



# KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020** at the Council Hall, Charter Court, Vicarage Lane, Kings Langley.

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

Also Present: Mr Paul Dunham, Clerk to the Council; two Members of Nash Mills Parish Council.

Cllr Angiolini assumed the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Cllrs Anderson, Button, Collins, Johnson and Rogers.

2. Declarations of Interest.

2.1 None.

3. Public Participation.

3.1 None.

4. Police Matters and Other Services.

4.1 PCSO Ian Martin was unable to attend the meeting but had provided information on the 16 crimes recorded in January 2020, as follows:

<b>Reported Crime</b>	<b>Incidence</b>	<b>Details</b>
Burglary - other	1	Beacon Riders – nothing taken
Theft from motor vehicle	5	Waterside – pair of earrings The Glebe – bag of children’s clothes Barnes Lane – wheels from car Langley Crescent – catalytic converter Langley Hill – catalytic converter
Theft of motor vehicle	1	Coniston Road – Maserati (found in Highfield area)
Damage or Destroy < £5k	2	Hempstead Road – rear window of car smashed Rose & Crown – car “keyed”
Theft – other	1	Phasels Wood – trailer taken
Drug related	1	Hempstead Road – class A
Other crimes	5	Church Lane, Rucklers Lane, Abbots Rise, Barnes Rise, Abbots View - interfere with motor vehicle
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	

4.1.1 Cumulative and average data was also provided.

4.1.2 There had been 3 recorded crimes in the previous month (December).

4.1.3 The report was noted.



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## 4.2 Neighbourhood Watch.

4.2.1 No report.

4.2.2 “OWL” Communications.

4.2.2.1 No further reports.

## 4.3 Other Related Matters.

4.3.1 Cllr Hubberstey updated Members on the parking situation on London Road and the difficulties in enforcement. Those parking outside West One were generally not parking illegally but were making it difficult for road traffic and pedestrians, especially those with buggies. In most cases, PCSO Martin was able only to issue warnings. The feeling of the meeting was that the only solution to this problem would be the introduction of parking restrictions and it was agreed that the Clerk should convey this to Cllr Roberts.

4.3.1.1 It was also noted that there appeared to be more cases of vehicles parking on the double yellow lines opposite Moore’s. It was agreed that the Clerk would write again the Dacorum Borough Council to alert them of this.

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

County Cllr Roberts was unable to be present.

### 5.1 General Matters

5.1.1 No update.

### 5.2 Highways Matters.

5.2.1 Cllr Morrish updated the meeting regarding the redevelopment of the road junction at Rucklers Lane. As part of the consultation the Hertfordshire County Council officer in charge has asked to have a meeting with the interested parties within the Parish Council, and it was agreed that this would be arranged. He added that the budget for the work was in the year 2020/21.

## 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) held on 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that

The minutes of the meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 be adopted as a true record.

6.2 The Chair then signed the 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 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and 21<sup>st</sup> January were adopted as a true record.



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## 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 was as busy as ever.

8.5.2 Cllr Morrish asked if something could be done to improve the appearance of the white posts in the High Street, if only a temporary measure. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the warden to paint those that could be saved.

## 9. Finance Matters

### 9.1 Schedule of Payments for January 2020.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for January 2020 in the sum of £8,952.32 be approved, 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 and signing of the Council's Bank Account Statements (as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 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:	£110,466.64
NS&I Investment Account:	£45,537.47

### 9.3 Statement of Interest from NS&I

9.3.1 The statement was noted. The amount of interest received on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 was £361.41.

## 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

No report – no Borough Councillors were present. There had not been any meetings.

10.1.2 Rucklers Lane Garage Site – new street name.

10.1.2.1 The Council had received a request from Dacorum Borough Council's street naming officer to propose a name for the above development. It was agreed unanimously that the Council should propose Anderson Close in recognition and appreciation of Rucklers Lane resident's Dr and Janet Anderson's contribution to village life.



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- 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 he had responded to a query from Bovington PC who were having difficulties trying to include site allocations in its plan because the Borough was not being very cooperative. Cllr Morrish had responded that the Kings Langley Parish Council had decided not to include site allocations in its plan because it was in the domain of the Borough Council, adding that that the Borough had been very helpful. He added that progress was still good and that the housing needs audit had started, further to which, he had spoken to local estate agents, Pendley's, who stated that, in their experience, the greatest demand was for 2-bed houses.

11.1.2 Parish Plan – Environment Group (Cllr Button).

The “incredible edibles” initiative was underway under the auspices of Andrew Levy.

11.1.3 Parish Plan – Transport Group (Cllr McLean).

Cllr McLean reported that there would be a “master plan” document for the ARUP study for the following week. He added that there may be a small amount of budget left as a result of Cllr Roberts' contribution that might be spent on some extra work that had been identified by ARUP.

11.1.4 Parish Plan – Leisure Group (Cllr Hubberstey).

Cllr Hubberstey reported that he had been trying to progress finding a home for “The Repair Shed”, especially as Hertfordshire County Council had stated that use of the old youth club would not be possible. Further suggestions were made at the meeting. Cllr Hubberstey added that some funding would be needed for this, but that he felt that it was a worthwhile community facility, providing a “man shed” for those that don't have one.

The “organisations” website should be available at the end of March.

Three businesses / organisations had offered to provide “community toilets”.

He was also pursuing the introduction of “brown signs” to encourage tourism by publicising the rich history of the village. He added also that there was an initiative to bring the old priory into the community.

11.2 Geographical Areas Reports.

11.2.1 Cllr Angiolini reported that no sooner had the new salt bin been sited, when a resident, who had apparently requested one several times in the past, asked for it to be moved to the top of Barnes Rise. The request was granted, and the bin moved.

11.2.2 Cllr McLean reported that Fibre was finally arriving in the rural parts of Rucklers Lane.

11.3 Village Garden (Cllr Johnson).

11.3.1 Cllr Hubberstey reported that the response to the appeal on Facebook for volunteers had been positive. There were more plants and shrubs, to be planted this coming Friday, which were, once again, generously donated by David Hunt,

11.4 Litter picks.

11.4.1 Cllr Hubberstey was publicising these on Facebook. The next is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020



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11.5 Other items.

11.5.1 Human Sundial – no update.

12. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

12.1 Transition in Kings (TIK).

12.1.1 Cllr Morrish reported that Transition in Kings (TIK) was a little dormant now and there was rarely anything to report. It was part of KLCBS, the Kings Langley Community Benefit Society, and it was suggested that it might be better to report on that, which was agreed.

12.2 Parish Paths Partnership (PPP).

12.2.1 Cllr Morrish stated that he had not applied for the grant for this year.

12.3 Kings Langley Community Association.

12.3.1 Nothing to report.

12.4 Others.

12.4.1 Dacorum Environmental Forum  
Nothing to report.

13. High Street Surgeries.

13.1 The next surgery was scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> February. The usual Members would be present.

14. Other Matters.

14.1 VE Day - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

14.1.1 Cllr McLean reported that had attended a “talking newspapers” session on this, which was very good. It was noted that the History Society had not shown any interest in marking the day. Cllr Hubberstey undertook to repeat the post he had previously made on Facebook.

14.2. Palm Sunday parade

14.2.1 The Clerk informed Members that in his opinion if they participated in a parade in the High Street that stopped traffic, they would not be covered by the Council’s insurance, and so would not be doing so as Parish Councillors, but as individuals.

15. Any Other Business.

15.1 Cllr Hubberstey reported that Cllr Roberts had agreed to initiate a parking permits scheme for Shendish Edge which was supported by residents. Cllr Hubberstey was looking at the possibility of a secular youth club, but the question of the availability of premises arose. He suggested that the Council might like to set up a property sub-committee to help with this and similar circumstances that had been raised.

Meeting closed at 9.02pm.