



# KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 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: Beverley Ross, Administrative Assistant; County Councillor Richard Roberts, and PCSO Ian Martin.

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 None

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 Ian Martin reported on the following 9 crimes recorded for March 2018:

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary (other)	1	High Street: Sweet as a Button
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	Shendish Edge: theft from van, tools taken
Damage or Destroy <£5,000	4	Red Lion PH: glass thrown by drunks, group apprehended Alexandra Road: wing mirror on car, culprit apprehended Premier Inn x 2: vans broken into (maybe updated)
Other crimes	3	Nash Mills Lane: argument over access Kings Langley School: threatening letter (wrongly sent) Great Park: public order offence over mail (uncrimed)
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There were 10 crimes reported in the previous month (February 2018)

4.1.3 PCSO Ian Martin added that Sweet as a Button had been broken into and the offender caught on CCTV. Unfortunately, with CCTV it is not easy to identify the culprit and there were no prints as the offender had worn gloves. At the motor cycle club in Nash Mills Lane there was an altercation after someone was caught riding on their own which is not allowed.



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- 4.1.4 Cllr Jackson asked why the Premier Inn didn't have CCTV in the car park to which PCSO Martin replied that the CCTV covered the premises only and the carpark was too big. Cllr Jackson thought that prominent signs would be a deterrent.
- 4.2 Police & Crime Commissioner's Newsletter / Latest Corporate Communication Report
  - 4.2.1 Neither received.
- 4.3 Neighbourhood Watch.
  - 4.3.1 Cllr Jackson reported that they were looking at ways to increase membership and that Blackwell Road had joined 'Safer Streets'.
  - 4.3.2 "OWL" Communications.

Cllr Jackson asked the Councillors' opinion on whether there were enough 'OWL' messages or not enough to which the Councillors thought that sometimes there were a lot and sometimes not. Cllr Jackson stated that there would be a message on the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.
  - 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 Richard Roberts reported on what had been achieved in the year: the humps and footway in Love Lane, resurfacing in The Nap and footway patching in Hempstead Road which had come from his locality budget. Major schemes flagged up for next year include Vicarage Lane and the pinch point in the High Street.
  - 5.1.2 Cllr Button reported that he had seen a big Vactor truck clearing the gullies at the junction of Langley Hill and Vicarage Lane and asked if the drain at the Toby Carvery could be done to which Cllr Roberts said he would put it on the list.
  - 5.1.3 Cllr Roberts went on to say that in 2018/2019, Marwood Close, Alexandra Road and Whitlars Drive would be improved, that the bushes on Hempstead Road would be cut back and the footway repaired up to the old Eagle pub location. Fisher Close was in a bad state but was made of concrete which would be expensive to replace but would be redone eventually with tarmac. The library had been given a grant and was still being supported by staff, a report on which would follow. He had spoken against the McCarthy and Stone development, but it would be a close call on the result of the appeal.
  - 5.1.4 Cllr Jackson asked whether there was an update on the proposal for yellow lines in the laybys in Hempstead Road to which Cllr Roberts said he didn't know but would ask for an update. Cllr McLean asked whose responsibility it was for Red Lion Lane and Cllr Morrish asked if there was any solution on the parking problems there to which Cllr Roberts replied he was on the case. Cllr Anderson emphatically opposed the field being used for parking as it would wave goodbye to the green belt forever.
  - 5.1.5 Cllr Roberts confirmed he had met with Peter Wright about the pinch point in the High Street in answer to a question from Cllr Morrish and confirmed that the option of cutting into the verge and putting up more hitching rail would be costed, he had some budget but would wait and see what the cost would be.



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5.1.6 Regarding the problem of litter in the canal, Cllr McLean had emailed Craig Thorpe and Simon Coultas but had not received a reply although he acknowledged that he had a problem receiving emails. He had sent another email that day.

5.2 Other matters.

5.2.1 None.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

6.1 Cllr Johnson stated that on item 15.2.1 the brackets didn't make sense.

6.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be adopted as a true record.

6.3 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 Cllr Jackson asked if any members had attended the McCarthy and Stone appeal hearing to which Cllrs Anderson, Rogers and Johnson confirmed that they had.

7.2 Cllr Anderson reported on the Data Protection meeting that some of the Councillors and the Clerk had attended. He stated that we must give information under the Freedom of Information Act although we had never had any requests. There is an issue with historical emails, if we delete them we would not have the information if a problem comes up in the future, however there has to a valid reason to keep data.

8. Reports.

8.1 Standing Committees.

8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

8.1.1.1 Minutes of the meeting(s) of 20<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 as approved by Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018)

8.1.1.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be 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



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## 8.4 Clerk's Report / Action List

8.4.1 None

## 8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 No report

## 9. Finance Matters

### 9.1 Schedule of Payments for March 2018.

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

That the payment schedule for March 2018 in the sum of £9,761.99 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were:

Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£51,358.50
NS&I Investment Account:	£44,850.80

### 9.3. Accounts 2017-18 - Virements and Fund Transfers.

9.3.1 Cllr Anderson provided a brief introduction to this item. Some amendments were agreed to the list that had been enclosed with the agenda.

9.3.2 It was then proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED**:

That the following list of Virements and Fund Transfers be made, subject to audit, for the year ended 31st March 2018:

	Budget	Proposal	Notes
	£	£	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Transfer to Achiet-le-Grand	500.00	1,500.00	Need more for Nov 2018 event.
Transfer to Projects Fund	5,000.00	7,000.00	Can afford more.
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Transfer to Elections Fund	600.00	1,875.00	Need more for village poll / next election.
Transfer to IT Fund	500.00	0.00	Don't need as much.
<b>CHARTER COURT COSTS</b>			
Transfer to Charter Court Fund	2,500.00	1,000.00	Don't need as much.



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<b>CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL</b>			
Transfer to Christmas Lights Fund	750.00	750.00	
<b>CONCURRENT SERVICES</b>			
Transfer to Warden Van Fund	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Transfer to Concurrent Maintenance Fund	3,500.00	4,250.00	Need more for spending commitments.
<b>Revenue Sub-Total</b>	<b>14,600.00</b>	<b>17,625.00</b>	
<b>BALANCES</b>			
Transfer to Charter Court Fund	0.00	0.00	
Transfer to Projects Fund	0.00	0.00	
<b>Funds Sub-Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,600.00</b>	<b>17,625.00</b>	

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllr Anderson reported that regarding the recent changes in data protection legislation, all Borough councillors must be registered but Parish Councillors do not.

10.1.2 Cllr Anderson stated that he had attended the McCarthy and Stone appeal hearing which had lasted all day and it was hard to predict the outcome. If the development were to be allowed it would be down to reducing the pressure on building new homes.

10.1.3 In relation to the emptying of dog waste bins, Cllr Anderson stated that the Parish Council had bought four dog bins. Dacorum Borough Council had terminated its contract for emptying them which raised the question on how we would get ours emptied in the future. Cllr Anderson would prefer to get the borough council to take them over but for the time being we would have to get the company who previously emptied them to carry on, which would be at double the cost, until a decision / start date from the Borough. There was a question of the dog bin by the Rudolf Steiner school having to be moved but the bin is not as far down the footpath as previously thought.

10.1.4 Cllr Anderson raised the matter of street name plates. He disliked the green on cream plates that were now being used, preferring white and royal blue (except in the conservation area). He would like to move to getting a grant from Dacorum and taking over the replacing of the signs and asked if he would get support from the Council. Cllr Jackson asked if it would cost more to which Cllr Anderson said he would investigate it further. He lamented the lack of road signs that now don't state 'leading to' other roads. Cllr Morrish gave his support subject to the cost, adding that he would like to see above the road name the words "Borough of Dacorum" and underneath "Parish of Kings Langley".

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

10.2.1 None.



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## 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 Rogers (High Street) reported that there would be a meeting of the Business Group in a few weeks and that there was now more enthusiasm, however it been unable to elect a chairman.
- 11.1.2 Cllr Jackson (Coniston Road) reported on new trees having been planted and would like a few more, to which it was agreed that the Clerk would be asked to email Luke Johnson to ask for more cherry trees which would also stop people parking on the verge. It was noted that we still do not have a key for the new noticeboards.
- 11.1.3 Cllr Collins (Hempstead Road) reported that the verge at Premier Inn had been gouged out and that the kerb by Taylors Tools was broken.
- 11.1.4 It was agreed to report as a fly tip, rubbish in the bushes by the village sign that was difficult to get to.
- 11.1.5 Parking on Waterside was discussed, the focus being on parking on the corner to which it was acknowledged the Police had been called many times but that they see it as a way of traffic calming.
- 11.1.6 Cllr Angiolini reported that large vehicles had once again been parking on the grass outside the football club and that the football club should be told. Stakes and cones were discussed as well as a double kerb. He also reported a three-seater settee had appeared in Abbots Rise.
- 11.1.7 It was noted that it was ‘madness’ to direct traffic up Rucklers Lane when there is a road closure.
- 11.1.8 Cllr Morrish asked about conversion of garages to homes. Cllr Anderson stated that there was a small area of land in Coniston Road near the top on the right where 8 to 10 flats could be built but he felt it would accommodate no more than 2.
- 11.2 Cllr Johnson reported that instead of a litter pick, a few councillors had tidied up the village garden to get it ready for more shrubs. Cllr Jackson said that the litter picks had no support from residents as no one now turned up
- 11.3 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson).
- 11.3.1 The next litter pick was scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> April.



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

### 12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK).

12.1.1 Cllr Morrish confirmed that the growing areas on Rectory Farm would have to be moved and that the surveyors seen on Hempstead Road were looking at access to Rectory Farm from Hempstead Road. There was little to discuss about Rectory Farm at the moment until development plans are submitted.

### 12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP).

12.2.1 It was agreed that the grant would be used to repair the fence on the footpath in Chipperfield Road. A village map in front of the Toby Carvery was muted. Cllr Collins was told that stabilising the footpath near his home was outside the remit of the PPP and that it should be reported to County Cllr Roberts.

### 12.3 Kings Langley Community Association.

12.3.1 Cllr Rogers and Collins had attended the AGM to which many people had attended and there was money in the bank. The refurbishment of the building was discussed. They are keen to maintain charity status.

12.4 Cllr McLean reported that he had had three telephone calls praising the new village newsletter which he felt was very good.

## 13. Vision Group.

### 13.1 Chair / Leader's report

13.1.1 No report.

### 13.2 Sub-group reports

#### 13.2.1 Communication

No report

#### 13.2.2 Transport

No report.

#### 13.2.3 Local Environment

No report.

#### 13.2.4 Local Business

No report.

#### 13.2.5 Recreation / Leisure

No report

## 14. High Street Surgeries

14.1 The next surgery was on 21<sup>st</sup> April and then 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## 15. Other Matters.

### 15.1 Annual Parish Meeting.

15.1.1 Cllr Johnson reported that only one photograph was entered in the photographic competition from a primary school pupil and the presentation would be done at the school rather than at the APM.



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15.1.2 Cllr Angiolini confirmed that Dalling & Co would do the catering for 60 people and that the bar would be open.

15.1.3 Cllr Morrish gave his apologies as his daughter was getting married.

15.2 WW1 Remembrance

15.2.1 Cllrs McLean and Johnson hoped to arrange a meeting with the church wardens about having the Remembrance Service in the church on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. Achiet le Grand have indicated that they have nothing planned this year.

16. Any Other Business.

16.1 None

Meeting closed at 21:27.