



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

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

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

Cllr Angiolini took the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Cllrs Anderson, Button and McLean.

2. Declarations of Interest.

2.1 Cllr Johnson declared a Personal Interest in item 9.4 (Request for Financial Assistance – Kings Langley Charities) as he had submitted the request and is a trustee.

3. Public Participation.

3.1 There were no members of the public present.

4. Police Matters and Other Services.

4.1 PCSO Ian Martin was unable to attend the meeting but had sent the following information on the 14 crimes recorded during January 2019.

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary (other)	2	Barnes Rise Belham Road
Theft from motor vehicle	1	Vicarage Lane, attempt
Damage or Destroy <£5,000	4	Hempstead Road – 2 cars damaged Shendish – 1 car damaged Great Park – security lights damaged
Theft (other)	1	Hempstead Road – theft from phone box
Drug related	2	Edmund Mews – cannabis Abbots Rise - cultivation
Other crimes	4	Racial / offensive letter (x2) Miller & Carter - making off without payment following a complaint Blackmail
Total	14	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There had been 16 recorded crimes in the previous month (December).



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4.1.3 Cllr Jackson reported that PCSO Martin had informed her that there had been several further instances of making off without payment at Miller and Carter.

4.2 Neighbourhood Watch.

4.2.1 Cllr Jackson informed the meeting that she would be resigning her position as Dacorum Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, although continuing her Kings Langley role.

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 Further to the special meeting held with Cllr Roberts on the 18th December 2018 and that he had contacted Herts Highways to request a review of the traffic flows and signalling on the M25 Junction 20 roundabout to see if the rate at which traffic left the village could be improved as queues were frequently backing up into the High Street, he had informed Cllr Jackson that this had already been scheduled anyway. There was still no evidence of any progress on any of the other issues raised. The "Job Request List" had been updated and circulated by the Clerk.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 8th & 22nd January 2019.

6.1 It was the proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th & 22nd January 2019 be adopted as a true record.

6.2 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 Cllr Jackson asked if the village warden was now well. The Clerk responded that he was and had returned to work.

8. Reports.

8.1 Standing Committees.

8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

8.1.1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2018 and 8th January 2019 were adopted as a true record.

8.2 Chair's Reports

8.2.1 No report.



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8.3 Reports from Chairs of other Committees / Groups.

8.3.1 None.

8.4 Clerk's Report / Action List

8.4.1 Nothing significant to report.

8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 The Clerk reported that the warden had managed to fill 7 bins with rubbish that he picked in the last week, and also that he had been planting a large number of bulbs (mainly daffodils) that had been given to the Council by a resident of Coniston Road and the Sunnyside Trust. Many of these were planted in Rectory Lane where the previous bulbs had been dug up / destroyed during the development on the corner with The Nap.

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for January 2019.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedules for January 2019 in the sum of £10,371.08 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 Clerk reported that the NS&I Investment Account had received interest of £325.26 on the 1st of January. The Chair had examined the Council's bank account statements prior to the meeting and signed a statement to that effect on behalf of the Members that the balances as at 31st January 2019 were:

Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£78,569.29
NS&I Investment Account:	£45,176.06

9.3 Council land - tree safety / condition survey (Village Garden and Sunderland's Yard Allotments).

9.3.1 Members had been asked to select a contractor for this work from the information and three quotes provided. After some discussion it was felt that, although not the cheapest quote, Bartlett Consulting was the most comprehensive. It was, therefore:

9.3.2 Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That Bartlett Consulting be awarded the contract at a cost of £1,250.

9.3.3 Cllr Rogers asked what would now be done with the report and the Clerk explained that it had arisen because a parish council had been sued for damages and found negligent for not fulfilling its duty of care resulting in its insurance company not paying the claim. The report will be used to formulate a care and maintenance plan for the trees for which the Council was responsible and to seek quotes for the works.



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9.4 Request for Financial Assistance – Kings Langley Charities.

9.4.1 It was proposed (Cllr Angiolini), seconded (Cllr Jackson) and RESOLVED:

That Kings Langley Charities be granted £200.

9.5 Council Debit Card.

9.5.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the Council should obtain a debit card, subject to the introduction of appropriate control procedures and updating its Financial Regulations.

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllrs Anderson and McLean were not present.

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

10.2.1 Members had received details of Hertfordshire County Council’s “Corporate Peer Challenge”, which was noted.

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 noted that some of the car parks in the area had been awarded a “Park Mark”. The Clerk responded that this would have been a Borough initiative and that he had not been informed.

11.1.2 Cllr Collins reported that he was still trying to progress the issue with builder’s rubble at the junction of Havelock Road and Belham Road. The Clerk responded that he would need further information for him to report it.

11.1.3 Cllr Jackson reminded the Members that in her “Communications” capacity she was a member of the Village News group and that the Council may wish to nominate a successor upon her retirement in May.



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- 11.1.4 Cllr Morrish mentioned the works being carried out to trees at Jolly's which had been the subject of considerable discussion and speculation. He undertook to talk to Mrs Jolly.
- 11.1.5 Cllr Johnson reported that he and the Clerk would be meeting Osbornes on their site to discuss their "community" initiative.
- 11.1.6 Cllr Angiolini reported that there were still several pot holes in the Abbots Rise area.
- 11.1.7 The Clerk reported that the Council had acquire some litter bag hoops as had been requested.
- 11.1.8 Cllr Johnson asked that the consultation on the "Extra" motorway service area at Maple Cross be publicised, which the Clerk agreed to do if Cllr Johnson would provide a link.
- 11.1.9 Cllr Rogers reported that the Business Group's discussions regarding the use of land by the community centre had been referred from Dacorum Borough Council's Planning department to Estates.

11.2 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson).

- 11.2.1 Cllrs Jackson and Johnson suggested that the Council's next litter pick (24th February) might be coordinated with the national campaign (as reported in the Daily Mail).

11.3 Parish Plan.

11.3.1 Parish Plan Questionnaire Update

Cllr Morrish reported that there had been over 1000 on-line responses so far plus paper ones. These would have to be entered on-line. He added that one of the key responses was the desire for starter homes. He added further that there had been over 100 responses from the school.

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 TIK had acquired a poly-tunnel for the Rectory Farm site.

12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP).

- 12.2.1 Delivery of the two new lecterns were awaited. Cllr Morrish reported that he had been having discussion regarding their placement (at the entrances to the village).

12.3 Kings Langley Community Association.

- 12.3.1 Cllr Rogers reported that the Association had completed its survey of defibrillator sites and had concluded that, having considered that it might be appropriate to site one at the Community Centre, there was a sufficient number already. The Clerk responded that many of the defibrillators in the village were not necessarily available for general public use (eg at the fire station) and that if they reconsidered, there were grants available and they may wish to approach the Parish Council for a contribution.

12.4 Others.

- 12.4.1 None.



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13. High Street Surgeries

13.1 The next surgery would be on February 16. Cllrs Jackson, Johnson and Morrish would be in attendance.

14. Other Matters.

14.1 Sunderland's Yard Allotments Agreement

14.1.1 The Clerk had presented a draft of the agreement for 2019-2024, which was approved. Cllr Johnson suggested that this might be an item for the Village News.

14.2 Pottery classes.

14.2.1 The Council had received an email regarding support for pottery classes being set up at the Rudolf Steiner School. Members considered that the Council might be able to help in its set up although not on-going support. Cllr Jackson added that she had heard that the kiln at the school was faulty. The Clerk would respond accordingly.

15. Any Other Business.

15.1 Cllr Collins had received a complaint about the boxes being left outside Spar. The Clerk agreed to contact Dacorum Borough Council.

15.2 Cllr Morrish reported that the land opposite the Red Lion had a "for sale" sign.

Meeting closed.