



# KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October 2018** at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

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

Also Present: Mrs Beverley Ross, Administrative Assistant; PCSO Ian Martin

Cllr Angiolini chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Cllrs Button, Morrish and Rogers.

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 17 crimes that had been recorded during September 2018 and advised that Hemel Hempstead police station was being renovated.

<b>Reported Crime</b>	<b>Incidence</b>	<b>Details</b>
Burglary (dwelling)	2	Common Lane – “jemmied” rear window Love Lane - attempt
Burglary (other)	2	Rectory Farm High Street, pharmacy
Theft from motor vehicle	3	High Street – tail-lift from van Osbourne Avenue – theft of wing mirror covers Hempstead Road, Premier Inn – tools from van
Theft of motor vehicle	1	Rectory Farm – Ford transit
Damage or Destroy <£5,000	3	Church Lane, Kings Tyres – window broken Beechfield – garage door Hempstead Road, Toby Carvery – drunk kicked police car
Drug related	2	Hempstead Road (2)
Other crimes	4	Riverside Close – motorcycle cover removed Hempstead Road, Toby Carvery – drunk & disorderly Hempstead Road, Toby Carvery – assault on police officer Watford Road – police car rammed (following attempted burglary in Abbots Langley)
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	



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- 4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.
- 4.1.2 There had been 10 recorded crimes in the previous month (August).

## 4.2 Neighbourhood Watch.

- 4.2.1 Cllr Jackson reported that she had recently done a presentation.
- 4.2.2 “OWL” Communications.
  - 4.2.2.1 No further reports

## 4.3 Other Matters.

- 4.3.1 None.

## 5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (1)

### 5.1 Highways Matters

- 5.1.1 Cllr Jackson asked if it was time to put up the “Do Not Park on the Grass” signs but it was felt that there may still be mowing to be done. Cllr McLean will email Clean Safe and Green to find out.

### 5.2 Consultation on revised Statement of Community Involvement.

- 5.2.1 This item was noted.

### 5.3 Grand Union Canal – “Ordinary Watercourse Clearance”

- 5.3.1 This item related to the discussions concerning the clearing of the watercourses alongside the canal and the action and agreements that had been established to allow it to take place. The item was noted.

## 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

- 6.1` Cllr Jackson pointed out that page 2 states Richard Roberts was not present; although he was.

- 6.2 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that, subject to the above amendment:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be adopted as a true record.

- 6.3 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 The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were adopted as a true record.



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## 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.

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

8.5.1 No report.

8.5.2 Members gave thanks to the warden for clearing the area at the bottom of Rucklers Lane.

## 9. Finance Matters

### 9.1 Schedule of Payments for September 2018.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedules for September 2018 in the sum of £13,664.90 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.

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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 were:

Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£137,674.24
NS&I Investment Account:	£44,850.80

### 9.3 External Audit for the year ended 31st March 2018.

9.3.1 The External Auditor's letter, report and certificate was accepted.

9.3.2 On the Council's behalf, Cllr Anderson gave thanks to the clerk for the successful audit.

### 9.4 Replacement telephony.

9.4.1 The Clerk had prepared a statement showing the current costs of telephony and communications with proposals for replacing the telephony with an on-line "hosted" system, reconfiguring the lines to provide voice usage of the over the broadband line, and to resurrect the door entry control system.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the proposal from Associated Systems Ltd, at a cost of £105 per month, be accepted and the Clerk be authorised to progress the arrangements.



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## 10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

### 10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllr Anderson reported that the draft Local Plan due to be published for consultation in the autumn had been delayed again. The target of building 1100 houses per year for 20 years was based on a population forecast which, it had emerged, was inaccurate. 600 houses per year had been the Borough Council's preferred option, but because the Government had delayed determining the Council's target, it was not going to be possible to produce the draft Local Plan until next summer.

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

10.2.1 Cllr Angiolini had spoken with a resident concerned with crossing the road at Red Lion Lane which the resident considered to be dangerous, with particular concern for the safety of school children. It was agreed to put the item on the next agenda. Cllr Anderson reported that the road markings were different after resurfacing and would like to see the old markings back.

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

### 11.1 Portfolios and Vision Group - 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

11.1.1 Cllr Jackson reported that the next edition of the village newspaper would be bought forward to cover the Remembrance service.

11.1.2 Cllr Collins reported that the pavement had been resurfaced at Whitlars Drive but noted that rubble had been left by the steps from Hempstead Road. He had met with Richard Roberts about the puddle.

11.1.3 Cllr Johnson reported that a large branch of the cedar tree had been removed from the village garden. There was now a better view of the memorial. The removal of the fir trees would amount to £10,000 and Dacorum would be contacted about this. He would be organising a skip for the rubble.

11.1.4 At the Carnival presentation evening at total of £5,400 was given to local groups.

### 11.2 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson).

11.2.1 Cllr Johnson reported that 2 members of the public had attended the last litter pick.



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- 11.3 Parish Plan.
- 11.3.1 No update - Cllr Morrish was not present at the meeting.
- 11.4 Other Items.
- 11.4.1 None.

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

- 12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK).
- 12.1.1 No update - Cllr Morrish was not present at the meeting.
- 12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP).
- 12.2.1 No update - Cllr Morrish was not present at the meeting.
  
- 12.3 Kings Langley Community Association.
- 12.3.1 Cllr Jackson reported that there was no telephone number to ring in an emergency for people hiring the Community Centre. Cllr Collins agreed to mention this at the next meeting.
  
- 12.4 Others.
- 12.4.1 None.

## 13. High Street Surgeries

- 13.1 The next surgery will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

## 14. Other Matters.

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

### 14.1.1 Updates:

- a) Remembrance Sunday arrangements / Timetable / Refreshments  
Cllr Jackson reported that she had had no reply from Carolyn Andrews re publicity but had been advised to try again. Organisation of refreshments was all in hand. Cllr McLean had 1000 paper cups that can be used. Kings Langley School had asked to lay a wreath.
- b) Roll of Honour
- c) Exhibition
- d) Commemorative tree / unveiling  
Cllr Johnson reported the tree has been purchased and would be planted before the event. Sarah Fisher will do the unveiling and the Chair will be asked to meet her.
- e) Silhouettes / siting  
The half silhouettes will be sited in the church. The main Tommies by the memorial and then a decision would be made as to where to put them.

### 14.1.2 Approval of costs.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the costs associated with the following items be approved:

- a) Remembrance Sunday – Refreshments, Wreath and Donation to RBL  
The usual donation will be given to the RBL.



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- b) Roll of Honour – printing  
It was agreed a sum of £210 for the cost of printing and a suggested donation of £1 be asked for each booklet for the Poppy Appeal.
- c) Commemorative tree – supply and planting / plaque - £584.58
- d) Tommy Silhouette - £646.92

### 14.2 Gardens' Competition Presentation Evening 12th October.

#### 14.2.1 Cllr Angiolini provided an update:

- Cllrs Angiolini and Johnson will source raffle prizes as usual.
- The cricket pavilion will be opened at 6pm.
- Dalling & Co will supply the buffet
- The charity chosen was Christian Aid (50 years in Kings Langley). Paul Tucker would be asked to attend and talk a little about the charity.

### 14.3 Community Benches / Seats / Bus stop shelter – this item was deferred to the next meeting:

- a) Rucklers Lane
- b) Vicarage Lane - query over ownership of land
- c) Outside Kings Langley Services Club
- d) Dedications to Douglas Walker, Graham Taylor & WA Sharpe

### 14.4. Rucklers Lane Traffic Calming

#### 14.4.1 Cllr Anderson introduced this item and requested approval to purchase various signage.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that a cost of £85.55 be approved.

## 15. Any Other Business.

- 15.1 Cllr Jackson reported that the church clock was not working properly and would probably be very expensive to repair. It was noted however that the Parish Council was responsible for the clock. It was generally agreed that there should be a clock on the tower even if the current one was costly to keep getting repaired. Cllr McLean suggested that if the clock didn't chime at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, a bell could be tolled instead.

## 16. Exclusion of the Public.

- 16.1 There were no members of the public present.



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## PART TWO

### 17. Budget 2019-20

17.1 Cllr McLean asked the Council to think about repairs to the canal towpath. Could a contribution be made towards the cost, maybe from the solar panel funds? Cllr Anderson proposed it be put as a separate item on the projects fund of £2,000.

### 18. Complaint to the Information Commissioners Office.

18.1 Cllr Anderson advised Members that the Council had received a complaint about the Village Poll. A resident of the village whose name and address appeared first on the poll had had her details published and as a result it could be seen via a Google search. It was however Dacorum Borough Council that had published the poll. The Clerk had reported the complaint to Dacorum who in turn deleted it from their website. Unfortunately, it still appeared on Google. Cllr Anderson had sent an email to the complainant to the effect that responsibility lay with Google and to take the complaint to them. However, the complainant re-directed the complaint back to Dacorum and the Parish Council. The Parish Council then sought legal advice. It should be noted that the Extraordinary Parish Meeting at which the request for a Poll was signed was prior to the introduction of General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and that the Council was not required to warn people that their details would be published. Cllr Anderson stressed that, although the Council organised the meeting, it was the villagers who commissioned the Poll, and again that as the Council didn't need to warn the public and didn't publish the data it was not at fault. At this point the Council is waiting to see if any further action will come from the complainant and for further legal advice.

Meeting closed at 9.26pm.

There were no appendixes.