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KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also Present: Mr Paul Dunham, Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Cllr McLean.

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 the following on the 10 crimes recorded for February 2018):

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary (dwelling)	2	Belham Road - entry via rear door Alexandra Road - entry via patio door
Burglary (other)	2	High Street (Hospice of St Francis) High Street (Saracens Head) – safe & cash
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	Havelock Road – unlocked car – handbag & ‘phone Church Lane – number plates
Damage or Destroy <£5,000	1	Osbourne Avenue – car damaged
Theft (other)	1	The Common - bike
Drug related	1	Premier Inn - Cannabis
Other crimes	1	Premier Inn - Arson
Total	10	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There were 16 crimes reported in the previous month (January 2017)

4.2 Police & Crime Commissioner’s Newsletter / Latest Corporate Communication Report

4.2.1 Neither received.



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- 4.3 Neighbourhood Watch.
 - 4.3.1 Nothing to report
 - 4.3.2 “OWL” Communications.
“OWL” reports / emails had been forwarded to Members.
 - 4.3.3 No further reports

- 4.4 Other Matters.
 - 4.4.1 None.

5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (1)

- 5.1 Highways Matters
 - 5.1.1 County Cllr Roberts was not present.
 - 5.1.2 Cllr Morrish reported that the footpath along Hempstead Road (north of Coniston Road) had had some patched repairs.
- 5.2 Other matters.
 - 5.2.1 None.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 6th February 2018.

- 6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 6th February 2018 be adopted as a true record.
- 6.2 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

- 7.1 Cllr Jackson asked whether there was any news on the parking restrictions in the laybys in Hempstead Road. It was believed that Cllr Roberts had been progressing this.
- 7.2 Cllr Jackson asked whether the reply to the letter of complaint to the Chief Executive of Dacorum Borough Council regarding the village poll had been chased, to which the Clerk responded that he would do this as soon as possible.

8. Reports.

- 8.1 Standing Committees.
 - 8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.
 - 8.1.1.1 Minutes of the meeting(s) of 16th January and 6th February 2018 as approved by Committee on 20th February 2018)

- 8.1.1.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 16th January and 6th February 2018 be adopted as a true record.



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8.1.2 Personnel Committee (19th February 2018)

8.1.2.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2018 be approved and adopted as a true record.

8.1.2.2 The Chair then signed the minutes.

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 The Clerk reported that as a result of the resignation of the Village Warden he was now in the process of recruiting a replacement. He was also faced with introducing processes and forms to comply with the new Data Protection legislation (GDPR).

8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 No report, although it was noted that some of the Warden's duties would have to be covered by the office staff.

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for February 2018.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for February 2018 in the sum of £12,311.09 be adopted, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.

9.1.2 The Chair then signed the schedule of payments.

9.2 Examination and signing of the Council's Bank Account Statements (as at 28th February 2018).

9.2.1 These statements had not been received.

9.3 The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 - Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Control Systems.

9.3.1 Members considered the requirements of the above after the Clerk had provided some background information, in particular on the performance of the Council's Internal Auditor and that the Council received the regular financial / control reports. It was noted that External Audits had been "clean" for several years.



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It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that:

- a) The review of the effectiveness of the Council's Internal Auditor had been satisfactorily performed;
- b) The review of the Council's control systems had been satisfactorily carried out and that it was adequate, robust and efficient.

9.4 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

9.4.1 The Council's Standing Orders require that they are reviewed every four years, the next being due in March 2019, and Financial Regulations annually. No amendments were considered necessary at this stage, although it was noted that there will probably be a requirement to make some changes for the new Data Protection legislation (GDPR).

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllr Angiolini asked if any Members were going to attend the Planning Inspector's Hearing relating to the proposed McCarthy and Stone development at 27 - 33 Hempstead Road on 20th March. Cllr Anderson stated that he would not be able to attend but that would ask Cllr McLean if he could. Cllrs Johnson and Rogers stated that they hoped to attend. Cllr Button stated that he was happy to delegate his authority to speak (if required) on behalf of the Council.

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

10.2.1 None.

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 the grass verge opposite the football club had recently been badly damaged after a long period of none or little.

11.1.2 Cllr Anderson responded to a question that Dacorum Borough Council would be consulting with residents on the New Local Plan.

11.1.3 Cllr Angiolini felt that Dacorum Borough Council should be congratulated for the clear-up at the Barnes Rise garages. The Clerk responded that he had already sent an email.



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- 11.1.4 Cllr Morrish reported that he understood that there may be further resurfacing work in Rucklers Lane. The shrub-bed work was still outstanding.
- 11.1.5 Cllr De Silva reported that the roads around Blackwell were in some state of disrepair as roads were everywhere.
- 11.1.6 Cllr Button reported that there had been some issues with builder's vans in Vicarage Lane.
- 11.1.7 See also Cllr Johnson's report (appended)

11.2 The Village Garden / Allotments (Cllr Johnson).

- 11.2.1 See Cllr Johnson's report (appended). Cllr Johnson highlighted that more shrubs would be planted in the village garden in April and he suggested that beforehand it might be useful to "convert" the litter pick scheduled for 25th March to a garden clear-up day, which was agreed.

11.3 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson).

- 11.3.1 See Cllr Johnson's report (appended) and above at 11.2.1.

12. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK).

- 12.1.1 Cllr Morrish reported that there would be a "Sustainability" weekend in September.

12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP).

- 12.2.1 No further report.

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

It was noted that funding for the village newspaper was via advertising and membership subscriptions. In view of the concerns expressed at the last meeting, the incorporation of the logo had been revised. Cllr Angiolini offered to help with the distribution on the Bury Estate, but this had been covered.

13.2.2 Transport

No report.

13.2.3 Local Environment

No further report.

13.2.4 Local Business

The next meeting was set for Monday 12th March.

13.2.5 Recreation / Leisure

See Cllr Johnson's report (appended).



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14. High Street Surgeries

14.1 The next surgery was on 14th April, with Cllr Morrish, Johnson and Jackson attending.

15. Other Matters.

15.1 Annual Parish Meeting

15.1.1 The basis of the way to best manage the Green Belt issue as agreed at the last meeting was confirmed. The invitation would state that there would be a report, but that as the next issue of the Local Plan would be much later in the year, there would not be a major debate. Cllr McLean would give the report. It was further agreed that the photography competition would be taken off the agenda as there had been no entries and that Mr John Addy would be invited to speak briefly about the new village newspaper.

15.2 Kings Langley Allotments and Gardens Association (KLAGA).

15.2.1 The Council considered a request from the Association for an amendment to the agreement between us to allow (thereby allowing it to change its rules) a larger shed / greenhouse (6' x 8') on full-size plots with a 6' x 4' construction remaining the limit on half-size plots. This was agreed.

15.3 Canal and River Trust

15.3.1 Members considered an introductory letter from the Trust which was acknowledged. It was noted that there was no reference to the contact that we already had via Cllr Morrish relating to towpath works. It was also noted that there had been no progress relating to clearing the mess discussed in the previous meeting – Cllr McLean had not received a response from Clean, Safe and Green.

16. Any Other Business.

16.1 Cllr Morrish raised the issue of the importance of the Community Award now being a little diluted, sentiments with which Members generally agreed. It was agreed that Cllr Morrish would re-examine the qualification criteria and produce some ideas to improve it and rediscover the true purpose and meaning of the awards. All Members should send their ideas to him.

Meeting closed at 21:12.



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Appendix A - REPORTS.

Leisure Vision Group – March update

Activity and action	Current Action	Ongoing Action	Contact	Notes
Trim Trail	Possible sites identified in open space survey.	Awaits development of priorities.	Alan Johnson	Further action deferred until 2017-18. Early discussions with other villagers to take this forward.
Childproof gate for village garden.	Ivy to be cleared.	Quotes to be obtained.	Alan Johnson	Further action deferred until 2018-19
Village history trail	Pamphlet to be developed identifying sites of interest.	Narrative written.	Alan Johnson / John Morrish	Complete.
Survey of social groups and clubs	Carry out survey identifying demographic and 'inside' or 'outside'	Survey completed.	Harold Taylor	Complete – on website.
Survey of open spaces	Carry out survey identifying demographic and if 'used' or not.	Survey completed.	Alan Johnson	Complete
Over 50s Walking Football at Kings Langley Football Club (KLFC)	Herts FA and KLFC - potential of walking football Gaywood Park.	Initial discussions taking place.	Alan Johnson / Derry Edgar	Walking football initiative on hold.
Photographic competition	Rules and timetable agreed.	Draft rules circulated to councillors.	Alan Johnson / Chris Pettit	Closing date 30 th March
Kings Langley Carnival	Carnival on 23 June 2018.	Theme of 'Harry Potter' agreed including fancy dress.	Alan Johnson / Gerry Angiolini / Bob McLean	Next meeting 19 th March 2018. Theme Horrible Histories.
Kings Langley Puffaten Road Race	Puffaten on 17 June 2018.	Flyers being distributed to running clubs and at local running events.	Alan Johnson / Paula Harris	Marshals being sought for course and finish area.



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High Street Surgery (February 2018)

A few issues were raised:

1. A suggestion that there should be a few benches along the High Street to provide an opportunity to stop and ponder the meaning of life or catch up with friends. It was suggested the benches should have 'individual' seats to prevent anyone lying on the benches. I did explain residents would not want groups of people talking outside their window at night.
2. Several people questioned when The Pound would be repaired. I explained about Tesco but admitted the work had been agreed and could be timetabled with or without the money from Tesco. (Would also be some 'good' news for the AGM if we had a date for the work to be carried out.)
3. A suggestion that there should be more recycling opportunities in the High Street. I explained this was a DBC issue.
4. 65 people signed the petition.

Litter pick (February 2018)

A lovely, sunny morning but just Gerry Angiolini, Sandra Jackson and I on patrol.

Gerry and Sandra headed down to the area between the M25 roundabout and Home Park Link Road, and collected 5 bags of rubbish, 4 scraps of road signs, 3 hub caps and 2 bits of bumper in just an hour of picking.

Along the High Street (all the bins were full), Dronken Lane, Green Park and the Nap car park I had a smorgasbord of rubbish; it appeared someone had been unwell outside Spar until I realised it was Uncle Ben's monosodium glutamate. Unfortunately, someone had been spectacularly unwell in Dronken Lane. I collected 4 bags of rubbish.

There were several people at both locations who said, 'thank you' but I found it particularly frustrating that, despite the number of bins around the area I was 'picking,' our residents had chosen to dispose of their rubbish by opening the car door and dropping it on the floor. Perhaps we need some CCTV signs (and worry about getting the cameras another time!)

Next month I am suggesting we have a bit of a tidy-up along the Church Lane side in the Village Garden ahead of the delivery of some more shrubs.

Village Garden

The shrubs that were planted last year were surviving ahead of the snow fall this week (28 February). The planting programme will continue in April.

I'd also like to explore the possibility of installing a gate on the Church Lane entrance which will make it a safer area for children.

Watford Road

When delivering Newsletters, I took the opportunity to talk to any residents I met in Watford Road and the streets off Watford Road. Those in Watford Road were concerned about speeding out of the village. There was also concern expressed about parking at the top of Avenue Approach by students from the College (albeit a very small number).