



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 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: Mrs Beverley Ross, Administrative Assistant; Cllr Roberts, Hertfordshire County Council; PCSO Ian Martin and PCSO Diane Pennington

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 six crimes for October:

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary - other	1	Fish & Chip shop, cash taken by ex-employee
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	Riverside Close – tools taken from van
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	Chipperfield Road – Renault van
Theft from shop	1	Spar – bottle of wine & chocolates taken
Drug related	2	Watford Road – cannabis Vicarage Lane – cannabis
Total	6	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

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

4.1.3 The reports were noted.

PCSOs Martin and Pennington left the meeting at this point.

4.2 Neighbourhood Watch.

4.2.1 No report.

4.2.2 “OWL” Communications.

4.2.2.1 No further reports.

4.3 Other Matters.

4.3.1 None.



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5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (1).

5.1 Highways Matters.

5.1.1 A discussion took place on the proposed scheme for the junctions of Hempstead Road, Rucklers Lane and Red Lion Lane. Cllr Anderson thought there was no need for a pedestrian crossing on Hempstead Road or hatching as the junction was already overloaded. Cllr McLean agreed that the hatching was in the wrong place, but it was good news about the pedestrian crossing in Red Lion Lane. Cllr Morrish asked that it be made sure the crossings were operated by push buttons. Cllr Roberts reported that the plan was going to public consultation and a meeting afterwards would be arranged with the Parish Council. He thought the scheme was good, that parents had asked for it and it would encourage walking.

5.2 Cllr Roberts agreed to look at The Nap pavement and Waterside.

5.3 Cllr Morrish asked when the footpath in Hempstead Road would be finished to which Cllr Roberts replied that it was in hand but would not be until next year.

5.4 Cllr Morrish asked about improving the traffic light phrasing on the M25 roundabout to which Cllr Roberts replied that he had raised the issue but would find out more. Cllr Button reported that traffic was at times backed right to the village. Cllr Roberts agreed and said that traffic backed up at all the junctions.

5.5 Cllr Johnson thanked Cllr Roberts for ensuring the primary school was quickly supplied with a new boiler after the old boiler was condemned.

5.6 Cllr Hubberstey asked Cllr Roberts if he had walked the pavement at Shendish Edge to Moores Motorcycle shop to which Cllr Roberts said he hadn't and requested that such things are requested by email and that he be copied in.

5.7 Cllr Collins asked about the 'flood' outside Miller and Carter to which Cllr Roberts said that it was a tricky problem and the drainage would need to be sorted.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 1st October 2019.

6.1 Cllr Hubberstey brought attention to minute 11.2.5 which read "Cllr Hubberstey reported that Cllr Roberts had not walked the area as he had promised." This should have read "Cllr Hubberstey did not know if Cllr Roberts had walked the area as he had promised." The Chair manually amended the minutes.

It was then proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2019 be adopted as a true record.

6.2 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 Cllr McLean reported that the public toilets in Dronken Lane may contain asbestos and the idea of turning the building into a 'Repair Shed' was not being pursued any further. It was suggested that there may be a suitable building in the area off Red Lion Lane where the Waterways Experience operate from.



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8. Reports.

8.1 Standing Committees.

8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

8.1.1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 17th September and 1st October 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 Cllr Angiolini reported that at the Gardens' Competition Presentation Evening a total of £1167.40 was raised from the auction and raffle and that a further £20 had been received from a resident of the village. He was also delighted that Barry Denmead of Wilden Services Ltd. had promised a donation of £1500 and the cheque had been received that morning.

8.3.2 Cllr McLean asked about the power point in the High Street to which Cllr Anderson explained that there had been a misunderstanding as to who was supplying the pillar and time had run out to have it installed before this year's Christmas Lights event. Oscars Pizza Company had agreed to let us plug into their electricity for the event.

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 2019.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for October 2019 for £17,108.88 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 October 2019).

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 the above date were:

Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£138,046.86
NS&I Investment Account:	£45,176.06

9.3 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan – Kings Langley High Street Project.

9.3.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the revised proposal for the High Street / Transport study in the sum of £4,980 be approved.



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9.3.2 Cllr Morrish asked Cllr Roberts if he would be willing to contribute £750 for the transport study to which Cllr Roberts asked that Cllr Morrish send him an email and he would see what he could do.

9.4 Kings Langley Community Association

9.4.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the sum of £250 be granted to the Community Association for the purchase of a defibrillator.

9.4.2 Cllr Anderson warned that the budget for donations was now somewhat depleted although there was still a small amount available.

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Housing requirements

10.1.2 This item was deferred until there is more understanding on housing demand.

10.1.3 It was noted that the Rudolf Steiner school had once again failed its Ofsted inspection and that Kings Langley School had been approached by Hertfordshire County Council to expand the school.

10.1.4 Cllr Anderson reported on a meeting he had attended on growth in the future, branding Hertfordshire a great place to work and live and said there will be issues. Cllr Roberts agreed more single households was now putting a great demand on housing. This will prove difficult in balancing the need for building without alienating local people and will be a real challenge.

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 Cllr Morrish reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was going through the consultation period and he had received a couple of comments. No objections had been received and we should hear soon if the plan has been approved.

11.1.2 Parish Plan – Environment Group (Cllr Button).
No report.

11.1.3 Parish Plan – Leisure Group (Cllr Hubberstey).
Cllr Hubberstey reported that he had designed a new website listing activities and community events. He planned to meet with the Clerk to go through maintaining the site and will do a demonstration. There needs to be found a way of funding the site but was all moving forwards. Cllr Button suggested advertising and Cllr Johnson thought that a funding group may be able to help.

11.1.4 Parish Plan – Transport Group (Cllr McLean).
No report.

11.2 Geographical Areas Reports.

11.2.1 Abbots Rise area (Cllr Angiolini).

Cllr Angiolini had spoken to a builder who was willing to put a post in the ground on the access road to Barnes Lane garages and provide a key for those who need one or



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use a combination lock. Cllr Johnson agreed to talk to the Housing Department at Dacorum Borough Council.

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

Cllr Button reported that a lightning strike had hit in Langley Hill.

11.2.3 Hempstead Road areas (Cllr Collins).

Cllr Collins reported that there were a lot of fallen leaves and was asked to report the issue to Clean, Safe and Green.

11.2.4 Blackwell Road area (Cllr De Silva).

No issues

11.2.5 London Road area (Cllr Hubberstey).

Cllr Hubberstey reported that a salt bin had been received and that litter picks were taking place on a regular basis.

11.2.6 Watford Road and Coniston Road areas (Cllr Johnson).

Cllr Johnson reported that he had received the usual complaint of parking on grass verges.

11.2.7 Rucklers area (Cllr Morrish).

Cllr Morrish reported that the drains had been replaced.

11.2.8 High Street area (Cllr Rogers).

Cllr Rogers said that rents were going up on some shops and that the traders felt that there was no way of increasing trade because of the lack of parking.

11.3 Village Garden (Cllr Johnson).

11.3.1 Cllr Johnson reported that plants from other beds had been re-planted in the garden.

11.4 Litter picks.

11.4.1 Only two people had turned up for the last litter pick, however there was not a lot of litter around thanks to the efforts of the warden.

11.5 Other items.

11.5.1 Human sundial.

Cllr Johnson reported that the sundial would be installed in the spring.

11.5.2 Additional salt / grit bin for Abbots / Barnes Rise.

Cllr Angiolini couldn't remember why he had requested this item but asked for it to be put back on the next agenda.

11.5.3 Charter Court.

The lease for Charter Court expires in 2021 and the question was asked as to what happens next and should we look for somewhere that had disabled access. Cllr Anderson stated that we had previously tried to buy the old sorting office but had failed through lack of money. He thought the rent on Charter Court was good value and would personally like to stay put. Cllr Button said we should be pushing for a new parish hall at Rectory Farm and Cllr Hubberstey suggested the old youth club site.

11.5.4 Notice Board for Apsley Grange.

Cllr Hubberstey was advised to apply to Dacorum Borough Council for this. Cllr Anderson stated that residents had been against the idea previously.

11.5.5 Kings Langley Parking.

Cllr Rogers robustly pointed out that more parking was needed in the village and that the area of green grass by the side of the community centre could provide much needed spaces. Parking had been the number one complaint from retailers over many



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years. He asked if the first step could be taken in asking DBC to redesignate the land. Cllr Angiolini pointed out that many retailers parked illegally all day in the High Street and that more traffic wardens were needed. Cllr Anderson was adamant that the only option was for parking charges, that putting a car park on an important green lung wouldn't solve the problem and that the Council we should wait for Dacorum Borough Council's parking report. He added that that the grass was used for overspill parking in the summer months. Cllr McLean agreed that the issue needed looking into as we need extra spaces and thought we should find out more about the redesignation process. He pointed out that there were other options to tarmac and Cllr Collins suggested Grasscrete. Cllr Johnson also agreed that redesignation of the land should be investigated. A vote was taken and carried by majority, therefore:

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Rogers take the first investigative steps to ask Dacorum Borough Council about the process of redesignating the land to the side of the Community Centre for parking.

Cllr Rogers will now follow up the proposal aided by Cllr Johnson

Cllr Roberts left the meeting.

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 Nothing to report.

12.4 Others.

12.4.1 None.

13. High Street Surgeries.

13.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 21st December.

14. Other Matters.

14.1 Remembrance Services 2019.

14.1.1 Remembrance Service – Sunday 10th November.

Refreshments were in hand; all were asked to meet at the church at 2.30pm. The Administrative Assistant will ask Sir Mike Penning if he will be attending now that the Government was in purdah.

14.1.2 Remembrance Day Monday 11th November.

All attendees should meet at the war memorial at 10.45am.



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14.2 Christmas and New Year Office Opening Hours.

14.2.1 The following hours were agreed:

23-Dec	24-Dec	25- Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Christmas Day	Boxing Day	CLOSE
30-Dec	31-Dec	1-Jan	2-Jan	3-Jan
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CLOSE	CLOSE	New Year's Day		

14.3 VE Day – 75th Anniversary Celebrations.

14.3.1 Cllr Hubberstey agreed to ask on Facebook if there were any events planned locally.

15. Any Other Business.

15.1 Cllr Button stated that he had looked at the new care home which he thought was very good and an asset to the village.

16 Exclusion of the Public – there were no members of the public present.

PART 2

17. Finance Briefing

17.1 Cllr Anderson explained the finances in detail. Cllr Rogers left halfway through the briefing.

18. Budget

18.1 Cllr Anderson explained how the budget worked and said if any Councillor had other ideas on how it could be done, they were welcome to have a go themselves.

Meeting closed at 10.12pm.