



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 7th June 2022.

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Angiolini (Vice Chair), Button (Chair), Collins, De Silva, Johnson, McClean, Morrish, Rogers and Sinclair.

Also Present: Mr Paul Dunham, Clerk to the Council. County Councillor Richard Roberts.

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 None.

2. Declarations of Interest.

2.1 None.

3. Public Participation / Question Time / Urgent Planning & Licencing Matters

3.1 There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

3.2 Urgent Planning & Licencing Matters.

3.2.1 Consideration of Planning Applications as listed here:

| Reference | Address | Details of Application | Submission | Reason (if any) |
|--------------|------------------|--|--------------|---|
| 22/01516/FHA | 10 Regent Close | Single storey rear extension and new roof light to garage. | No objection | |
| 22/01591/FHA | 35 Abbots Rise | Conversion of hipped roof to gable. Front dormer roof extension. Single storey rear extension. Rear-facing dormer extension. | No objection | |
| 22/01639/FUL | 15 Rucklers Lane | Demolition of existing garage/outbuilding and proposed new build house with rear garage and parking. | Objection | The Council objects to this application as it believes that because of its bulk and size it will result in an inappropriate over-cramping of the site. The Council is also opposed to these types of "in-fill" within the Green Belt. |
| 22/01663/TCA | 5 Five Acres | Felling of conifers. Modifications to other trees. | No objection | |

3.2.2 Other Planning & Licencing Matters (as specified on the agenda).

3.2.2.1 None.

3.2.3 Any Other Planning & Licencing Business (Not Requiring Formal Decision).

3.2.3.1 Cllr Johnson reported on a recent Borough planning meeting that he had attended to support the Council objection to two applications which resulted in the Borough Council refusing 36 Belham Road, but granting 34 Coniston Road.



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4. Police Matters and Other Services.

4.1 Crime reports.

4.1.1 No reports had been received.

4.2 Any Other Police and Neighbourhood Watch Matters.

4.2.1 None.

5. Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

5.1 General Matters.

5.1.1 Cllr Roberts was not present at this stage.

5.2 Highways Matters.

5.2.2 Cllr Roberts was not present at this stage.

5.3 Speed Indicator Device – Watford Road southbound

5.3.1 Cllr Roberts arrived during the discussion on this item which had been deferred from the previous meeting because the Council had questions regarding a) whether there was an option for a reversible unit (and who would do it), b) the precise cost to which it was being asked to commit and c) the determination of the position of a new unit (if a reversible was not an option). It was agreed that Cllr Roberts would deal with a and b and that Parish Councillors would consider their preferred siting on the southbound side for consideration by County.

5.4 Highways Matters (part 2).

5.4.1 The Chair asked if there was an update on the parking situation in Red Lion Lane. It was understood that this was being delayed because the County Cllr for Nash Mills had been hoping that there might be an alternative solution via the conversion of a piece of land opposite the Sappi development. Cllr Anderson (in his role as Dacorum Borough Council portfolio holder) responded that this was not an option. Cllr Roberts was asked if he would press for the implementing of double yellow lines at the island and towpath crossing to be carried out as soon as possible. Cllr McLean added that he believed Andrew Freeman had been progressing this.

5.4.2 Cllr Angiolini reported that he had been approached by a resident because of a parking issue at the junction of Abbots Rise with Abbots View where ones vision is obscured as you leave Abbots View. Cllr Roberts responded that it would be difficult to justify the introduction of parking restrictions unless there was a problem with access (eg at Avenue Approach and Rockcliffe Avenue), but he agreed that the would meet Cllr Angiolini to investigate.

5.4.3 Cllr Morrish asked for an update on the M25 Junction 20 roundabout repairs. Cllr Roberts apologised that this had not yet been reprogrammed, and that this was because there was some difficulty in finding the “road space” to insert the road closures. He added that there were increasing pressures on Highways workloads. He agreed to try to press for this work to be rescheduled as soon as possible.

5.4.4 Cllr Roberts added further that the High was beginning to look like it needed resurfacing, to which Cllr Anderson added that London Road was also in a poor state with at least five pot-holes. This had been reported.



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5.4.5 Cllr Roberts reminded Members to raise any issues with roads and pavements that need to be included in highways works programme. The pavement from Common Lane to Miller and Carter is due to be done in about two weeks time. This would cost around £14,000.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s).

6.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2022 had been issued in draft form but had not been completed because the Clerk had been unwell, so it was agreed that these would be presented for approval at the next meeting.

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(s) held on 19th April 2022 were adopted as a true record.

8.2 Chair's Reports.

8.2.1 The Chair reported that the Jubilee celebration in the village garden on Sunday went very well, especially as the weather was kinder than forecast, and that the commemorative tree was planted. He added that a big thank you and congratulations were due to Cllr Johnson for all his work in making the garden look so good. Cllr Johnson added that because the weather was better than expected, it was attended by more people than were expected, such that both scout groups were able to make about £500 each for the use of the games and the burger stall. Cllr Johnson proposed that the Council would make a donation £75 for the hire of the PA system and attendance of the provider for the course of the event. This was seconded by Cllr Button and agreed by Members.

8.2.1.1 Cllr McLean added that there was also a very successful event in Rucklers Lane. He and Cllr Anderson added further that the Rucklers Lane Community Association is hoping to have an annual event, which would include a road closure and that they hoped it would be supported by Cllr Roberts. There were several other events in the Parish on various days.

8.3 Reports from Chairs of other Committees / Groups.

8.3.1 Christmas Lights. It was agreed that the event would be held on 26th November.

8.4 Clerk's Report / Action List.

8.4.1 The Clerk reported that he had completed the end of year accounts and passed the paperwork to the Internal Auditor. He added that he had agreed an extension to the submission date with the External Auditors until 22nd July. This would be noted in their report.

8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 The Clerk reported on the fantastic work that the Warden had done in creating union flag flower beds at Great Park, which had also been appreciated by many members of



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the public. Members agreed and asked the Clerk to pass this on to the Warden and to record it in the minutes. The Warden had also raised the question of the flag pole on the church: the one currently there was on loan, but the PCC was working towards there being a permanent one. There was some discussion regarding whether the Council should have its own and where it might be sited, especially if the church was unsuccessful. This would be reconsidered at a later date.

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for May 2022.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for May 2022 in the sum of £12,987.42 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 29th April 2022). Members had received copies of the summaries.

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:

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| Current Account: | £5,000.00 |
| Reserve Account: | £245,308.42 |
| NS&I Investment Account: | £45,869.91 |

9.3 Application for financial assistance - Kings Langley Community Choir.

9.3.1 The Choir sought assistance towards the cost of a concert being staged in support of the charity, Electric Umbrella.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

Kings Langley Community Choir be granted £200 re the above.

10. Dacorum Borough Council and Other Public Bodies.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

10.1.1 Cllrs Anderson and Johnson – Reports and Members' questions

Cllr Johnson reported that there had been one full Council meeting which was primarily for the purpose of Mayor-making. Cllr Johnson was appointed Deputy Mayor for which he was congratulated by all those present.

11. Members Items / Reports and Questions (not included elsewhere).

11.1 Parish / Neighbourhood Plan Reports.

11.1.1 Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Morrish).

Cllr Morrish was still hopeful that the plan would progress as reported at the last meeting.



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- 11.1.2 Parish Plan – Environment Group (Cllr Button).
There had not been a further meeting.
- 11.1.3 Parish Plan – Leisure Group (Cllr Johnson),
Cllr Johnson provided an oral report. He was disappointed that the Borough had not progressed the installation of the trim trail, but had escalated it. The community toilet scheme has been publicised. Cllr Rogers circulated an information leaflet issued by the Borough as a further example of what could be done for the Parish.
- 11.1.4 Parish Plan – Transport Group (Cllr McLean).
Cllr McLean was planning to hold a meeting in the next 2-3 weeks.
- 11.2 Geographical Areas Reports
- 11.2.1 Abbots Rise area (Cllr Angiolini).
Nothing to report.
- 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 a damaged white bollard outside the Service Club. The Clerk was already aware. The stakes outside on the grass verge opposite the football club would be removed shortly for use at the carnival. Cllr Anderson reported that he was seeking quotes for the installation of posts there and had seen a potential contractor that morning. The quotation would show separate prices for the mouth of Coniston Road and for Mill Lane. It was noted that Herts Highways and Dacorum Borough Council permission would be required. Cllr Anderson agreed to provide Cllr Roberts with a plan, which could also be shared with the Transport Group.
- 11.2.4 Blackwell Road area (Cllr De Silva).
Nothing to report.
- 11.2.5 London Road area (Cllr De Silva).
Nothing to report except very loud noise and vibrations from the Red Lion for a Jubilee event.
- 11.2.6 Watford Road area (Cllr Johnson).
Nothing to report.
- 11.2.7 Rucklers area (Cllr Morrish).
Cllr Morrish had met a surveyor who was working on the drainage schemes. He had pointed out that the source of the problem was the water running from the upper part of the road. The surveyor undertook to investigate. There were further discussions including possible solutions.
- It was agreed that the Clerk would produce an action list for Cllr Roberts.
- 11.2.8 High Street area (Cllr Rogers).
Cllr Rogers had nothing to report.
- 11.2.9 Coniston Road area (Cllr Sinclair).
Nothing significant to report.
- 11.3 Village Garden (Cllr Johnson).
- 11.3.1 Cllr Johnson reported that he and volunteers had planted 208 new shrubs over the course three days.
- 11.4 Litter Picks
- 11.4.1 Cllr Johnson had submitted a report by email.



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11.5 Sunderland's Yard Allotments

11.5.1 Allotment holders were readying for the gardens' competition. The site was looking quite well considering the flooding over winter.

12. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

12.1 The Kings Langley Community Benefit Society (KLCBS) (Cllr Morrish).

12.1.1 Nothing new to report.

12.2 Kings Langley Community Association.

12.2.1 Nothing to report.

13. Council Surgeries.

13.1 The next surgery would be at the carnival on Saturday 25th June.

14. Other Matters.

14.1 None.

15. Any Other Business ((Not Requiring Formal Decision)).

15.1 There was some discussion about the future of the jubilee decals. Should they be left up? And there was a suggestion that they could be auctioned for charity. It was decided that they would be left up for the time being.

15.2 Cllr Angiolini mentioned that the stewards at the Services Club were retiring after 37 years and wondered if there was something that the Council could do to recognise this. It was decided that the most appropriate way to do this would be with the Community Award.

15.3 The Clerk reported that the developers of Rectory Farm had asked whether the Council would like them to come to a meeting to provide an update now that the application had been submitted. It was decided that the Council would prefer to wait for the receipt of the application notice and details.

Meeting closed 20:50.