



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Cllr Johnson.

2. Declarations of Interest.

2.1 None.

3. Public Participation.

3.1 Mr Brian Evans of Langley Hill was present and was invited to speak. Mr Evans had been a resident for many years; he thanked the Council for all its hard work. However, he was concerned, and had been for some time, about the several aspects of life in village, the High Street in particular, the traffic and road safety and the resulting general ambience. He suggested that the “Berkhamsted scheme” would be a good one to adopt and also that a spur in Chipperfield Road off the A41 would substantially reduce the amount of traffic through Kings Langley.

3.1.1 Cllr Anderson responded, to provide some background, that when consulted on Mr Evans’ suggestions, the village rejected them. Mr Evans responded that that was a long time ago and that they should be reconsidered as much had changed.

3.1.2 Cllr McLean informed Mr Evans that, as a result of the Parish Plan exercise and survey, one of the Council’s responses was to set up working groups for the main themes, one of which was Transport and the High Street, of which he was the lead. Cllr McLean added that the Council was planning to commission an expert study on this topic and that it was currently going through the financial and formal procedures. This appears later on the agenda. Mr Evans was pleased to hear this and looked forward to a positive outcome. He thanked the Members for their time.

4. Police Matters and Other Services.

4.1 PCSO Ian Martin was unable to be present but had provided the following information on the 7 crimes recorded in July and the 10 for August, as follows:

| Reported Crime | Incidence | Details |
|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| July 2019 | | |
| Burglary - dwelling | 1 | Barnsway |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 1 | Langley Hill – laptop taken from car |
| Theft from shop | 2 | High Street – Spar – bottles of spirits High Street – Boots – various items (offenders charged) |
| Theft - other | 1 | Miller & Carter – make off without paying |



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|--------------------------|-----------|---|
| Other crimes | 2 | Love Lane – dog dangerously out of control Abbots Rise – garden ornaments taken (offender dealt with and items returned) |
| Total | 7 | |
| August 2019 | | |
| Burglary - dwelling | 1 | Hempstead Road – entry via kitchen window at rear of property |
| Burglary - other | 3 | Steiner school – nothing known to be missing Beechfield – garage – nothing taken Rucklers Lane – garage – lock damaged |
| Theft from motor vehicle | 3 | Rucklers Lane – rear window broken – handbag taken York Close – tools taken from van Watford Road – number plates taken off broken down vehicle |
| Theft of motor vehicle | 1 | High Street – care home – dumper truck stolen |
| Damage or destroy - £5k | 1 | Encore Pilates – window broken |
| Other crimes | 1 | Action fraud - £7000 scam |
| Total | 10 | |

- 4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.
- 4.1.2 There had been 6 recorded crimes in the previous month (June).
- 4.1.3 The reports were noted.

4.2 Neighbourhood Watch.

- 4.2.1 No report. It was noted that these would come from PCSO Martin.

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 Roberts was unable to be present.

- 5.2 Cllr Anderson reported on the Council’s Administrative Assistant’s efforts in trying to get the hedgerow on Barns Lane reinstated after it had been severely cut back to the point where much of it was unlikely to survive. This work had been frustrated by several issues, including, ownership and responsibility and costs, who had been responsible for cutting the hedge back, and that the landowner had recently passed away. Although the management company currently overseeing the affairs was being very helpful and co-operative, the Council decided that it should await Probate before making any decisions.



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6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 2nd July 2019.

6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2019 be adopted as a true record.

6.2 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 Cllr Collins queried the arrangements for the planting of the tree in the village garden for the WI. The Clerk responded that the WI had purchased a tree (Acer) recommended by Cllr Johnson, and that it had already been planted under his supervision.

8. Reports.

8.1 Standing Committees.

8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

8.1.1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 18th June and 2nd & 6th July May 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 No report.

8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 The Clerk reported that the warden had been spending much of his time watering in the hot weather and had also cleared and dug more areas in the village in preparation for further planting by Cllrs Johnson and Hubberstey.

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for July and August 2019.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedules for July and August 2019 for £11,985.96 and £9'077.84 respectively be approved, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.

9.1.1.2 The Chair then signed the schedules of payments.

9.2 Examination and signing of the Council's Bank Account Statements (as at 31st July 2019).



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- 9.2.1 The Chair had examined the Council's bank account statements and signed a statement to that effect on behalf of the Members that the balances as at 31st July 2019 were:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Current Account: | £5,000.00 |
| Reserve Account: | £161,522.17 |
| NS&I Investment Account: | £45,176.06 |

- 9.3 Examination of the Council's Bank Reconciliation Statement (as at 30th June 2019).

- 9.3.1 In accordance with Audit requirements and recommendations, the statement was examined by the Members and the Statement signed by the Chair.

- 9.4 Income and Expenditure Statements 2019-20.

- 9.4.1 Members considered and noted the reports as at 26th August 2019, which had been provided with the agenda, and the statement to that effect, was signed by the Chair.

- 9.4.2 The Chair noted that the annual revenue from the lease of the allotments was far less than the cost of tree works under consideration and suggested that this should be reviewed as it was unreasonable burden on the taxpayers of the village. The Clerk added that not all allotment-holders lived in the parish. It was agreed that the Council would attempt to obtain a copy of the allotment association's accounts and to debate the issue further once more facts are available.

- 9.5 Request for Financial Assistance – Kings Langley Community Library

- 9.5.1 This request was for assistance with the purchase of presentation equipment including a projector, screen and microphone. The total cost of the project was estimated to be £1300.

- 9.5.2 It was proposed (Cllr Hubberstey), seconded (Cllr Anderson) and RESOLVED:

That the Kings Langley Community Library £250 towards the cost of the above items.

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

- 10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

- 10.1.1 Cllr Morrish congratulated Dacorum Borough Council on its waterpark and playground in Gadebridge Park. Cllr Button added that the skate park was very good too.

- 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 Parish / Neighbourhood Plan Reports.

- 11.1.1 Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Morrish)

- 11.1.2 Parish Plan – Environment Group

Members considered and noted the report from Cllr Button which had been enclosed with the agenda (attached in the appendices of these minutes).

- 11.1.3 Parish Plan – Leisure Group



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Members considered and noted the report from Cllr Hubberstey which had been enclosed with the agenda (attached in the).

11.1.4 Parish Plan – Transport Group

Cllr McLean gave a brief oral report, a copy of which is attached in the appendices.

11.1.4.1 Arup Transport / High Street Study.

A proposal for this item, requested by the main group from Arup, had been enclosed with the agenda, the cost of which was of £9,750. The Council's Financial Regulations, under 8, Procurement, require that the Council must enter a tender process for all items of goods or services equal to or greater than £5000. Cllr McLean undertook to progress this via Dacorum Borough Council's procurement officer.

In the meantime, the Council would be able to arrange its budget to relate to the expenditure. Cllr Button suggested that £12000 should be set aside so that any other minor items would be included. It was therefore:

Proposed (Cllr McLean, seconded (Cllr Anderson) and RESOLVED:

That the Council vires £12000 from items / balances in the Projects Fund to create a budget for Transport Group items.

11.1.5 Cllr Button added that he had requested and been promised a bundle of recycling flyers from Dacorum Borough Council for distribution locally, including at the High Street surgery.

11.1.6 Cllr Morrish reported that he had been discussing the installation of a water bottle refill unit outside the new care home with the owners. They were amenable to this idea, but the question of who pays would need to be resolved.

11.1.7 Funding and the timing process was raised by Cllr Hubberstey. As the groups had been asked to show their proposals as short, medium and long term, the Chair asked Cllr Morrish to provide a definition of this so that there was consistency, which he agreed to do.

11.2 Geographical Areas Reports

11.2.1 Abbots Rise area (Cllr Angiolini)

Cllr Angiolini reported that the potholes in Abbots Rise had still not been repaired. This was also true of those in London Road (Cllr Anderson).

11.2.2 The Common, Vicarage Lane / Langley Hill / Great Park (Cllr Button)

No issues

11.2.3 Hempstead Road areas (Cllr Collins)

Cllr Collins reported that there appeared to be some works to the drive at the rear of 53 Hempstead Road which might need investigating.

11.2.4 Blackwell Road area (Cllr De Silva)

No issues

11.2.5 London Road area (Cllr Hubberstey)

No issues

11.2.6 Watford Road and Coniston Road areas (Cllr Johnson)

No issues

11.2.7 Rucklers area (Cllr Morrish)

No issues

11.2.8 High Street area (Cllr Rogers)

No issues



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11.3 Village Garden (Cllr Johnson)

11.3.1 Cllr Hubberstey reported that all the plants were now planted in the village garden. He added that the next volunteer session was this coming Friday and that they would then be every 1st Friday of the month.

11.3.2 Cllr Button reiterated his suggestion of resin bonding for the path in the village garden. He would try to get some costings.

11.4 Litter picks

11.4.1 The next litter pick is scheduled for the 29th September 2019.

11.5 Other items.

11.5.1 None.

12. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK).

12.1.1 There had been further discussions with Angle properties re the use of Rectory Fam. The indication was that raised beds could be introduced when the TIK gardens are moved.

12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP).

12.2.1 Nothing to report.

12.3 Kings Langley Community Association.

12.3.1 Cllr Rogers reported that the Parrish Council should now be receiving updates from Martin Wolmark, the new Chair. The Clerk acknowledged that this was the case, but that there were no arrangements do anything with them. The new secretary is Donna Bowman. Installation of a defibrillator was being progressed.

12.4 Others.

12.4.1 The Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils (HAPTC)

Cllr McLean reported as follows:

Three Bulletins received since the last meeting:

18th June 2019.

Invitation to Chairman's afternoon tea. 11th July:

Topics included:

Talk from 'Hertwise' re. AGE U.K. and their Caring Role in the Community
Head of NALC (National Association of Local Council's) and the strategic direction being taken

County Councillor Terry Douris: giving an update on 'Localism' in Schools and Councils

14th August 2019.

Planning Essentials: 11th September:

Allowing Councillors and Clerks to understand their role within the overall Planning process. Members £50



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27th August 2019:

Neighbourhood Planning:

This is an opportunity to access the website <http://www.haptc.org.uk> and to see how Goring Parish Council undertook their Neighbourhood Plan. It adopted a slogan of 'to be in charge of our own destiny'. It provides an overview of their plans and summarises some of the content including:

Cycle ways and pedestrian ways, tackling flooding, solar gain and geothermal heating, dark skies policy, biodiversity maps, healthy air policies, housing for older people, a nurse, preserving the genetic diversity of trees in its Parish.

Of all the information, access to this may be of most interest to the Council in developing our own Neighbourhood Plan.

13. High Street Surgeries.

13.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 19th October.

14. Other Matters.

14.1 "VE Day 75". Members asked that this item remained on the agenda until further information became available.

14.2 Car Parking in the Village

14.2.1 Cllr Anderson reported that Dacorum Borough Council would be carrying out its 4-yearly review of car parking and charges in the Borough this autumn. As a forerunner to this he and other Dacorum colleagues had been performing a survey of usage in the village. He had hoped to bring to results to this meeting, but this had been delayed, He would now bring them to the October meeting.

14.3 Emergency Tree Work

14.3.1 Village Garden - Tulip Tree - £1,400 (Bartlett's)

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That, in view of its specialist nature, Bartlett's be instructed to carry out the work.

14.3.2 Allotments – removal of fallen willow - £1,366 (Contractor 1), £675 (Contractor 2)

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That contractor 2 be instructed to carry out this work.

14.3.3 Other work, particularly that in accordance with Bartlett's safety report.

The Clerk reported that he had arranged a meeting with Bartlett's to determine a schedule of urgent works. He added that he hoped to be able to "bundle" the works in the village garden with the work on the tulip tree and to also bundle the work in the allotments as a single job. He would also discuss with Bartlett's the feasibility of a longer-term maintenance contract.



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14.4 Climate Change.

14.4.1 The Council agreed to pass the following motion:

“Kings Langley Parish Council (KLPC) joins other councils at all levels of Local Government in declaring a climate emergency that requires urgent planning and action, and commits to work towards reducing carbon emissions across the full range of council activities to net zero by the end of budget year 2029/30, this to include the production of a strategy and action plan to make the activities of KLPC carbon neutral by 2030 in accordance with the IPCC recommendation. In so doing, the Parish Council will support Dacorum Borough Council in its efforts to do the same.”

15. Any Other Business.

15.1 Cllr Anderson asked the Clerk to restart the process of installing solar panels at Charter Court.

15.2 Cllr McLean reported that he had heard that the church clock was malfunctioning again. Further news was awaited.

Meeting close at 21:42



APPENDICES

Parish plan Environment group

Report 25/8/19

Working group

Andrew Levy, John Ingleby, Howard Button

The working group was formed to focus on the Environmental priority items raised within the Parish poll for inclusion within the Parish plan covering three main headings as noted below. Each item was discussed and key points for consideration noted.

Recycling Strength of feeling 87%

- General public awareness was raised and it was agreed that the various aspects of recycling can be confusing, open informative talks were considered and it was agreed that a stall on TIK market day advising resident may have a value. *Possible recycling advise poster/table at the APM.*
- JI advised that a food waste digester had been developed and installed at the Sunnyside trust center, this could be repeated on a smaller scale at the Sunderland allotments. *Possible action*
- HB noted that there are currently only two recycling waste bin in the High St it was agreed this could be increased with cooperation from the Borough. *Action item with DBC*
- HB commented that waste currently collected from litter picking is not recycled all ending up in the general waste bins at the Parish council, pre sorting could be considered if practical. Recycling at the recent Carnival event on the common was none existent as the borough had not supplied recycling bins. *Paul has beaten me too it on this one and is trying to recycle as much as he can.*
- HB raised a system he had recently seen “Reverse Vending Machines”, the machine about the size of a coffer vending machine was being trialed by Sainsbury. Deposited plastic bottles and cans were reverse vended with an in store credit note. HB followed up with a contact at Sainsbury unfortunately Apsley store is not on the trail plan. *HB will keep trying on this one*
- Water filling point. *JM has been in contact with B&M care home to consider the installation of a water refilling point if agreed KLPC branded water bottles may help promote the idea*
- We have invested in reusable coffee cups branded with KLPC crest and started distributing based on a £1 minimum charitable donation, Inspired café and Dallings have taken 30 each

Several on going action point raised under general recycling which I will be following up.

Growing food locally 78% taken on by John Ingleby

- JI reported that the TIK market was working well but more volunteers are always welcome.
- Consideration was discussed of increasing the availability of excess produce from the village allotments



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- AL reported that several strains of seed are available for the home grower that are not commercially available but are often more flavorsome. *HB suggested that the seeds could be made available to residents FOC possibly at the TIK market stall.*
- AL suggested that a local gardeners tips forum could be useful and could be an online forum.
- HB suggested that whilst not directly food production environmental Wildflower hedges were advantageous and felt that several areas locally could be considered for seeding, ie grass plot opposite the football club.

Saving energy 62%

This item raised the most discussion and extended to power generation.

- JI spoke about the Transition streets project that had made inroads into reducing energy consumption but had lost some funding resource, JI consider this could be reconsidered.
- JI spoke about solar panels and it was agreed this is a good initiative that could be expanded around the village group to consider possible locations.
- HB raised the possibility of water power generation at Toveys mill JI had also looked at this a few years ago, it was agreed that technology has moved on and it may be worth re-visiting.

JI I proposed that running the Transition Streets program again would be a suitable response to the declarations of a Climate Emergency,

During 2015 we piloted Transition Streets in Kings Langley. We organised small groups of homeowners in six streets to meet up once a month, to work through an 8-Chapter Workbook in order to reduce their carbon emissions and utility bills. I presented the results ([click here](#)) to the Parish Council on 2nd Feb 2016. The important lesson we learned is to carry out more detailed "before" and "after" evaluations when we run Transition Streets in future. Despite this, we estimated each household saved an average 1 tonne of CO₂ (using other examples) - that's 30 tonnes of CO₂ saved annually for an outlay of £2,200. Even factoring in 100 volunteer hours at £25 per hour, "Megawatts" are clearly the most cost-effective way to reduce CO₂ emissions.

In 2015 I prepared a budget for updating the Workbook for a DECC competition to launch Transition Streets on a wider scale. I know it was subsequently run in Buntingford and Letchworth, and launched across USA. Today, my figures would total £8,950 if we charge volunteer hours at £25 per hour -

1. Updating the Workbook est. 140 hrs = £3,500 (It is 5 years old, and doesn't reflect today's awareness of climate issues, for example plastic pollution).
2. Printing 100 copies, est. = £1,000
3. 1-Day training for 20 "Street Co-ordinators" = £1,200 to cover cost of facilitators & room, free to participants
4. Leaflets, promotion, est. £500
5. Project Manager = est 100 hrs = £2,500
6. Misc office, travel expenses = est £250

For £8,950 it should be possible to run the programme in 15 streets, with around 90 participants.

Another important lesson from the 2015 pilot is to design the programme with better self-promotion, so the next 90 households should not cost as much, say £5,000.

I hope this gives you some idea of the costs of running another Transition Streets programme.

John



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Local food production Andrew Levy

At our last environmental group meeting I volunteered to investigate the idea of joining Incredible Edible. I have now registered to open an account with them so we get free advice and newsletters etc. In my application I gave the following details:

"We are working on Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan projects. Our recent village survey showed a high level of support for local food growing. We already have a local community farm project (Food for Kings) supported by both Transition in Kings and Kings Langley Community Benefit Society. We now also want to work with the Kings Langley Parish Council to encourage other local food growing at more public sites - e.g. near the doctor's surgery or railway station. Incredible Edible is such an inspiring idea that we are hoping to join this movement."

I would like to propose this free and easy 'quick win' to the Parish Council as a project worth supporting. The idea would be to look for a suitable small site and a few volunteers - from TiK, KLCBS and Food for Kings and hopefully, the wider community beginning next growing season. The photos I sent you from St Albans, outside an NCP car park show how relatively easy it is to improve the look and usefulness of even small bits of otherwise unsightly, disused land.

Here is a link to the main Incredible Edible website: <https://www.incredibleedible.org.uk/>

Best Regards,

Andrew



Kings Langley Parish Council Leisure Group (Recreation Group)

Working Party Update Report

03/09/2019

Overall Vision Parish Council Village Plan

To preserve and enhance what villagers most value about Kings Langley in line with the priorities suggested by the 2019 Parish Plan Survey - its village status, environmental action, greenbelt, proximity to open countryside, canal, woods and common, its thriving high street and strong sense of community.

4 Working Groups were created to form working parties with a remit to review one of each of these key areas

- **Environment Working Group** – recycling, energy saving, local food growing
- **High Street, parking and congestion working group** – parking and bottleneck in the high street
- **Leisure Recreation working group** – access to open spaces and recreational facilities especially for teenagers and young adults
- **Neighbourhood Plan Working group** – planning land use and future developments to contribute to supporting the initiatives proposed by the other working groups

The Leisure Recreation Group Objective

The Leisure Group was tasked with working towards creating an overall vision, with a set of objectives in response to the 2019 Parish Plan Survey.

Activities Undertaken

Activities Undertaken in reaching our conclusion and the then creation of our subsequent Vision and Objectives:

- We met monthly since the brief and have had 3 Meetings
- We identified 5 Key areas to focus on
 1. What Leisure, Social and Wellbeing Activities are currently taking place?
 2. How complete is the information?
 3. What key activities are missing?
 4. How is this communicated?
 5. How can this communication be improved and what should we as a Parish Council should be doing/Offering/Facilitating in this Sector?

It is important to note that this is work in progress in terms of reaching definitive conclusions or being able to make full complete recommendations to the Council

We addressed each as follows and

1. What Leisure, Social and Wellbeing Activities are currently taking place?
 - a. We identified over 80 activities in and around the village
 - b. We compiled a list of these activities and classified them into 3 key areas
 - i. Main Sector, e.g. Leisure
 - ii. Organisation Type e.g. Societies and Clubs
 - iii. Organisation Sub Type e.g. Dance Classes
 - c. The list also has contacts where available
 - d. It also has venues, locations and contact information



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GDPR: We must be mindful of the rules with regard to GDPR and private identifiable information being made public without the owners' permission and also The Information Commissioners Office (ICO) rules of what data can be collected etc.

2. How complete is the information?

A large amount of information is incomplete or completely missing. We contacted many organisations where we had missing or conflicting information to update our list. Some were very pro-active in supplying updates and some were not, therefore more work is to be done.

We should be minded that the maintenance of the list is very time consuming and is likely to have a level of inaccuracy in it as a general rule of thumb

3. What key activities are missing

We identified comments with regard to Tennis Courts and Swimming Facilities. Whilst there are no public facilities for these two activities, it is felt that there are facilities within Dacorum and surrounding areas within reasonable traveling distance, without the need to provide these ourselves.

We are approaching the School in due course with regard to their Facilities and will report back in due course.

We feel there is more work to do in many areas of outdoor activities and recreation, such as the Common and Woodland walks for example. These will be identified in due course once we move onto the next stages.

4. How is this communicated?

- a. There is no single source of information for our residents to refer too
- b. Many organisations communicate within their own circles of members, place local media or use Social Media to advertise their activities.
 1. Facebook
 2. Twitter
 3. My Kings News
 4. The Village News
 5. Word of mouth
 6. Notice Boards
- c. Historically an activity list was created manually by volunteer Andrew Selby who I spoke with and he advised that this almost a full-time job, also it was manual.
- d. Websites such as Kings Langley Community <http://www.kingslangley.org/> have been started, but have not taken off as a commercial enterprise and have not been utilised

5. How can this communication be improved?

Without doubt it would benefit the community to have a single source depository for all Activity related information. With this in mind we have explored current opportunities to see if we could utilise already existing services.

This entire area is a work in progress and will be reported on in due course.

1. We spoke with Mary at Enjoy Dacorum, to explore what they offered and she explained that they are focused on Tourism and Community Activities and therefore will not be able to offer any ongoing support bar Community Activities, such as Christmas Lights, Carnival etc.
2. We are aware that there may be other activities starting which may solve the challenge, such as The Village News are exploring a website. We will update in due course.



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3. We are also speaking with Tring Together, who are a charity, who run a website for all activities, etc in and around Tring. <http://www.tringtogether.org.uk/>
4. We are exploring providing the service ourselves, such as Tring Parish Council does. It may require more resource and in addition and the website may not be as flexible as it may need to be, depending on the breadth of the scope we would look to aspire too.
<https://www.tring.gov.uk/>

We should be minded that we should be signposting where-ever possible and as a Parish Council to facilitate 3rd parties in supporting, helping or providing services to meet our vision and objectives. There is much to do and a strong drive to get the basics in place now and to improve on the opportunities that we can take to improve both the communication and the recreation facilities in the village and its catchment area.



Verbal Report to Parish Council (2) re: Transport Group.

Draft 2:

Overall Vision:

To preserve and enhance what villagers most value about Kings Langley in line with the priorities suggested by the 2019 Parish Plan survey – its village status, environmental action, greenbelt, proximity to open countryside, canal, woods and common, its thriving High Street and strong sense of community.

Mission:

Develop an innovative outline for the village but in the initial stages a concept and ‘master plan’ centred on the High Street, this will be a the hub of the strategy. This approach will create a vibrant public realm with a sense of place and ownership of the village by the villagers. The plan will be that this is responsive to the local context, is of high quality and richness of experience for residents but more importantly is a concept and strategy that is owned by the residents. This will create an inclusive, safe and healthy environment for all in Kings Langley.

Short Term: Objectives for next 6 Months:

Focus upon the traffic issues that have for so long been a bone of contention for residents and which have again been highlighted in the village study.

Traffic management and control, congestion, speeding, parking and Road Safety

Initial Transport Group responsibility:

To look at those traffic issues both in the High Street and across the village which have been an issue for the past decade and are now exacerbated by the increase in traffic, people, and car parking needs both domestically and commercially.

Particular emphasis needs to be placed upon speeding, parking, congestion and most importantly road safety.

Recommendation: Milestones for the next 6 months:

Accept the need for experienced help in the development of this plan for the High Street and the broader village of Kings Langley.

Identify a budget allocation within the Parish funds to engage an external Consultancy to undertake a full traffic study focussed upon short, medium and longer term transport issues.

Underwrite a budget allocation of £9,750 + VAT to implement the study.
(It is assumed Vat is fully recoverable).

Commission the report by the Consultant group.

Receive and adopt the report when delivered.

Identify ‘quick wins’ under the short term strategy objectives identified.

Ensure the Transport Group strategies and objectives are aligned with those of the other sub-groups.



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Ensure all activities fit neatly with the broader plans and objectives of other stakeholders at Borough, Country and Governmental level.