



# KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018** at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

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

Also Present: Mr Paul Dunham, Clerk to the Council.

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 (at this point).

4. Police Matters and Other Services.

4.1 PCSO Ian Martin was unable to be present but had provided a report on the 16 crimes that had been recorded during October 2018.

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary (dwelling)	2	Rucklers Lane – jewellery and cash taken Tylers Close – jewellery taken
Burglary (other)	1	Kings Langley Library – attempt, no entry
Theft of motor vehicle	2	Toby Carvery – Volvo car
Damage or Destroy <£5,000	3	Hempstead Road – window of car broken Osbourne Avenue – hole drilled into van’s door Rucklers Lane – 2 car tyres slashed
Theft from shop	2	High Street – Spar (2)
Theft (other)	3	Barnes Lane – batteries from phone mast Sunderland’s Yard – truck batteries Langley Lodge Lane – items taken from farm outbuilding
Drug related	2	Hempstead Road – cannabis The Nap - cannabis
Other crimes	1	High Street – personal robbery (schoolchildren)
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There had been 17 recorded crimes in the previous month (September).

4.1.3 It was noted that the Volvo (see above in “Theft of Motor Vehicle”), may have been towed away.



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- 4.2 Neighbourhood Watch.
  - 4.2.1 Cllr Jackson reported that, as a result of recent burglaries etc in Rucklers Lane, she and PCSO Martin were attempting organise the residents into a more unified approach under Neighbourhood Watch, with a proposed meeting in the hall.
  - 4.2.2 “OWL” Communications.
    - 4.2.2.1 No further reports
- 4.3 Other Matters.
  - 4.3.1 None.

Cllr Rogers arrived at this point.

- 4.4 Mr Daniel Kidd of Rucklers Lane had arrived for item 3 to discuss the proposal to install a simple bench at the bus stop by the second cul-de-sac, which had been requested by some elderly residents. Cllr Anderson described the back-ground. It was noted that there were two buses per week, which were well used. Mr Kidd expressed concerns that the bench might become an unwanted meeting point for undesirables. It was noted (Cllrs Jackson and McLean) that there was no history of problems in that area. Cllr Button suggested that it could also be discussed at the proposed Neighbourhood Watch meeting (see 4.2.1).
  - 4.4.1 However, Members felt that the bench should be installed, and Mr Kidd was given assurances that should any problems arise, it would be removed. Cllr Anderson also undertook to monitor its usage.

## 5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (1)

- 5.1 Highways Matters
  - 5.1.1 Several long-running issues were discussed, including progress on resolving the High Street pinch-point – services reports were still awaited, and problems with pedestrian crossings.
  - 5.1.2 The Clerk reported that Cllr Roberts had informed him that formal consultation was underway regarding parking in Avenue Approach.
- 5.2 Red Lion Lane Crossing (Cllr Angiolini)
  - 5.2.1 It was agreed to defer this item until Cllr Roberts was present.
- 5.3 Complaint re hanging baskets at Langley Hill
  - 5.3.1 Members had a copy of an email from a resident who was concerned with visibility issues caused by the planters on the rail to the south of Langley Hill. The Clerk reported that Cllr Roberts had responded that he did not believe it was a major issue but would monitor the situation when the plants a fully grown again next season. It was agreed that this would be monitored.
- 5.4 Cllr Button undertook to contact Cllr Roberts again for an update on the current issues.
- 5.5 It was agreed that the “please don’t park on the grass verges” signs could now be put up. The Clerk undertook to arrange their production and placement.



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## 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.

6.1 Cllr Jackson suggested that Minute 10.1.1 should read and be amended to: "...The target of building 1100 houses per year for 20 years was based on a population forecast which, it had emerged, was inaccurate...", rather than "...The target of building 1100 houses per year for 20 years was based on a population forecast which, it had emerged, was accurate...". This was agreed.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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 18<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 were adopted as a true record.

8.2 Chair's Reports

8.2.1 No report.

8.3 Reports from Chairs of other Committees / Groups.

8.3.1 Cllr Angiolini updated Members on the Christmas Lights event, in particular the need for volunteers to erect and dismantle the barriers as Cllr Button would not be available this year. It was noted that Cllr Button had purchased new barriers personally, for which he was thanked.

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.

## 9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for October 2018.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedules for October 2018 in the sum of £16,801.86 be adopted, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.



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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> October 2018 were:

Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£115,830.33
NS&I Investment Account:	£44,850.80

9.3 The Hospice of St Francis “Light up a Life” dedication.

9.3.1 Cllr Angiolini asked that the Council contributes to this initiative, especially in memory of former Chair, Ron Smith.

9.3.2 It was proposed (Cllr Angiolini), seconded (Cllr McLean) and RESOLVED:

That the Council contributes £75 to the above “light up a Life” dedication.

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

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 No reports.

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

10.2.1 Cllr Johnson reported that several of the white wooden bollards in the High Street had been missing or had seen better days. The whole question of whether they were needed was then debated. It was finally agreed that the Clerk should raise this with Cllr Roberts.

10.2.2 Cllr Jackson had raised several issues and suggestions in an email to the Chair and, having been issued with the agenda, they were tabled here. Cllr McLean responded that it was usual that many schemes had very high costs of consultation and Cllr Anderson added that it was very common that good suggestions were frustrated because of the high costs. It was agreed that the best way to take these ideas and frustrations forward was to have a specific meeting with Cllr Roberts, and the Clerk undertook to arrange this. The Clerk would also produce a “wish list” form for members to complete.

## 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



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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 latest version of the village newspaper had been issued.

11.1.2 Cllr Collins reported that a lot of rubble had been left in Havelock Road. Cllr Anderson undertook to contact Dacorum Borough Council.

11.1.3 Cllr Collins also reported a dead fox. He was advised to refer this to Dacorum Borough Council.

11.1.4 Cllr Collins added that the path at the Toby Carvery was still muddy.

11.2 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson).

11.2.1 Cllr Johnson reported that he and Cllrs Jackson and McLean had spent the morning of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October tidying the village garden in advance of Remembrance Day.

11.3 Parish Plan.

11.3.1 Cllr Morrish presented a draft of the Parish Plan questionnaire.

There were some points raised to which Cllr Morrish responded, including:

- a) Cllr Button was concerned with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) issues, but Cllr Morrish had taken advice and that it would not be possible to identify individual responders
- b) Cllr Button also felt that there were too many age ranges
- c) Cllr Anderson mentioned that he had carried out a similar survey / appraisal in 1998, which would be worth referring to
- d) The timing of the public issue needed to be carefully considered
- e) Questions regarding housing were also queried

Cllr Morrish agreed to consider all the comments and to liaise with Cllr Anderson on several matters.

11.3.2 Dacorum Borough Council: Bovington Parish Council – neighbourhood area designation.

This item was noted

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.

12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP).

12.2.1 No update.

12.3 Kings Langley Community Association.

12.3.1 The question of a PA system had been raised which the association was considering.



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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. Cllr Johnson would be attending.

## 14. Other Matters.

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

14.1.1 Updates:

- a) There had been issues with the church clock needing urgent repairs and Cllr Jackson complained that there had been confusion and poor communication and co-ordination generally. It was understood that the clock would be repaired in time for Remembrance Day. As a contingency, Cllr Button undertook to “hook up” his PA system to Big Ben.
- b) The roll of Honour was being printed the day following this meeting

14.2 Dates for Meetings 2019.

14.2.1 Members considered and agreed the dates for next year’s meetings. It was noted that because of the elections in May, the Annual Meeting of the Council would be on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Anderson asked that the July meeting be held in Rucklers Lane Village Hall, which was agreed (subject to it being available).

14.3 Christmas and New Year Office Opening Hours.

14.3.1 Members considered and agreed the following:

24-Dec	25-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CLOSED	CLOSED - Christmas Day	CLOSED - Boxing Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
31-Dec	01-Jan	02-Jan	03-Jan	04-Jan
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CLOSED	New Year’s Day			

Staff would take three days annual leave, but the Council also agreed to grant one additional day.

14.4 Kings Langley Community Award.

14.4.1 Cllr Morrish presented revised criteria for the determination of the awards, the intention of which was to make them more meaningful. These were agreed. It was also agreed that the nominated judges would perform a trial to prove their viability.

14.5 Community Benches / Seats / Bus stop shelter

14.5.1 This item had been deferred from the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

- a) Rucklers Lane – see above (4.4). This would be progressed.
- b) Vicarage Lane – Cllr Anderson would be doing a search to ascertain ownership of the land.
- c) Outside Kings Langley Services Club – awaiting Hertfordshire County Council.



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- d) Dedications to Douglas Walker, Graham Taylor & WA Sharpe – the dedication for Douglas Walker would be placed on the bench in The Nap, opposite his house, Graham Taylor's on the bench on the right lower common, overlooking where he used to live, and WA Sharpe's is still to be determined.

Cllr Rogers gave his apologies and left at this point.

15. Any Other Business.

15.1 None.

16. Exclusion of the Public.

16.1 There were no members of the public present.

### PART TWO

17. Review of Charges for Hire of Council Hall to be effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

17.1 The Clerk had provided copies of the current Terms and Conditions of Hire with the agenda and there was a discussion about the current rate of usage and demand. The outcome of which was that it was,

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the Council would not increase the charges for the use of the hall with effect from 1st April 2019.

18. Budget 2019-20.

18.1 The first draft of the budget was presented by Cllr Anderson and considered by the meeting. It was noted that no increase was being proposed, although some issues were still unresolved, including the cost of repairing the church clock and a shortfall in the Christmas Lights account.

18.2 The Chair thanked Cllr Anderson for his hard work in the production of the budget.

Meeting closed at 10pm.

There were no appendixes.