



# KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019** at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Angiolini (Vice-Chair), Button (Chair), Collins, De Silva, Hubberstey, Johnson, McLean, 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 None.

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 11 crimes recorded during May 2019, as follows:

| Reported Crime           | Incidence | Details   |
|--------------------------|-----------|---|
| Burglary (dwelling)      | 1         | High Street – BMW (recovered)   |
| Burglary (other)         | 2         | Red Lion PH<br>Rose & Crown PH  |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 4         | High Street – tools from van<br>Coniston Road – registration plates<br>Alexandra Road – registration plates<br>Church Lane – excavator keys |
| Damage or destroy <£5k   | 1         | Red Lion PH – car damaged   |
| Theft from shop          | 1         | Taylor's Tools – attempted theft of generator   |
| Other crimes             | 2         | Criminal damage (graffiti)<br>Miller & Carter – making off without payment  |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>11</b> |   |

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There had been 6 recorded crimes in the previous month (April).

4.1.3 PCSO Martin provided updates on the “marauders” in Rucklers Lane (Cllr Morrish’s question) and the broken window at the community centre (Cllr Collins).

4.2 Neighbourhood Watch.

4.2.1 PCSO Martin reported that Cllr Hubberstey had been recruiting. Kings Langley now had almost 1000 members.



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## 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 The Clerk reminded the meeting that it had been agreed earlier in the year that there would be a meeting mid-June specifically to discuss Herts Highways matters with Cllr Roberts, adding that this would be on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

5.1.2 Cllr Roberts then reported on the works programme, which included footway repairs at the bottom (south side) of Rucklers Lane, works in The Nap, the tree / footpath issue on London Road, repairs to the bottom of Common Lane, including a broken drain cover and path and road repairs on the Bury Estate.

5.1.3 Cllr McLean said that Members should bring suggestions to the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

5.1.4 Cllr Morrish reminded Cllr Roberts that he had agreed to resolve the problem with the drainage outside Miller and Carter. Cllr Roberts responded that it was “in-hand” and that he “will find a way” to get it done. When pressed by Cllr Morrish for a timescale, Cllr Roberts stated “end of summer”.

5.1.5 Cllr Hubberstey complained of two further unresolved issues on Shendish Edge: roots uplifting (for which he had received no response) and overhanging hedges (for which he had had an unsatisfactory response). He added that the owners of the hedges had been approached but had done nothing. Cllr Roberts agreed to visit the site.

5.1.6 Cllr Collins advised that Havelock Road was in a poor state.

5.1.7 Cllr Button felt that the footway resurfacing work on Hempstead Road warranted a “well done”, especially outside Inspired Gym. Cllr Morrish felt that the works had not been completed. Cllr Roberts undertook to check the works ticket.

## 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 be adopted as a true record.

6.2 The Chair then signed the amended Minutes.

## 7. Matters Arising.

7.1 Cllrs Rogers and Hubberstey reported that they had been working on the youth initiative, part of which involved producing a comprehensive contacts list, adding that when considering publication, the requirements the Data Protection regulations will need to be considered. There had been help from the Kings Langley Information Forum and the Residents Association in compiling the list.



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## 8. Reports.

### 8.1 Standing Committees.

#### 8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

8.1.1.1 There were no minutes for adoption.

### 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 the Internal Audit had been completed and that he was awaiting the report. There had been no issues for concern. He added that there would be an extraordinary meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June to approve the accounts and year-end returns for External Audit.

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

8.5.1 The Clerk reported that the troughs and beds were being planted.

## 9. Finance Matters

### 9.1 Schedule of Payments for May 2019.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for May 2019 in the sum of £9,924.11 be adopted, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.

9.1.1.2 The Chair then signed the schedule of payments.

9.1.2 Informal approval for the installation of a power hub in the High Street for use at the Christmas Lights and other events.

9.1.2.1 Cllr Anderson introduced this additional item, seeking an informal agreement because of its urgency, which would have to be formally approved at the next Council meeting. He explained that for many years the Council had "borrowed" power from businesses in the High Street, but this was considered a serious risk. UK Power Networks had provided a quote for the installation at a cost of £2529. He added that the Council had savings in the Christmas Light Fund. This payment was agreed.

### 9.2 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Finances – May 2019

9.2.1 Cllr Anderson had provided a paper showing estimated CIL receipts from the two possible phases of the development of Rectory Farm, possible projects on which to spend it and an explanation. He stressed that the ideas were purely concepts for general discussion at this stage. Other ideas were discussed, including a play area in Rectory Farm and the path in the village garden. Cllr Rogers suggested that a small group might be set up to formulate this further. However, it was accepted that further consideration should form part of the budget process. Meanwhile, the Chair suggested, Members should be formulating their ideas in advance.



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

### 10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Nothing to report or raised; there had not been any committee meetings yet.

10.1.2 Nominations for membership of the Dacorum Borough Council Standards Committee.  
Cllr McLean undertook to consider this.

### 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:

| 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 De Silva reported that he had been approached by representatives of the Girl Guides stating that they were seeking financial support for replacement sinks. The Council had not received a request.

11.1.2 Cllr Hubberstey reiterated his concern regarding the narrow footpath on London Road. Although trimming the hedge helped a little, it was not enough. This had been an issue for several years now. Cllr Roberts acknowledged that this was a bigger job than just cutting back and agreed that the County Council needed to manage it and would see what Herts Highways can do.

11.1.3 Cllr Johnson reported that Dacorum Borough Council were looking at developing the land at the top north west part of Coniston Road.

11.1.4 Cllr Johnson reported that more clearance work and planting had been carried out in the village garden (and there would be more in the autumn). The Clerk added that he was awaiting a report on the tulip tree. Both added that further works to the trees in the garden and the allotments were outstanding and would need to be done in the autumn.

11.1.5 Cllr Morrish reported that Dacorum Borough Council would be planting up the bed at the bottom of Rucklers Lane, but it appeared that BT would not be removing the phone box soon unless that were paid a large sum of money.

11.1.6 Cllr Rogers raised the issue of the recent Affinity Water road works in the village, the traffic lights and the detrimental impact they had on everyone especially the High Street businesses, which had lost trade. All agreed that it appeared to have been poorly managed and coordinated with all the other road taking place at the same time by all



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concerned. Cllr Collins suggested that it might be helpful if Affinity wrote to local business with an explanation. Cllr Anderson added that he had written to Affinity suggesting that an allowance was made in the water bill to compensate the businesses.

11.1.7 Cllr Morrish is meeting the Canal and River Trust on Friday

11.2 Litter picks (Cllr Johnson).

11.2.1 The next one is scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

11.3 Parish Plan.

11.3.1 Cllr Morrish reported that he had analysed the recently published Village Survey - Main Themes Report and extracted four main themes / priorities – those that we can do something about, namely:

- Housing Priorities
- Environmental Sustainability
- Traffic Management in the High Street
- Recreational Facilities

Various items were discussed, including: a better identification of Brownfield sites, revisiting the Toovey's Mill hydro proposal and engaging an expert (possibly from Hertfordshire County Council) to consider the traffic and safety issues in the High Street area. On the latter point, Cllr Roberts added that there is a Hertfordshire County Council initiative to work towards more pedestrian-friendly areas. Should a Berkhamsted -style scheme be reconsidered (it did not get much support last in Kings Langley in a previous study)? Cllr Morrish's "Parish Plan Issues Prioritisation" paper was issued to Members.

11.3.2 Cllr Morrish added that he and Cllr McLean had met officers at Dacorum Borough Council to discuss the Council's intention to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. The Officers recognised that Kings Langley was serious about no building on the Green Belt and Kings Langley's delegates were asked to assist in updating the Brownfield register. There was still concern that Wayside Farm would be developed and Cllr Roberts acknowledged that, in reality, everything was "still in play".

11.4 Other items.

11.4.1 Sundial proposal. The planning application had been submitted and issued for consideration.

## 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 Nothing to report.

12.3 Kings Langley Community Association.

12.3.1 Cllr Collins reported that the Association:

- Had purchased as motorised screen
- Was still seeking a secretary and bar staff
- Was considering approaching the doctors' surgery regarding the installation of a shared defibrillator



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- Had received a 5\* food rating
- Was still considering the use of the green space next door for car parking (Cllr Collins also mentioned the broken window, which had been discussed earlier)

### 12.4 Others.

12.4.1 Cllr Roberts reported that Community Action Dacorum had received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Adding that they had been nominated by Cllr McLean when he was Mayor. The Hospice of St Francis had also received the award.

### 13. High Street Surgeries.

13.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### 14. Other Matters.

14.1 "VE Day 75". Members asked that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

### 15. Any Other Business.

15.1 Cllr Anderson reported the recent Beating of the Bounds had been attended by 15 people.

15.2 Cllr Anderson also reported that the planning agent for Extra for the proposed Motorway Service Area at Maple Cross had informed him that there had been very little objection to its proposal, adding that the planning application would be submitted by the end of the month to Chiltern District Council. Cllr Anderson added further that Highways England had objected to Moto's application at Langleybury.

Meeting close at 20:55