



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also Present: Mr Paul Dunham, Clerk to the Council; Cllr Roberts, Hertfordshire County Council.

Members noted with sadness the recent passing of Mr Hans Paprotny, the Council's cleaner for many years at the age of 93. His funeral had been the previous week, which Cllr Anderson and the Clerk had attended.

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Cllrs Johnson, McLean and Rogers.

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 was not present but had provided information on the 8 crimes for November 2019, as follows:

Reported Crime	Incidence	Details
Burglary - other	1	Watford Plant Hire (inside Kings Langley FC) – various small plant
Theft from Motor Vehicle	4	Rucklers Lane (3) Archer Close
Damage or Destroy < £5k	1	Rucklers Lane – damage to motor vehicle
Theft from shop	1	Taylor's Tools – 3 power tools
Theft – other	1	Phasels Wood – box trailer
Total	8	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

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

4.1.3 It was noted that crime was low. The reports were noted.

4.1.4 Cllr Anderson reported that there had been a road traffic accident outside his house where a car had overturned, the driver of which had run off in a south westerly direction.

4.2 Neighbourhood Watch.

4.2.1 No report.



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

4.2.2 “OWL” Communications.

4.2.2.1 No further reports.

4.3 Other Related Matters.

4.3.1 None.

5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (1).

5.1 General Matters

5.1.1 None.

5.2 Highways Matters.

5.2.1 Cllr Roberts reported that the path along the London Road, the poor and dangerous condition of which had been reported by Cllr Hubberstey, would be repaired at an estimated cost of £14,500 (from the Highways Locality Budget) in 2020/21.

5.2.1.1 Cllr Morrish added that the resurfacing of the Hempstead Road footpath had been finished

5.2.2 Cllr Roberts would be contributing £850 to the High Street / Transport study.

5.2.3 The High Street “hitching rail” was in need of some maintenance work, in at least three places. Cllr Roberts undertook to inspect it and arrange the necessary works. The Clerk added that he was particularly grateful for this as his efforts to do this had been “dismissed” when reporting damage through the normal channels.

5.2.4 Cllr Morrish asked whether the phasing of the traffic lights at junction 20 of the M25 had been or would be reviewed, given that queuing regularly backed through to the High Street and frequently further. Cllr Roberts responded that he believed that a recent study had shown that the lights already favoured Kings Langley, but that he would look again.

5.2.5 Cllr Hubberstey again raised the issue of the narrowness of the path on the London Road between the Red Lion and West One, which was very dangerous, and no-one seemed to be taking responsibility. All agreed and Cllr Roberts undertook to ensure action was taken, adding that this might well include enforcement action against the owners. It was further accepted that the solution would probably require the removal of the whole hedge.

5.2.5.1 Cllr Anderson added that the road surface in that area and into Apsley was in a very poor condition.

5.2.6 Cllr Collins raised the issue of the ‘flood’ outside Miller and Carter again to which Cllr Roberts responded that it would be sorted but that he couldn’t provide a timescale.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 5th November 2019.

6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2019 be adopted as a true record.

6.2 The Chair then signed the Minutes.



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

7. Matters Arising.

- 7.1 Cllr Roberts thanked councillors for helping to resolve the boiler issue at the primary school.
- 7.2 Cllr Morrish reported that he had heard that the secondary school had been asked to expand. Cllr Roberts responded that as the school is an academy, the County is not so involved in issues of this nature. There was a discussion regarding capacity and the implications of more students / traffic etc. The Clerk added that he understood the former head to have stated that there was capacity, but that there were no plans to increase numbers at the time. The Chair asked Cllr Roberts to keep the Council updated if he received any information, which he agreed to do.

8. Reports.

8.1 Standing Committees.

8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

- 8.1.1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 15th October and 5th November 2019 were adopted as a true record.

8.1.2 Personnel Committee (19th February 2018)

- 8.1.2.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2019 be approved and 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 Christmas Light event. It was noted that it was another very successful event this year, some had said it had been the best one yet. The Clerk added that Sweet as a Button had offered £550 towards the two charities nominated by them as a result of winning the best Christmas decorated premises. The B&M Care home had been joint winners.

- 8.3.2 The Clerk also reported that the National Federation of Demolition Contractors had nominated Waterways Experiences as its Christmas charity with a donation of £2,500 to add to that donated through the Council's Best Gardens competition.

8.4 Clerk's Report / Action List.

- 8.4.1 No report.

8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

- 8.5.1 Members thanked the warden for his efforts with the Christmas Lights event.

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for November 2019.

- 9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

That the payment schedule for November 2019 for £11,306.34 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 Examination of the Council’s Bank Reconciliation Statement (as at 31st October 2019).

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

9.4 Income and Expenditure Statements 2019-20.

9.4.1 Members considered and noted the reports as at 30th November 2019, which had been provided with the agenda, and the statement to that effect, was signed by the Chair.

9.5 Donation to the Mayor’s charity for his support at the Best Gardens’ competition presentation evening.

9.5.1 It was proposed (Cllr Angiolini), seconded (Cllr Morrish) and RESOLVED that £100 be donated to the Mayor’s charity.

9.6 Tree Safety Works.

9.6.1 It was noted that Dacorum Borough Council had granted planning permission for the works to the tulip tree in the village garden, however, it was also noted that the tree was not “deemed worthy of a Tree Preservation Order” anyway.

9.6.2 Members were presented with a statement of quotations for the additional tree safety works for the village garden and the allotments (the quotation for the work to the tulip tree having previously agreed).

9.6.3 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the following quotations be agreed and that the Clerk should instruct the contractor accordingly:

Village garden - £1,472 (Bartlett’s)
Sunderland’s Yard allotments - £3,720 (Bartlett’s)

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllrs Anderson and Johnson – Reports and members’ questions

Cllr Anderson reported that the Borough is currently active on the production of a new corporate plan and the budget.

10.1.2 Notice of consultation on a review of polling districts, places and stations. Cllr Anderson provided a brief background note. The consultation was noted.



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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 completion of the Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation was still awaited, and that a biodiversity study had been instigated.

11.1.2 Parish Plan – Environment Group (Cllr Button).

The group's report had been included with the agenda. It's main short-term objectives / quick wins were:

- Recycling – re-usable coffee cups
- Growing food locally – identifying various small plots of land – approaching landowners
- Energy saving – resurrecting “Transition Streets”

Cllr Button added that he had been attempting to progress the introduction of reverse vending machines, but it had not been met with a great deal of enthusiasm and that there would be issues with providing power. He was also having discussions with Dacorum Borough Council regarding the introduction of more recycling bins in the High Street.

11.1.3 Parish Plan – Leisure Group (Cllr Hubberstey).

Cllr Hubberstey reported that Cllr Johnson was helping him with identifying funding. He added that the issues he had realised with the new website for organisation and events etc was sustainability / identifying resources. He was also exploring again at the possibility of the provision of “community toilets”.

11.1.4 Parish Plan – Transport Group (Cllr McLean).

Cllr Morrish reported that he had met Arap representatives the previous day to progress the transport study. He added that he planned to report the outcomes to the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

11.2 Geographical Areas Reports.

11.2.1 Hempstead Road areas (Cllr Collins).

Cllr Collins reported that there was gravel on the steps leading from Hempstead Road to Havelock / Belham Road. He was advised to report it to Herts Highways, and if he had no joy, then the village warden might be able to clear it.

11.2.2 London Road area (Cllr Hubberstey).

Cllr Hubberstey reported on traffic issues, and littering along the canal towpath, the latter being a C&RT issue.

11.3 Village Garden (Cllr Johnson).

11.3.1 No report.

11.4 Litter picks.

11.4.1 No report.

11.5 Other items.

11.5.1 Human sundial.

No further report.



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Cllr Angiolini had received several requests for a salt bin at the top of Abbots / Barnes Rise, which he felt was a logical place for one. He understood there was a “spare” in the Council’s lock-up. This was agreed. The Clerk added that the Council would be responsible for providing the salt / grit.

11.5.3 Notice Board for Apsley Grange.

Cllr Hubberstey reported that he had received local support for this, and he clarified the proposed positioning. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Dacorum Borough Council to ask if it would be able to provide this.

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 Associations:

- a) was very pleased to have received to Council’s grant toward a defibrillator and had sent a thank you.
- b) was setting up a system for arrangements for on-line bookings
- c) had sought a wedding licence
- d) was working on its archives

12.4 Others.

12.4.1 Dacorum Environmental Forum

Cllr Anderson reported that he had attended the meeting and that two of the main topics of conversation were the building of a further 850 dwellings on the outskirts of Hemel Hempstead and drying up of the River Bulbourne.

13. High Street Surgeries.

13.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 21st December. Cllr Morrish would be present.

14. Other Matters.

14.1 Dates for Meetings 2020.

14.1.1 The Clerk had issued a draft schedule with the agenda, and this was agreed.

14.2 VE Day - 75th Anniversary Celebrations

14.2.1 No update.

14.3 Community Award 2020.

14.3.1 It was agreed that this would continue, but with greater prominence being given to the lifetime award.

15. Any Other Business.

15.1 None.



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

PART 2

17. Review of Charges and Terms and Conditions for the Hire of the Council Hall to be effective 1st April 2020. (Current Terms and Conditions of Hire circulated with this agenda).

17.1 The Clerk requested, and Members agreed, to amend the Terms and Conditions to allow for an administrative charge to be made when the Council had to amend an invoice because a hirer had changed his/her requirements. No further changes were considered necessary.

18. Budget 2020-21 - 2nd Draft.

18.1 The above was considered with no comments.

19 Rectory Farm - Legal Advice - Community Land and Covenants and Other Matters.

19.1 Angle Property, the owners / developers of Rectory Farm had requested a meeting with the Council to discuss its latest proposals for the site, particularly the above topics. It was agreed that this should be arranged for early in the new year.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.