



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th June 2018 at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Cllr Anderson, McLean and Morrish.

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 was unable to be present but had provided details of the following 11 crimes recorded for May 2018:

| Reported Crime | Incidence | Details |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|
| Burglary (other) | 1 | Chipperfield Road – shed broken into – lawnmower taken |
| Damage or Destroy <£5,000 | 5 | Langley Hill – moped’s tyre slashed Red Lion PH – police car damaged Beechfield – car damaged near garage block Chipperfield Road – rear fences damaged (x2) |
| Theft (other) | 3 | Hempstead Road – lawnmower (Kings Langley Parish Council) Langley Lodge Lane – industrial batteries from ‘phone mast station Coniston Road – attempted theft from motor vehicle |
| Other crimes | 2 | Drink driving Hospice of St Francis shop – attempted burglary, no entry gained. |
| Total | 11 | |

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There were 8 crimes reported in the previous month (April 2018)

4.1.3 Cllr Rogers questioned whether it was necessary for the Council to hear all the detail of crimes at its meeting. Although other members were happy to continue to receive PCSO Martin’s oral report in its customary format, the Chair suggested that the Clerk might like to suggest that it deals with highlights and questions.



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- 4.2 Police & Crime Commissioner's Newsletter / Latest Corporate Communication Report
- 4.2.1 Neither received.

- 4.3 Neighbourhood Watch.
- 4.3.1 No report.
- 4.3.2 "OWL" Communications.
- 4.3.2.1 The Chair reported that he was now receiving these.
- 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 was not present at this time.
- 5.2 Consultation on the Proposal to Alter the Current Provision of Primary Behaviour Support Service in the Dacorum Area. This proposal would require:

The closure of the Primary Support Base at Reddings Primary School; and

The commissioning of a new service for the area, including support to mainstream schools and short stay provision, from the Dacorum Support Centre, in Tenzing Road.

- 5.2.1 This item was noted.
- 5.3 Other matters.
- 5.3.1 The Clerk reported that he had seen a proposal to "outsource" the library service and that he hoped Cllr Roberts would be able to provide further details.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 1st May 2018.

- 6.1 Cllr Jackson provided some corrections to and clarification of minute 15.3.2 which stated "Cllr Jackson reported on recent newsletters produced in conjunction with West Herts College, copies of which were circulated for Members. The Clerk asked where the funding for these and other Neighbourhood Watch activities came from, to which Cllr Jackson replied that mostly it came from the Police & Crime Commissioner and some from the sale of card wallets.":

"The newsletters I distributed at the meeting, created by the students at West Herts College, were printed thanks to a donation of £800 from Cllr Richard Roberts' locality grant, with the balance met by funds from Dacorum NHW Association.

The Dacorum NHW Assoc. newsletter (not the Student one, and yet to be finalised for this year) will be paid for by a grant from the PCC along with funds from DNHWA. Our funds come, in the main, from selling the OWL Card Minders locally.



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Funding for other NHW activities are sought according to the projects we're working on."

6.2 The Clerk stated that he had omitted to minute Cllr Anderson's report regarding the future of Rucklers Lane Community Association and the Hall: he and Cllr Morrish were examining ways to keep them going, perhaps under the auspices of the Parish Council.

6.3 It was then, proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That, subject to the additions and amendments contained in 6.1 and 6.2 above, the minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2018 be adopted as a true record.

6.4 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 None.

8. Reports.

8.1 Standing Committees.

8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

8.1.1.1 Minutes of the meeting(s) of 17th April and 1st May 2018 as approved by Committee on 15th May 2018.

8.1.1.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 17th April and 1st May 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

8.4 Clerk's Report / Action List

8.4.1 The Clerk reported that he had completed his work on the accounts for 2017-18, subject to internal audit, which would take place the following week. He had also been updating the new website and documentation for the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

8.5 Cllr Roberts arrived at this point and was invited to give his report.

8.5.1 Cllr Roberts started by reminding the meeting that he felt that the most pressing issues were Vicarage lane and the High Street "pinch-point", although he did not have any progress to report on these.



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- 8.5.2 In response to the Clerks question regarding the proposals to “outsource” the library service, Cllr Roberts acknowledged that it was receiving serious consideration, adding that it would involve a new organisation incorporating the existing staff and volunteers, and that it would realise some financial viability as a result of a reduction in Business Rates.
- 8.5.3 Cllr Rogers reported that the drains in Barnes Lane had still not been cleared and there was frequent flooding. There was concern for the “Puffaten” run which used the lane. Cllr Roberts responded that he had booked the Vactor vehicle and would ensure this was done, as would the gullies at the cross roads at the top of The Common, although he did not anticipate that the one outside the Toby Carvery would be.
- 8.5.4 Cllr Jackson reported that the grass verges were much in need of a cut, although it was acknowledged that this work was performed by Dacorum Borough Council as contractors to Hertfordshire County Council, and that weather conditions had been favourable to growth this year.
- 8.5.5 The Clerk reminded Cllr Roberts that he had promised to respond to Mrs Fulton of Rectory Lane regarding the condition of the white posts in the High Street.
- 8.5.6 Several Members noted that the surfacing in Barnes Lane had deteriorate, particularly at the edges, although this was probably caused by motorists driving over them. Cllr Roberts undertook to check it.
- 8.5.7 Whilst it was noted that the footways in Whitlars Drive were being repaired / resurfaced, the Clerk asked whether any progress had been made in dealing with the very uneven surface on the southern footway of Havelock Road, this being caused in the main by tree roots, and, therefore, has wider implications. Cllr Roberts undertook to look at this again.
- 8.5.8 Cllr Roberts finished by stating that he hoped he would have a costing the the works on the High Street pinch-point by the next meeting.
- 8.5.9 Cllr Roberts left the meeting at this point having been thanked for his attendance and contribution.
- 8.6 Village Warden’s Activities, Priorities and Planning.
- 8.6.1 The Clerk reported that the warden had been spending most of his time recently preparing, planting some 1400 plants in the Council’s flower beds, and watering these, the High Street troughs and the village garden.

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for May 2018.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for May 2018 in the sum of £11,126.62 be adopted, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.

9.1.2 The Chair then signed the schedule of payments.

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllrs Anderson and McLean were not present. There were no items.



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- 10.2 Hertfordshire County Council Matters (not requiring the presence of Cllr Roberts).
- 10.2.1 None.

11. Members Items / Reports and Questions (not included elsewhere).

- 11.1 Portfolios and Vision Group.
- 11.2 Reports on the following:

| Member | Vision | Geographical area |
|----------------|--|---|
| Cllr Anderson | | |
| Cllr Angiolini | | Abbots Rise area |
| Cllr Button | Transport / Highways | The Common, Vicarage Lane / Langley Hill / Great Park |
| Cllr Collins | Business / Communications | Hempstead Road areas |
| Cllr De Silva | | Blackwell Road area |
| Cllr Jackson | Communications | Coniston area |
| Cllr Johnson | Leisure / Village Garden / Allotments / Litter picks | Watford Road area |
| Cllr McLean | | |
| Cllr Morrish | Local environment | Rucklers area |
| Cllr Rogers | Business | High Street area |

- 11.2.1 Cllr Angiolini was pleased to report that KLG N had helped an elderly resident on the Bury Estate removing some overgrowing trees.
- 11.2.2 Cllr Collins reported that signs from the Toby Carvery had been blown from their posts / holders on at least two occasions, adding that he had informed the on-site management.
- 11.2.3 Cllr Jackson reported that issue three of the Village Newspaper was underway and will be available in July. This had been delayed slightly to include the carnival.
- 11.2.4 Cllr Johnson referred Members to the reports he had circulated by email. He added that there was a substantial amount of litter around the edges of the senior school fence, which was quite an eyesore. It was suggested that the Clerk should write to the Head with a view to it being cleared as part of detention.
- 11.2.5 Cllr Johnson added that the EGM of the Allotments Association was imminent.
- 11.2.6 Cllr Rogers would be circulating the notes of the recent business group meeting shortly. He added that one of the main points to arise was a “dislike” of the carnival, at which Member expressed some dismay as it was a once-a-year event.

11.3 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson).

- 11.3.1 The next litter pick was scheduled for 24th June, the day after the carnival. It was agreed that this would be cancelled. The Clerk would issue the appropriate notices.

12. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

- 12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK).
- 12.1.1 No update.



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12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP).

12.2.1 The fence on the footpath (permitted path) in Chipperfield Road (Whippendell Bottom) had been replaced.

12.3 Kings Langley Community Association.

12.3.1 No report.

12.4 Others.

12.4.1 None.

13. High Street Surgeries

13.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 16th June. As this was only a week before carnival day and the day before the Puffaten, it was agreed that it would be cancelled. The Clerk would issue the appropriate notices.

14. Other Matters.

14.1 WW1 Remembrance.

14.1.1 Representatives of All Saints Church had agreed to hold the Armistice Day remembrance service at 11am, although they had expressed concern regarding numbers. Sir Mike Penning had responded that he would not be able to attend. It was not known whether the other churches had been informed. Cllrs McLean, Johnson and Jackson would be meeting All Saints to discuss more detail.

14.1.2 Commemorative trees.

The Clerk stated that he felt the most appropriate siting for these would be in the church yard adjacent to the war memorial as replacements for the line of Leylandii, which were overgrown and have needed some substantial works (if not removal) for many years. It was agreed that the practicalities and costs of this should be further explored. Cllr Johnson undertook to seek a quote for removal and replanting with suitable replacements. The Clerk undertook to contact Luke Johnson, Dacorum Borough Council's Tree Officer, for advice.

15. Any Other Business.

15.1 Cllr Angiolini expressed his disappointment that only three Councillors turned out for the recent litter pick.

Meeting closed at 21:04.