



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 6th September 2022.

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

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

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence.

1.1 Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllr McLean.

2. Declarations of Interest.

2.1 All Members declared a Personal Interest in planning application 22/02511/FHA 22/02316/FHA (Hawkridge, Rucklers Lane) as Cllr McLean is a Member of the Parish Council. Several Members also declared a Personal Interest in application 22/02099/LBC (84 Waterside) as they knew the owner.

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

3.1 There were no members of the public present.

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)
22/02511/FHA	Hawkridge, Rucklers Lane	Proposed alterations to the roof including raising the rear eaves additional roof lights and partly extending the roof to line with the existing front hip over the dining room.	Noted	All Members declared a Personal Interest because the applicant is a Member of the Parish Council
22/02533/FHA	Flinton, Lady Meadow	Demolition of existing garage and storage building and construction of replacement garage, with home office within roof space.	Noted	
22/02606/LDP	132 Chipperfield Road	Single storey side extension.	No objection	
22/02099/LBC	84 Waterside	Removal of loose brickwork to top of satellite dish, thermalite blocks from below window and rotten Oak beams and dispose of debris. Supply and fit new Oak beams. Supply new handmade soft red bricks and brick up panels in Ty-Mawr Lime Mortar.	No objection	

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

3.2.2.1 Sarratt Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Statutory Consultation 15th August to 25th September. This item was noted.



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

3.2.3.1 None.

4. Police Matters and Other Services.

4.1 Crime reports.

4.1.1 PC Stevens was not available to attend the meeting, but had provided the following updated table which he had expanded to provide a better understanding of the nature of some of the crimes:

DIR KINGS LANGLEY Crimes 2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Burglary Dwelling	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1					4
Attempt Burglary Dwelling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Burglary (other - business & non dwelling)	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	0					6
Attempt Burglary other robbery	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0					4
	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0					4
Theft of motor vehicle	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0					2
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Theft from motor vehicle	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1					6
Attempt theft from motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Vehicle interference	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0					2
Damage to motor vehicle	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	1					8
Criminal damage	1	2	0	0	2	0	4	0					9
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Assault (common and ABH)	4	6	5	1	6	4	1	3					30
Serious assault (GBH)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Theft from shop	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0					2
Theft other (all other types of theft related offences)	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	1					14
Drug related offences	1	0	2	1	2	0	2	0					8
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ASB related calls	6	4	12	7	9	7	16	14					75
TOTALS													
Notable total investigations	10	9	14	11	19	15	14	7					99
Athena Total Investigations	22	25	22	27	29	20	29	17					191

4.1.2 Members were a little concerned re the number of assaults, although not in the “serious” category, which appear to be up on previous years. The Clerk would pass this on to PC Stevens. Members also asked the Clerk to pass on their thanks to PC Stevens for his efforts in improving the information provided.

4.1.3 Cllr Rogers asked what use the Council could make of these figures. The Clerk suggested that, for example, the Council could encourage members of the public to always report crimes, so that the Police could improve their focus.



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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.

5.2 Highways Matters.

5.2.1 The Clerk updated the “Information and Action List” for Cllr Roberts. There was some suggestion that the items on the list could be managed via the Transport Group, but also that they should continue to be discussed at Council so they were not lost sight of.

5.2.1.1 News of the works proposed for the M25 / A41 roundabout was that it would involve some “remodelling”. The Clerk was asked to ask Cllr Roberts if he could provide more details of this..

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s).

6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting(s) held on 19th July and 2nd August 2022 be adopted as a true record.

6.1.1 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

7. Matters Arising.

7.1 Quorum for Personnel Committee (the Clerk).

7.1.1 The Clerk and Cllr Anderson clarified the current requirements for the above which like all committees of the Council was three members. It was felt that this was not appropriate for the Personnel Committee, and that it should always include the Chair and Vice-Chair (unless otherwise agreed in advance by full Council). This requirement would be incorporated in the next review of the Council’s Standing Orders, due next year.

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 July 2022 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 On Cllr Angiolini’s behalf, the Clerk reported that it was not possible to complete the shopkeeper questionnaire, but Cllr Button had asked his daughter to canvass members of their WhatsApp group for suggestions. It was still the intention to streamline the event. Whilst there would not be a printed programme this year, it would be promoted via the Village Newspaper.



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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 would be repairing the main notice board with new cork shortly, then the village map can be returned.

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Schedule of Payments for August 2022.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for the August 2022 in the sum of £9,648.88 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 31st July 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:

Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£218,829.68
NS&I Investment Account:	£45,869.91

9.3 Income and Expenditure Statements 2022-23.

9.3.1 Members considered and noted the reports as at 31st July 2022, which had been provided with the agenda, and the statement to that effect, was signed by the Chair

9.4 Examination and signing of the Council's Bank Reconciliation Statement (as at 31st July 2022).

9.4.1 In accordance with Audit requirements and recommendations, the statement was examined by the Members and the balances were cross-checked with the bank statements (see 9.2, above), then signed by the Chair.

9.5 Contribution towards canal towpath.

9.5.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

To ratify the decision made at the meeting of 2nd August 2022, to contribute £5,000 towards the works to improve the canal towpath in Kings Langley.

9.6 Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA Ltd).

9.6.1 The SAAA had notified the Council that it had the option to opt out of the arrangements for the appointment of External Auditors. After considering the implications of this option, it was proposed (Cllr Anderson), seconded (Cllr Johnson) and RESOLVED:

That the Council would continue with the existing arrangements for the appointment of External Auditors.



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10. Dacorum Borough Council and Other Public Bodies.

10.1 Dacorum Borough Council.

- 10.1.1 Cllrs Anderson and Johnson – Reports and Members’ questions
No report.

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

11.1 Parish / Neighbourhood Plan Reports.

11.1.1 Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Morrish).

Cllr Morrish thanked Members for their input to the latest stage. The plan had been updated with reference to impacts on the Green Belt. He was pleased to advise that this should be going for approval by Dacorum Borough Council in September, with an expectation that the referendum would be in October.

11.1.2 Parish Plan – Environment Group (Cllr Button).

Cllr Button had nothing to report.

11.1.3 Parish Plan – Leisure Group (Cllr Johnson),

Cllr Johnson’s report had been included in the agenda papers and is attached as appendix 1.

11.1.4 Parish Plan – Transport Group (Cllr McLean).

Cllr McLean had provided and updated priorities / ownership list. This is attached as appendix 2. It was noted that during Cllr McLean’s absence, Cllr Morrish would be chairing this group.

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)

It was noted that there had been a large number of nitrous oxide (laughing gas) canisters dumped in a bin on The Common, some of which were full. This is used in catering, but can also be used by inhaling as a recreation stimulant. The Borough team had removed them. Cllr Roger reported that there appeared to be an influx of motor homes parking on The Common. The Clerk responded that this may be because some websites were promoting The Common for this purpose, but that, unfortunately, there was little that could be done to stop it.

11.2.3 Hempstead Road areas (Cllr Collins).

Works to repair the footpath from Miller and Carter to Common Lane had been delayed.

11.2.4 Blackwell Road area (Cllr De Silva).

Nothing to report.

11.2.5 London Road area (Cllr De Silva).

Cllr Anderson thanked Cllr Morrish for his intervention in expediting the UK Power works on London Road (by contacting the CEO).

11.2.6 Watford Road area (Cllr Johnson).

A flood today had been cleared..

11.2.7 Rucklers area (Cllr Morrish).

See 11.2.5 re London Road closure. There are to be further closures in Rucklers Lane in October for gas and drainage works.

11.2.8 High Street area (Cllr Rogers).

Nothing to report.



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11.2.9 Coniston Road area (Cllr Sinclair).
Nothing to report.

11.3 Village Garden (Cllr Johnson).

11.3.1 Nothing to report.

11.4 Litter Picks

11.4.1 Cllr Johnson reported that he had been accompanied by a father and son, but that the litter was not too bad,

11.5 Sunderland's Yard Allotments

11.5.1 Cllr Johnson reported that, having judged the Gardens' competition at the weekend, despite the winter flooding, the allotments had a surprising abundance of growth and produce.

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 There had been a meeting on the 12th. with the new officers in place, who will be officially installed at the forthcoming AGM. Cllr Rogers described an issue with overhanging trees which could potentially damage the roof of the centre. An impasse had been reached with Dacorum Borough Council's Trees Officer. Cllr Anderson advised that it should be escalated to the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Delivery), which Cllr Rogers undertook to do.

13. Council Surgeries.

13.1 Cllr Button had attended that last surgery at which there was a complaint about the extent of cutting back of some overgrowth in The Drift.

14. Other Matters.

14.1 Council Group Projects.

14.1.1 A further updated list of projects (Leisure Group) had been circulated with the agenda and is attached as appendix 3 and various amendments were discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Morrish would liaise to produce a new update.

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

15.1 None.

Meeting closed 20:54.



APPENDICES

Appendix 1.

LEISURE GROUP REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022

Repair Shed

A meeting to be arranged with Simon Aulton (Community Action Dacorum) for an update.

Commons and woods

Imagination Technology are awaiting proposals from DBC.

Trim Trail

The Parish Council have assumed responsibility for overseeing installation to get the work completed; the installation will take place around mid-November.

Cycling

There had been no further updates or progress.

Community Toilet Scheme

The project is now 'live,' although other businesses may join, e.g., Services Club. It will be removed from the agenda.

Heritage Trail guide

The narrative for the Heritage Trail document had been circulated and was agreed. It will need to be rejigged for a larger A2 or A3 format.

Signage

The proposal to add a map at Tooveys Mill had been dropped. Enquiries would be made about providing an overlay for existing maps to include new village additions.

The Village Warden has added pavement signage to Wayside Farm and All Saints.

Rectory Farm

The Parish Council had provided a comprehensive response to the application.

Neighbourhood Plan

The timetable for the Neighbourhood Plan was outlined. The list of current Leisure Group projects had been circulated and the following was agreed – Noticeboards and Park Benches overhaul not projects, Rockliffe Park Trail not viable, Youth Shelter - no interest in pursuing. The remaining projects were live or considered worth pursuing at some level. Following the meeting there was a further exchange of suggestions and a report prepared for full Council.



Appendix 2.

Transport Group: Priority Revisions / Ownership.

Priority: Extremely High.

Introduction of Traffic Lights at the junction of High Street and Vicarage Lane. **Highways.**
(Estimated cost of £350k to £400k).

Resurfacing and re-design with modernised signage at M25 roundabout of Junction 20 **Highways.**
(Estimated cost of £600k and rising due to supply chain issues).

Priority: High.

Implementation of Watford Road additional SID **Richard.**
(funded by a combination of HCC and Parish Council contributions).

Footpath resurfacing of lower length of Vicarage Lane and also Langley Hill. **Richard.**
(New requirement not previously identified or funded).

High Street single yellow lines to relieve Pinch Point. **Highways.**
(Discussed but no specific funding yet identified).

Expansion of NAP car park opposite Nap Surgery entrance. **Dacorum.**
(Post Covid, volumes increasing, thus need becoming more critical, no funding).

Tow Path extension to join Three Rivers section. **Andrew.**
(Three-way funding identified and work anticipated this year).

Double Yellow Lines at key points in Red Lion Lane. **Andrew.**
(Funding assumed to be as part of Rucklers Lane previous road layout scheme).

Double Yellow lines at bell-mouth of Rucklers Lane entrance. **Andrew.**
(Funding assumed to be as part of Rucklers Lane previous road layout scheme).

Primary School crossing at Miller and Carter / Rectory Lane. **Andrew.**
(Scheme previously funded and agreed, understood to now be delayed).

Priority: Medium.

One Way system pilot through middle section of Vicarage Lane. **Richard.**
(Understood to have been agreed by HCC but stated that this 3 years from start).

High Street resurfacing. **Highways.**
(New requirement, not previously identified, no funding).

London Road / Doo-littles resurfacing. **Highways.**
(New requirement, not previously identified, no funding).

Parking protection of verges opposite Football club. **Dacorum.**
(Proposed scheme agreed in outline and being progressed).



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Priority: Low.

Implement double use strategy for any new cycleways.
(Outline strategy identified, no action).

Highways.

Electronic crossing to replace manual system @ Rectory Lane.
(Only likely to be implemented if Rectory Farm Phase 2 agreed, no action).

Dacorum.

Implement drainage scheme through Rucklers Lane.
(initial discussions taking place, longer term project, no funding identified).

Highways.

Parking limitations at corner of Abbots View and Abbots Rise.
(Recent addition to list, no funding identified).

Highways.



Appendix 3.

Review of Leisure Group projects

New/Refurbish Playgrounds at Beechfield/The Nap/Rucklers Lane (£15k)

DBC advised in 2021 that all three play areas have been refurbished since 2015. The works at Beechfield and The Nap were £30,000 each; Rucklers Lane was around the £35,000 mark. In addition, it costs around £1,200-£1,500 per annum to maintain a play area. The play areas are solely DBC property and they've confirmed they aren't due an upgrade as others haven't had any work for more than 20 years and there is no budget for refurbishment. An *achievable* alternative might be to 'Replace or add 1 or 2 pieces of new equipment in KL playgrounds', fully funded by the Parish Council.

Provision for young people (£15k) – replaces Youth Shelter proposal

The draft Neighbourhood Plan makes the point that the "Parish Council (need) to engage with the community to understand type of provision desired for children and teenagers." The Leisure Group would prefer to rework this project to do an evidence-based assessment and action plan, undertaken by independent consultants, to identify what children/teenagers would like. This may include a Youth Shelter.

Additional footpath signage around the village (£5k)

The Leisure Group is currently trialling stencils but has not ruled out some formal street signage (subject to Parish Council agreement and Highways approval). As an adjunct to this and, as discussed at Parish Council meetings, a revised 'Walk Around Kings Langley' is being drafted for which will incorporate a Village map on one side.

Woodland Common Heritage Trail (£10k)

DBC have made it clear that any woodland works would need their agreement/management and there is no funding available for any such works. Nevertheless, it would seem sensible to maintain this budget to, as a minimum, fund the clearance of footpaths until such time as the Parish Council may have some substantive, costed proposals.

Noticeboards overhaul

The Leisure Group propose this is removed from the list of "projects" as it is more an issue of general repairs and maintenance.

Park benches overhaul

The Leisure Group propose this is removed from the list of "projects" as it is more an issue of general repairs and maintenance.

Woodland Trail Rockliffe Park

The Leisure Group propose this is removed from the list of "projects" as this woodland is too small to justify a 'trail'.