she now had a deputy and that it was planned that this would give Kings Langley more attention.

4.4.2 "OWL" Communications.

"OWL" reports / emails had been forwarded to Members, but, the Clerk added, there had been very few. Cllr Jackson had noted this too and had sought improvements, adding that she expected this would be better now that Sgt Karen Mellor had returned.

4.4.3 No further reports

4.4 Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

4.4.1 West Herts Urgent Care Consultation

4.4.1.1 This consultation was looking at how people access urgent care services, and specifically walk-in services at Hemel Hempstead Hospital including the Urgent Treatment Centre and West Herts Medical Centre to "make the best use of NHS resources to ensure patients receive effective, timely care appropriate to their needs and make sure the care is delivered in the right place and as close to home as possible". More information was available on-line via the link contained in the copy of the email sent with the agenda. Cllr McLean added that there had been a "closed" briefing at Dacorum Borough Council on this and that he expected that the information divulged there would be in the public domain shortly.

4.5 Other Matters.

4.5.1 Cllr Angiolini stated that he still felt that there should be some training on the use of the Council's defibrillator in the High Street and that his neighbour, who is a "First Responder", had offered to do it. The Clerk assured the meeting that by calling 999, as is stated on the instruction panel next to the unit, the emergency services will know that it is there and will talk you through its use. The defibrillator itself is intuitive in its use and will "speak" instructions to you. However, it was agreed that the offer of training would be helpful and should be accepted.

4.5.1.1 Cllr Roberts suggested that it may also be helpful if residents / shopkeepers in the High Street received First Aid training, which would also support the use of the defibrillator, and he offered to provide some funding for this. Cllr Rogers undertook to raise this at the Business Group.

5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (1)

5.1 Highways Matters

5.1.1 County Cllr Roberts updated the meeting as follows:

- Council Tax would be increasing by 6%. This was mainly attributable to the cost of Care in the Community
- The library volunteer model appeared to be proving to be successful in Kings Langley, although new volunteers are always needed



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- Abbots Rise. He had recently been contacted regarding a dangerous stretch of pavement which was covered in moss and had resulted in several (elderly) residents had slipped and injured themselves; he had asked the “Hit Team” to deal with it.
- Canal / River Gade (opposite The Ovaltine). The Council, Cllr Roberts and Sir Mike Penning had been contacted regarding an unpleasant mess of litter and stagnant water, which both the Environment Agency and The Canal and Rivers Trust would not accept responsibility for as it was common land, although it appeared that one of them had carried out some tree work there recently. The Clerk had also responded that it was outside the scope of the Parish Council’s responsibility and its resources and capabilities, adding that he felt that it was the Environment Agency’s responsibility. To resolve the issue, Cllr Roberts offered to pay for a contractor. The Clerk added that access might be a problem. Consideration was then given to whether Dacorum Borough Council’s Clean, Safe and Green Team might be contracted to do the work. Cllr McLean undertook to make enquiries.
- In respect of his £90,000 highways budget:
 - Repairs to / resurfacing the hump in The Nap
 - Patching of the Hempstead Road footpath
 - Patching in the rural part of Rucklers Lane
 - The humps in Love Lane were still being delayed although he had not received an explanation for this. He promised an update for the next meeting. Cllr Rogers expressed his dismay and disappointment at the continued delays.
 - Consideration was being given to resurfacing works in Marwood Close and the footways in Whitlars Drive (some of which had already been done because of moss problems) for 2018-19
 - The pinch points in Vicarage Lane and the High Street were still very much on the agenda. He had asked the Highways team to look at a solution. He had met Cllr Morrish on-site regarding the latter issue and it was felt that the best solution would be to remove part of the banking on the west side of the High Street to widen the road. Cllr Roberts would pursue this further, although there would be some budgeting issues.

5.1.1.1 Cllr Roberts invited Members to let him know if there were any other areas needing attention.

5.1.2 Cllr Angiolini asked Cllr Roberts if he would be able to provide any financial support to this year’s carnival. He replied that he should be able to and that the Carnival committee should apply in the normal way.

5.1.3 Cllr Jackson asked if there was an update on the plan to introduce parking restrictions in the lay-bys in Hempstead Road. Cllr Roberts responded that he believed it was progressing through the “TRO” process but added that he would check and provide an update.

5.1.4 Cllr Rogers asked if there was an update on the additional gully emptying, to which Cllr Roberts responded that he had requested it and to continue to report them to him.

5.1.5 Cllr Collins highlighted again that the mud-flooding at the entrance of the Toby Carvery persisted despite several visits from Herts Highways operatives / gully emptiers and reminded Cllr Roberts part of the problem was the varying heights of the drain and surrounding path. Cllr Roberts added that it is also because of the wash down of debris



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from the woods but agreed to look at this again. Cllr Morrish offered to meet Cllr Roberts on site.

5.2 Any other matters.

5.2.1 None.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 2nd & 16th January 2018.

6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd & 16th January 2018 be adopted as a true record.

6.2 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 Cllr Jacksons asked whether the letter of complaint to the Chief Executive of Dacorum Borough Council regarding the village poll had been sent, and, if so, had there been a response. The Clerk and Cllr McLean confirmed that the letter had been sent, but that the response was that the Chief Executive would meet with the team involved and then give a fuller reply. The Clerk undertook to send a reminder if this had not been received within the next 10 days.

8. Reports.

8.1 Standing Committees.

8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

8.1.1.1 Minutes of the meetings of 19th December 2017, as approved by Committee on 16th January 2018.

8.1.1.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 19th December 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 None

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 The Clerk reported that the Warden's recent activities had included spreading 6 large bags on pea shingle on the path in the village garden, installing the village map lectern on The Common and transplanting a *Choisya ternata* from the Rucklers Lane shrub bed to the Hempstead Road bed where the Water Company had excavated and left it bare..

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for January 2018.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for January 2018 in the sum of £18,535.99 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 31st January 2018).

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 January 2018 were:

Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£74,217.36
NS&I Investment Account:	£44,850.80

9.2.2 £210.36 interest had been received in the NS&I Account on 1st January 2018.

9.3 Income and Expenditure Statements 2017-18.

9.3.1 The statements as at 31st January 2018 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 31st December 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 Internal Auditors – change of company name.

9.5.1 This was noted.

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllr McLean updated the meeting on phase 2 of the campaign to protect Kings Langley's Green Belt. A newsletter to residents, produced jointly with the Kings Langley and District Residents' Association would shortly be agreed and distributed. The Kings Langley and



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District Residents' Association had obtained a quote for printing of £168. This was cheaper (£250) than the Council could produce in-house and would be of superior quality. The document would comprise of a 1½ page Parish Council statement and ½ page statement by Kings Langley and District Residents' Association. Cllr McLean sought the Council's permission to pay for the printing. It was therefore:

Proposed (Cllr McLean), Seconded (Cllr Morrish) and RESOLVED that the Council would pay £168 for printing this newsletter.

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

10.2.1 Minerals Local Plan – Consultation

Members had received information regarding this with the agenda, which was noted.

10.2.2 Inspiring Libraries – The next Phase 2018-2021

Members had received information regarding this with the agenda; Hertfordshire County Council is under pressure to consider further budget savings across all services. This was noted.

Cllr Roberts left the meeting at this point and was thanked for his attendance and contribution.

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

11.1.1 Cllr Jackson reported that residents are still parking their vehicles on and damaging grass verges along Hempstead Road (near the junction with Coniston Road).

11.1.2 Cllr Collins was still concerned with speeding on Hempstead Road by drivers heading north. He added that he felt that this would only be resolved with the installation of a speed camera. Other Members commented that this was highly unlikely to happen with the reason being given that statistics showed there were insufficient accidents. The possibility of volunteers using speed guns under the “Drivesafe” scheme was raised again, but it was felt that this might create (possibly) unpleasant confrontations. Cllr McLean commented that there had been some speed gun activity recently in the village and that it might be useful to ask PCSO Martin what the results were.

11.1.3 Cllr Angiolini reported that although the major parts of the fly-tip by the garages in Barnes Rise had been cleared (presumably by Clean, Safe and Green), a lot of debris and rubbish had been left behind.



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11.1.4 Cllr Morrish reported on the resurfacing in Rucklers Lane.

11.1.5 Cllr McLean reported that the fallen tree in Rucklers Lane had been cleared quickly (he presumed by Clean, Safe and Green).

11.2 The Village Garden / Allotments (Cllr Johnson).

11.2.1 Further to the Clerk reporting that the path in the village garden had had a layer of shingle applied, he suggested that it would be worth considering renewing the edging around it so that it was neater, more clearly defined and would contain the shingle. This would be considered further should there be sufficient funds. Cllr Johnson added that he planned to plant more shrubs in the spring and that he had already planted a large number of daffodils.

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 he was waiting for the Canals and Rivers Trust to respond regarding the installation of the village map lectern by the canal.

12.3 Representation on the Board of Trustees of Kings Langley Community Association.

12.3.1 The Council had received an enquiry from the above asking whether it would like to have a representation on the board of trustees again. Cllrs Rogers and Collins volunteered. Cllr Rogers suggested that it would be useful to have a copy of the Associations rules and constitution.

12.4 Others

12.4.1 Neighbourhood / Village Plan

12.4.1.1 Cllr Morrish reported that, having discussed this item with Cllr Anderson and in view of the announcement that Dacorum Borough Council's Local Plan would not now be issued until the end of the year, he felt it best to delay work on the Village Plan until more was known. He did feel though that some work could be done around its format and structure.

12.4.1.2 Cllr Rogers suggested that it would be helpful to have a greater understanding of the staging of the production of the New Plan, including a further explanation of the Government's directives. Cllr McLean responded that that was what Cllr Anderson had attempted to do at the Extraordinary Parish Meeting. He undertook to ask Cllr Anderson if he would provide a brief reminder / update to Council.

13. Vision Group.

13.1 Chair / Leader's report

13.1.1 No report.



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13.2 Sub-group reports

13.2.1 Communication

The Clerk raised the question of the use of the coat of arms of Edmund de Langley & Isabella de Castilla in documents being produced as part of the new newspaper. He explained that royal coats of arms are owned by the Crown and that the College of Arms is the official heraldic authority for British and Commonwealth heraldry matters.

Organisations are not allowed to “adopt” any royal coat of arms without its permission. The Parish Council acknowledges that the arms are not its by including the names of the “owners” in the logo. Further, the Clerk was concerned that by including the arms in headings, the newspaper was suggesting that the newspaper was the Councils, rather than it was supported by the Council.

13.2.2 Transport

No report.

13.2.3 Local Environment

Cllr Morrish reported that he was waiting for a quote for the completion of the canal towpath improvements from Red Lion Lane to Doolittle’s.

13.2.4 Local Business

Cllrs Rogers and Collins reported on the recent meeting of the Business Group (15/1). Some 15-18 people attended. There were compliments regarding the Christmas Lights. “The Phone Shop” looked to be being re-let. Dacorum Borough Council business development officers attended. The main concern raised was parking.

13.2.5 Recreation / Leisure

No further report.

14. High Street Surgeries

14.1 The next surgery was on 17th February, with Cllr Morrish, Johnson and Jackson attending.

15. Other Matters.

15.1 Annual Parish Meeting

15.1.1 The format of the meeting was discussed. It was felt that the best way to “manage” the Green Belt situation and pre-empt a major debate might be to use the back of the invitation to provide a further update, but also to include an item on the agenda, as this would be the expectation of many residents, although the agenda would remain generally as normal. Cllr McLean undertook to discuss this with Cllr Anderson. It was felt that attendance would be higher than normal and, therefore, the chairs should be in rows, rather than around tables.

15.2 New web site.

15.2.1 Cllr Morrish proposed that rather than the risk of the website being “designed by a committee” that the Council delegates this to the Clerk and himself, which was agreed.

16. Any Other Business.

16.1 None.

Meeting closed at 20:55.

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