



# KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Angiolini (Vice Chair), Button (Chair), Collins, 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 Cllrs De Silva and McLean. County Councillor Roberts also gave his apologies.

### 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.

- 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)
22/02859/FHA	132 Chipperfield Road	Single storey rear extension.	Objection	The Council objects to this application, which would be an intrusion into the Green Belt, in support of the previous refusal by Dacorum Borough Council.
22/02865/FUL	126 Hempstead Road	Change of use of part ground floor of site from A1/B1/B8 to Retail Members Club (Sui Generis).	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 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:



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D1R 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	1				5
Attempt Burglary Dwelling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Burglary (other - business & non dwelling)	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0				6
Attempt Burglary other robbery	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0				4
	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1				5
Theft of motor vehicle	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1				3
Attempt theft of motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Theft from motor vehicle	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	0				6
Attempt theft from motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Vehicle interference	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1				3
Damage to motor vehicle	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	0				8
Criminal damage	1	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	2				11
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
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Assault (common and ABH)	4	6	5	1	6	4	1	3	8				38
Serious assault (GBH)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
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Theft from shop	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				2
Theft other (all other types of theft related offence)	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	1				15
Drug related offences	1	0	2	1	2	0	2	0	1				9
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ASB related calls	3	4	3	4	9	7	8	12	6				56
TOTALS													
Total number of incidents reported to police	85	94	104	82	109	87	120	112	94				887
Athena Total Crime Investigations	22	25	22	27	29	20	29	17	24				215
Relevant Crime investigations	10	9	14	11	19	15	14	7	16				115

4.1.2 PC Stevens had enhanced the report further to highlight elements that he thought would be more useful and informative for the Council, although Cllr Rogers remarked that it had made comparisons more difficult. The Clerk would thank PC Stevens for his extra efforts in producing this report.

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 No reports.

5.3 It was noted that Cllr Roberts had participated in the London Marathon and the Chair agreed to make donate £100 to his nominated charity, the Brain & Spine Foundation, from his Chair's allowance.



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## 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s).

### 6.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting(s) held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be adopted as a true record.

#### 6.1.1 The Chair then signed the Minutes.

## 7. Matters Arising.

7.1 Cllr Rogers updated the Meeting regarding the Community Centre AGM which would be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October with the new Chair, Jeremy Taylor and new Secretary, John Thompson.

## 8. Reports.

### 8.1 Standing Committees.

#### 8.1.1 Planning & Licensing Committee.

8.1.1.1 The minutes of the meeting(s) held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022 were adopted as a true record.

### 8.2 Chair's Reports.

8.2.1 The Chair reported on the success of the Beer and Fizz Festival at All Saint's Church at which he had helped.

### 8.3 Reports from Chairs of other Committees / Groups.

#### 8.3.1 Best Gardens' Competition.

On Cllr Angiolini's behalf, the Clerk advised that there were several outstanding issues, including: the catering had not been organised, we do not have an understanding of what Sunnyside will be doing on the evening, we need volunteers for setting-up tables and chairs etc, setting-up and running the laptop for slides, collecting and accounting for the money from raffle tickets and auction sales, taking photographs, and selling raffle tickets.

The Chair gave his apologies for not being available on the night but would ask his daughter if she would help with the raffle. Cllr Sinclair would attend to help set-up. Cllr Anderson agreed to set-up and run the laptop slides and would collect and account for the raffle and auction money. He would come into the office the day prior to receive instructions and collect the equipment. Cllr Johnson would ask Sunnyside if they would do the photography, especially as they might want some for their own publicity (NOTE: Barry Kemp (Kings Langley News) has since agreed to do this). The caterers had not been organised and it was decided to ask Dallings.

It was agreed that the use of a card machine would be considered for next year.

#### 8.3.2 Christmas Lights Festival.

On Cllr Angiolini's behalf, the Clerk reported the Council had received the licence (stage 1) from County / Ringway. County had also agreed to replace the Council's timer / switch units in the lamp columns that had replaced (the Council's units could not be found), which was a surprise. There was a concern that this would not be done in time for the event. The Clerk added that an additional requirement to get a structural engineer's report on the lamp columns had been introduced this year costing the Council an extra £1,000. It was further agreed that the Council would look at reducing the hours that the lights were on from next year. The Clerk added further that the



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organisation of the event was a little behind this year, including a decision from the Council whether they still wanted fireworks to close the event. After a debate it was agreed to continue with these. Further, the sponsor had not been approached, which Cllr Angiolini would do. At the group meeting it had been agreed that Santa would be asked to start earlier, but would then have to be interrupted for the lights switch on. Cllr Angiolini would need to contact him.  
Cllr Button would be providing the barriers.  
The Clerk had not heard from RayNet for manning the barriers. It was agreed that the traffic management company would be asked to provide additional staff.  
Cllr Rogers advised that the Borough appeared to be asking for additional paperwork this year. The Clerk undertook to check this.

## 8.4 Clerk's Report / Action List.

8.4.1 The Clerk advised that the Council had received an interim report from the external auditors stating that they had not been able to complete their audit. This interim report had to be issued so that the legal required to satisfy certain statutory requirements. There had been four applications for the Clerk's position soon to be vacated, which the Personnel Committee would be considering in the course of the next few days.  
The Clerk was pleased to report that the Council's electricity bill for the period 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> August was £6.81, probably an indication the solar panels were working.  
Cllr Anderson added that UK Power Networks would not consent to adding a separate meter for the other part of the building, which means that there will continue to be issues with how the recharges are managed.

## 8.5 Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

8.5.1 Cllr Morrish asked once again that the white posts in the High Street be painted. The Clerk agreed to get the Warden to do it.

## 9. Finance Matters

### 9.1 Schedule of Payments for September 2022.

9.1.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for September 2022 in the sum of £10,656.25 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 30<sup>th</sup> September. 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:	£198,408.43
NS&I Investment Account:	£45,869.91



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9.3 Hempstead Road / Coniston Road / Mill Lane posts.

9.3.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the cost of verge protection works to Hempstead Road, Coniston Road and Mill Lane in the sum of £3,500, to be carried out by Dacorum Borough Council, be approved.

9.3.2 The works will start once the services survey has been completed.

### 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 had attended a Housing Scrutiny Committee meeting at which the main item discussed was a review of the Housing services provided in the Borough, which is quite a substantial programme. There had been a full council meeting, but it consisted mainly of matters related to the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Cllr Anderson advised that a meeting of the Strategic Planning and Advisory Group had discussed the lifting of the moratorium related to Beechwoods, hopefully within the next month, and that the Borough will be considering the largest application for many years this coming Thursday for 1400 houses, schools and doctors etc at Marshcroft Farm, Tring. The Borough is also discussing its electric vehicle strategy which is expected to include a project on electric scooters. In response to a question from Cllr Morrish, Cllr Anderson confirmed that there was a proposal for a major development at the railway station.

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

11.1 Parish / Neighbourhood Plan Reports.

11.1.1 Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Morrish).

Cllr Morrish announced that the referendum had been set for 17<sup>th</sup> November and he will be looking at publicity, and grant funding for banners etc, shortly.

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. It was noted that there was little progress with the Repairs Hub.

11.1.4 Parish Plan – Transport Group (Cllr McLean / Morrish).

Cllr Morrish reported on updates received from Andrew Freeman. This included that the issuing of the contract for the school crossing in Hempstead Road was due this week, and that funding details for the tow path project were about to be completed. This project had to be completed by the end of the financial year, which should give it some urgency. Andrew Freeman was also working on a report for HCC Members outlining the options available for parking restrictions in Red Lion Lane.

11.2 Geographical Areas Reports

11.2.1 Abbots Rise area (Cllr Angiolini).

There were lots of markings in the roads in the area suggesting there may be some repair works imminently.



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- 11.2.2 The Common, Vicarage Lane / Langley Hill / Great Park (Cllr Button)  
The dangerous tree had been cut back.
- 11.2.3 Hempstead Road areas (Cllr Collins).  
Cllr Collins advised that a dropped kerb had been created opposite Miller and Carter, but its purpose was unknown. The repairs to the footpath from Miller and Carter to Common Lane is still outstanding. It is still scheduled. Cllr Morrish undertook to check its progress. The lamp column outside 23 Hempstead Road is in the middle of the footpath. Slurry is still coming down footpath 10.
- 11.2.4 Blackwell Road area (Cllr De Silva).  
No report.
- 11.2.5 London Road area (Cllr De Silva).  
No report.
- 11.2.6 Watford Road area (Cllr Johnson).  
Nothing to report.
- 11.2.7 Rucklers area (Cllr Morrish).  
Rucklers Lane continues to be cursed by utility works and road closures.
- 11.2.8 High Street area (Cllr Rogers).  
Some traders continue to park in the High Street all day. The parking wardens rarely attend and are not a deterrent. A new bench is to be installed outside 34 High Street in memory of Cllrs Button's father and sister.
- 11.2.9 Coniston Road area (Cllr Sinclair).  
The usual parking issues continue.
- 11.3 Village Garden (Cllr Johnson).
- 11.3.1 The community volunteer work will probably stop until the new year. The Clerk added that the box hedge by the war memorial had been removed because it had been destroyed by the box hedge caterpillar, and will be replaced with yews. The village warden is doing this work, although the removal of the stumps and roots has presented a challenge! Cllr Button offered a small digger if that would help.
- 11.4 Litter Picks
- 11.4.1 There had been some activity on Facebook about a national litter pick day, but it resulted in no activity regarding volunteers. The November session will be the last until the new year.
- 11.5 Sunderland's Yard Allotments
- 11.5.1 The allotments are in a far better state this year, compared to last, when they were flooded on several occasions.
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 The AGM is on October 26<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that the new team to be elected will be able to provide much needed impetus and support.



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### 13. Council Surgeries.

13.1 The last surgery was unusually quiet.

### 14. Other Matters.

14.1 Memorial seat in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II (Cllr Button).

14.1.1 It was agreed that the Clerk would purchase a seat similar to the seat outside The Denes in Nash Mills, and that this would replace the one outside village garden entrance. The existing one can be re-used. The Clerk would investigate the costs etc and also for one that will replace the one removed from outside the football club (which was rotted and dangerous).

Cllr Rogers gave his apologies and left at this point.

14.2 2022 Poppy Appeal (the Clerk)

14.2.1 The Clerk advised that until this morning there had been no volunteers to organise and sell poppies in Kings Langley. However, the Warden has just volunteered. There is a lot of work.

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

15.1 The Clerk advised that the Jubilee decals are being stolen, damaged etc. It was agreed that they would now be removed and be “sold” in exchange for a donation to charity.

15.2 The Clerk advised that numbers of nitrous oxide canisters are being dumped in the village. They are meant to be for catering use, but are used for recreation purposes. They have to be disposed of properly, but unfortunately there are no guidelines for this. The Clerk would be contacting Dacorum Borough Council for some guidelines; he would not like to hold any at Charter Court.

15.3 The Chair asked Cllr Anderson who owned the car park at the Rose and Crown, as the question had been raised again by a member of the public. Cllr Anderson responded that a Land Registry search would confirm that it is owned by the brewery.

Meeting closed 21:05.





## APPENDICES

### Appendix 1.

#### LEISURE GROUP REPORT – OCTOBER 2022

##### **Repair Shed**

Similar concerns being raised by Community Action Dacorum as there were pre-pandemic and confirmed by Simon Aulton (Chief Executive) informally at an event at Shendish, i.e. length of tenancy, security of site, difficulty of raising @£100k in grants following pandemic which has led to a change of emphasis by grant giving organisations. This is not good news for the Repair Shed proposal.

##### **Commons and woods**

Imagination Technology are still awaiting proposals from DBC.

##### **Trim Trail**

Mid-November still installation period.

##### **Cycling**

There had been no further updates.

##### **Heritage Trail guide**

Assistance is being sought to re-format into an A2 size, gatefold, with the village map on one side and narrative on the reverse.

##### **Signage**

Enquiries about providing an overlay for existing maps to include new village additions still ongoing.

##### **Rectory Farm**

The Parish Council had provided a comprehensive response to the application. The decision of the Planning Officer is awaited; this will inform the next stage of the planning application process.

##### **Project list**

Two possible new Leisure Group project additions will be discussed at the October 2022 parish council meeting. These will inform some of the ideas currently being discussed at the Leisure Group meetings.