



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th July (rescheduled from 3rd July) 2018 at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

Present: Cllrs 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 Cllr Anderson.

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 12 crimes recorded for June 2018:

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary (dwelling)	1	Chipperfield Road – bungalow, entry via living room window
Burglary (other)	1	Coniston Road – mower & strimmer taken from unlocked shed
Theft from motor vehicle	3	Rucklers Lane – purse taken from unlocked car Rucklers Lane – unlocked car entered – nothing taken Waterside – van window broken – tools taken
Theft of motor vehicle	2	Jubilee Walk – Range Rover Evoque stolen (keyless) – found Watford. (DNA hit) Jubilee Walk – Range Rover Sport stolen (keyless) – found Watford.
Damage or Destroy <£5,000	3	Kings Langley School – graffiti – known offender Coniston Road – car window broken Waterside - attempted TFMV – rear door of van damaged – no entry gained
Theft (from shop)	1	High Street (Spar) – known offender
Other crimes	1	High Street (Chemist) – counterfeit £20 note
Total	12	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There were 11 crimes reported in the previous month (May 2018)



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4.1.3 The report from PCSO Martin was noted.

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

4.2.1 Neither received. As it had been some time since either of these had been received the Clerk would remove this item from the standard agenda.

4.3 Neighbourhood Watch.

4.3.1 Cllr Jackson reported that there was a disappointing lack of support from the Dacorum Police hierarchy and that a complaint had been registered with Herts Police HQ. Cllr Jackson added that there was also a parallel appearance of low morale amongst PCSOs, with resources being severely stretched. For example, PCSO Martin is now covering five wards. Cllr McLean added that he was also aware of low morale. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Police Commissioner.

4.3.2 "OWL" Communications.

4.3.2.1 Cllr Jackson reported that the "OWL" messages still needed some improving.

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.

5.2 Other matters.

5.2.1 Cllr Morrish reported that he had had quite a long meeting with Cllr Roberts recently, ostensibly to request financial assistance for the Parish Plan, although several other issues were discussed. There did not appear to have been any progress on the High Street pinch-point or Vicarage Lane. The Clerk reminded the meeting that Cllr Roberts had stated that he hoped to bring an estimate for the works on the pinch-point to this meeting. Cllr Button undertook to write to Cllr Roberts again, although he had not been getting responses to his recent emails.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 5th & 19th June 2018.

6.1 The Clerk had issued amended minutes for the meeting of 19th June.

6.2 It was then, proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 5th & 19th June 2018 be adopted as a true record.

6.3 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 Minute 11.2.5 (5th June 2018): Cllr Johnson reported that Kings Langley Allotments and Gardens Association (KLAGA) had had its extraordinary general meeting and



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that there had been several changes to the management committee. Further that the Council would be asked to allow plastic film to be used to cover glass windows and glass houses, and to change the rules accordingly. The Clerk responded that they had already been informed that covering existing glass with plastic film would be allowed, and reviewed to ensure it was serving the purpose, but that glass would not be permissible in any future structures, and that, therefore, this would not require a change to rules or conditions in the Council's agreement with them.

8. Reports.

8.1 Standing Committees.

8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

8.1.1.1 Minutes of the meeting(s) of 15th May and 5th June 2018 as approved by Committee on 19th June 2018.

8.1.1.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 15th May and 5th June 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 been updating the website and that it should be ready for circulation and then publication within the next month. He added that he estimated that he had spent some 50 hours to date on this.

8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 The Clerk reported that the warden had been spending most of his time recently watering the Council's flower beds, the High Street troughs and the village garden.

8.5.2 Cllr McLean reported that he had received another complaint regarding the state of the church yard. He had referred this to Dacorum Borough Council's Simon Coultas, but his response was unhelpful, so he wondered whether the Parish Council would consider employing a contractor (say) twice a year to provide some sprucing up. The Clerk added that there were regular complaints on social media (Facebook) and that it appeared that it was at its worst after Clean, Safe and Green had been, as they leave all the grass cuttings. There was some debate, but, in general, Members felt that it was Dacorum Borough Council's responsibility, and agreed, therefore, that the Clerk would send a formal complaint.



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9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for March (additional) and June 2018.

9.1.1 The Clerk explained that the late payments in March had not been presented for approval, adding that he was grateful to the Council's Internal Auditor for noticing this. It was then:

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for March (additional) and June 2018 in the sums of £593.00 and £13,080.22, respectively, 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 of the Council's Bank Account Statements (as at 31st May 2018).

9.2.1 The statements were not available

9.3 Income and Expenditure Statements 2018-19.

9.3.1 Members considered and noted the reports as at 30th June 2018, which had been provided with the agenda, and the statement to that effect, was signed by the Chair.

9.4 Parish Plan.

9.4.1 Update and Consideration of a request for funding.

9.4.2 Members had received a brief update with the agenda and Cllr Morrish spoke further to this. He announced the team members and the "key work streams" to which they had been assigned, adding that they had begun researching these areas in other parish plans. He had identified some initial costs for a) sourcing and processing demography data to develop a village profile (£1,000) and b) Housing needs analysis (£2000). Cllr Roberts had agreed to provide £1000 and he asked that the Parish Council agree to cover the remaining £2000.

9.4.3 It was noted that there was a budget of £3,500 for "Visioning".

9.4.4 Cllr Button asked what the life of the plan would be, and it was noted that it be under regular review, but then, at an appropriate time the Parish Plan would be converted to a Neighbourhood Plan which would attract £9,000 of government funding and additional CIL receipts.

9.4.5 It was therefore:

Proposed (Cllr Morrish), seconded (Cllr Rogers) and RESOLVED

That the Council approve expenditure of £2,000 for the Parish Plan. Amounts would be drawn as required.



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10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllr McLean reported that much of the Boroughs activity still involved the Local Plan. It had transpired that the results / submissions from the consultation had still not been analysed and that no date could be given when this exercise would be completed. Meanwhile, new government requirement figures were soon to be announced.

10.1.2 Cllr McLean was also pleased to announce that reports in the local and national press that former Mayor, Cllr Gillian Chapman, had died, were false, and that she is very much alive and well. Sadly, it was a namesake from St Albans, who had died.

10.1.3 Cllr Morrish asked if there was any news when the splash park would be opening as he was unable to find any. Cllr McLean undertook to find out.

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 Jackson reported that issue three of the Village Newspaper was now out and that issue four was due in September.

11.2.2 Cllr Jackson also reported that the newly planted trees in Coniston Road were suffering in the current dry spell and would likely die if not watered very soon. The Clerk added that he had already received an undertaking from Dacorum Borough Council that they had been scheduled for watering by the Borough's arboricultural contractors, although he did not feel the frequency of this would be sufficient. Cllr McLean undertook to pursue this matter with Luke Johnson.

11.3 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson).

11.3.1 The next litter pick was scheduled for 29th July, but as this is the weekend of the gardens' competition judging, it was agreed that the litter pick would be postponed until the 5th August. The Clerk would issue the appropriate notices.

11.4 Gardens' Competition.



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11.4.1 Members confirmed that the competition should remain within the parish boundary.

11.4.2 It was also felt that there should be an award for the “yarn bombing” “hanging baskets” in the High Street.

11.5 Business Group.

11.5.1 Cllr Rogers reported on the latest meeting of the above. Sadly, only five people attended, although there were several apologies. He added that the group was still seeking a chairperson.

12. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK).

12.1.1 No update.

12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP).

12.2.1 No update.

12.3 Kings Langley Community Association.

12.3.1 The next meeting was the following day.

12.4 Others.

12.4.1 None.

13. High Street Surgeries

13.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 18th August. Cllrs Johnson and Morrish would be in attendance.

14. Other Matters.

14.1 Commemorating the end of WW1 / Armistice Day / Remembrance Service.

14.1.1 Cllrs Johnson, McLean and Jackson had had further discussions with representatives of All Saints Church which involved the timetable and programme, confirmation of the vicar, and managing 200+ attendees. It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide refreshments and purchase a wreath as in previous years. It was also agreed that the Anglian Regiment would be invited to attend.

14.1.2 Commemorative Trees / Silhouettes.

Commemorative Trees.

Cllr Johnson had obtained a quote for the felling of the leylandii trees in the church yard (along Watford Road) and the replacement planting with fastigate varieties (narrow canopy) of flowering cherries. The cost of removal alone would be £16,000. Some Members still had doubts that there would be sufficient space for the number of trees being considered. It was generally felt that the cost was more than the Council could justify to its residents. Several alternative suggestions were discussed, and it was concluded that a single mature tree to be planted in the village garden to the memory of all who fought in the war, would be appropriate. Cllr Johnson undertook to do some research and seek a quote.

Commemorative Silhouettes.



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Cllr Jackson reported that the arrangements regarding the acquisition of the silhouettes were changing and that the current position was unclear, so it was agreed to defer any further discussion on them until the next Council meeting.

14.2 Abbots and Kings Langley Branch RAFA Battle of Britain Parade and Service 2018 – St Lawrence Church, Abbots Langley, Sunday 16th September.

14.2.1 It was noted that this event had moved from Langleybury church, which the Clerk understood was for safety reasons. It was agreed that Cllrs Angiolini and McLean would represent the Parish Council and that a wreath would be purchased as in previous years. It was suggested that the Council should see if it could obtain knitted wreaths from the Art & Crafts Group.

15. Any Other Business.

15.1 Cllr Johnson questioned what was now required to finalise the Council's involvement in the Green Belt petitions. It was agreed that the paper petitions would stop immediately, and the final numbers collated. Cllr Jackson undertook to contact Mike Penning to agree how to conclude the matter.

Meeting closed at 21:14.