



# KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019** at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Cllr McLean.

2. Declarations of Interest.

2.1 None.

3. Public Participation.

3.1 There were no members of the public present.

4. Police Matters and Other Services.

4.1 PCSO Ian Martin reported on the 13 crimes recorded during March 2019, as follows:

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary (dwelling)	1	Hempstead Road
Burglary (other)	1	Inspired Café.
Damage or destroy <£5k	3	Hempstead Road - 3 cars damaged
Theft from shop	2	Spar Moore's Motorcycles
Drug related	1	High Street – class A
Other crimes	5	Hempstead Road – attempted burglary Kings Meadow – scrap taken High Street – drink drive Coniston Road – criminal damage (cat shot) Vicarage Lane – attempted theft
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There had been 7 recorded crimes in the previous month (February).

4.1.3 PCSO Martin added that the man responsible for delivering “offensive letters” had been issued with an official notice.

4.2 Neighbourhood Watch.

4.2.1 PCSO Martin reported that there had been 50 new recruits in Rucklers Lane as a result of several incidents there recently.



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## 4.2.2 “OWL” Communications.

### 4.2.2.1 No further reports.

## 4.3 Other Matters.

### 4.3.1 There had been recent reports of unwelcome door-to-door sellers, otherwise known as “Nottingham Knockers”. The public were advised they could report these on-line.

## 5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (1).

### 5.1 General.

5.1.1 Cllr Roberts reported that his role at Hertfordshire County Council had changed; he was now Executive Member for Adult Care and Health, that there was currently some activity in dealing with sustainable transport and that he had attended a meeting at Shendish regarding the consideration of a new hospital for SW Herts, but again the outcome was that developing the Watford site was the favoured option – an investment of £350m.

### 5.2 Highways Matters.

5.2.1 Cllr Roberts was pleased to report that road markings in the High Street had been repainted. The Clerk commented the disabled ones had not been to which Cllr Roberts responded that he believed they were the responsibility of another department or Dacorum Borough Council, to which the Clerk retorted that that wasn't very “joined up”. Cllr Jackson added that, elsewhere, the triangles on the humps were hardly visible. Cllr Rogers felt that the High Street markings were too bold and spoilt the look of the village.

5.2.2 Cllr Roberts added that the rest of the footpath on the Hempstead Road, from Coniston Road to the (former) Eagle PH was due to be resurfaced shortly and that the junctions at Red Lion Lane and Rucklers Lane were to be revamped, using CIL monies from the Sappi development, which would have pedestrian-controlled crossings and the corrections sought by Cllr Anderson.

5.2.3 Cllr Anderson felt that the battle to build a new hospital should not be given up; the money being spent on Watford could be added to that from the sale of the three sites, St Albans, Hemel Hempstead and Watford, to build one centrally. Mike Penning should support this further. Cllr Roberts agreed. It was agreed that the Council would consider a campaign after the May elections.

5.2.4 Cllr Angiolini reported that the potholes in Abbots Rise had still not been repaired. Cllr Roberts agreed to visit.

5.2.5 Cllr Collins reported that the drain outside Miller & Carter had still not been fixed. It was understood this had now been formally scheduled.

5.2.6 The Hertfordshire (Avenue Approach, Kings Langley) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2018.

5.2.6.1 This item was noted.

### 5.3 Other

5.3.1 Hertfordshire County Council's school admission arrangements for 2020/21.

5.3.1.1 This communication was confirmation that the arrangements had been approved, and was noted.



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## 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

- 6.1 Cllr Jackson pointed out that Minute 11.1.3 should have read “It was reported that the notice board at the junction of Church Lane and Belham Road was too high.”, not “...war too high.”, and Minute 15.1 should have read “Cllr Jackson mentioned that there had been several events welcoming the new vicar of All Saints’ Church, the Rev. James McDonald and his wife Rachel, including a quarter peal of the church bells.” not “... peel of the church bells.”. These were amended by hand. It was then,

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that, subject to the above:

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be adopted as a true record.

- 6.2 The Chair then signed the amended 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 19<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 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 None.

- 8.4 Clerk’s Report / Action List.

- 8.4.1 The Clerk reported that much of his time would now involve end of year work.

- 8.5 Village Warden’s Activities, Priorities and Planning.

- 8.5.1 It was noted that the new pair of map lecterns had been installed by the warden.

- 8.5.2 Members felt that he should be congratulated for the minimum amount of litter to be found.

- 8.5.3 Repairs to the sunken hitching rail outside the Services Club would be pursued by the Clerk.

- 8.5.4 Cllr Angiolini reported that there were two large road work sign frames left in the grass along Watford Road. The Clerk undertook to investigate further and report them the Herts Highways.

## 9. Finance Matters

- 9.1 Schedule of Payments for March (part) 2019.

- 9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:



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That the payment schedule for March (part) 2019 in the sum of £12,814.23 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 bank statements for March 2019 had not been received.

9.3 Annual Risk Assessment and Management (for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019).

9.3.1 The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 require the Council to review its risks and to minute it. The Clerk highlighted some minor amendments, in particular relating to the use of the Council’s debit card, the signing of bank reconciliation statements and the requirement to carry out a regular tree safety survey. After further examination of the Risk Assessment and Management Statement, it was:

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that:

That the Annual Risk Assessment and Management (for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019) review had been satisfactorily completed.

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Nothing to report or raised.

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 - Reports on the following:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vision</b>	<b>Geographical area</b>
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



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11.1.1 Cllr Jackson reported that there were changes to the Village News group: Beverley Ross had taken over the secretary's role from Harold Taylor, John Addy would now be treasurer and she would be chairperson.

11.2 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson).

11.2.1 Cllr Johnson reported very little litter had been found on the pick on the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Cllr Rogers gave his apologies and left the meeting at this point.

11.3 Parish Plan.

11.3.1 Cllr Morrish reported that he would be providing some "meat on the bones" to the previously reported quantitative information, outlining some achievable actions, at the June Council meeting. He would be providing a brief report to the Annual Parish Meeting.

11.4 Other items.

11.4.1 Sundial proposal. Cllr Johnson reported that he was in the process of completing the planning application. He added that consideration of improvements to the path in the village garden would come later.

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

12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK).

12.1.1 Nothing to report.

12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP).

12.2.1 Next years' projects were being considered and included Cllr Jackson suggestion that that some improvements should be made to the pathways through the woods.

12.3 Kings Langley Community Association.

12.3.1 Cllr Collins reported that the next meeting was later in the month.

12.4 Others.

12.4.1 None.

## 13. High Street Surgeries.

13.1 Cllr Johnson withdrew his suggestion that the surgery which was previously agreed to be moved from 20<sup>th</sup> April be reinstated.

## 14. Other Matters.

14.1 Annual Parish Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

14.1.1 The final details for the meeting were considered so that everyone was up to date. Cllr Anderson reminded Members to be mindful of the requirements of Purdah.

14.2 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

14.2.1 Revised versions of the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been issued with the agenda and Cllr Anderson provided a "walk-through".



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It was proposed (Cllr Angiolini), seconded (Cllr De Silva) and RESOLVED:

That the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be approved and adopted by the Council.

14.2.2 The Chair thanked Cllr Anderson for his hard work on these, which was endorsed by Members.

### 15. Any Other Business.

15.1 Cllr Morrish expresses his concerns at the damage to / loss of the white posts in the High Street, as they were part of the character of the village. He was reminded that this Council had decided to report them to Hertfordshire County Council only if there was a safety issue, which Cllr Roberts agreed with. However, it was felt that this arrangement should be reconsidered.

15.2 This meeting was Cllr Jackson's last. The Chair and Members expressed their thanks for all her hard work and great contribution during her time on the Council.

Meeting closed.