



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

Present: Cllrs Button (Chair), Angiolini (Vice Chair), Anderson, Collins, Rogers, De Silva, Johnson and Sinclair. County Councillor Richard Roberts.

Also Present: Clerk to the Council, Mrs Caroline Owen.
1 Member of Public (virtual attendance)

1. Apologies for Absence.

Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Morrish and McLean.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None.

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

Member of public addressed Council to raise concern with the safety in the green space between Jubilee Walk and Home Park Mill Link Road known as Rockcliffe Park. Concern lies with after dark there is no lighting and no proper footpath. It is a well-trodden route for commuters and dog walkers and people walking through the park are faced with total darkness.

Cllr Button (Chair) informed Council and member of public there has been communications with Dacorum Borough Council regarding this and the Parish Council will keep abreast of these. Cllr Johnson appreciates the concern raised and has been in touch with PC Stevens who reported there has not been any reports of anti-social behaviour in that area. There is also the concern for wildlife and the impact lighting would cause. Cllr Johnson also explained that Kings Langley parish Council, Dacorum Borough Council and Herts County Council do not have the level of funds for such a project.

The situation will be monitored and if the current situation deteriorates, we will act where we can. Cllr Anderson confirmed Dacorum Borough Council own Rockcliffe Park, but any implementation of a formal Right of Way and any lighting associated would come under Hertfordshire Highways.

4. Planning & Licencing Matters.

Consideration of Planning Applications as listed here:

Reference	Address	Details of Application	Submission	Reason (if any)
23/00211/LBC	The Old Palace, 83 Langley Hill	No Objection		
22/03760/FHA Amended	29 Langley Hill	One and a half storey rear extension including room in roof space, extension to existing side dormer, re-roof with new tiles, reconstruct attached garage to side and installation of new doors and windows.	Objection remains	Loss of daylight and impact on privacy. Overbearing and cramped nature of the development on the plot itself and adjoining properties. Ground levels have been mis-described and plans have failed to take in to account the difference between the highest and lowest elevations.



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

None.

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

None.

7. Police Matters and Other Services.

Reports noted.

8. Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

C. Cllr Roberts reported that Junction 20 roundabout will be resurfaced in a few weeks time
Weather permitting.

Majority of this work is to be completed during night time hours to avoid disruption.

Cllr Anderson reported that he has previously sent photographs to the Project Manager for the
resurfacing of Junction 20, clearly demonstrating where the road markings should be, to ensure
these are clearly and correctly marked in future.

After many continued issues with the Loading Bay outside the shop in front of the Langley Butchers
It was agreed that C. Cllr Roberts and Cllr. Button will liaise and explore what can be one to avoid the
constant damage.

Clerk reported that HCC will be doing remedial work in the interim next week.

C. Cllr Roberts will look into replacing the white wooden posts on the High Street with a more
permanent fixture/bollard. It was agreed Cllr Button will work with C. Cllr Roberts moving this forward.

Cllr Collins requested the date for when works to the footpath between Common Lane and
Miller and Carter will be resurfaced. C Cllr Roberts reported that this should be completed in this
financial year weather permitting.

Cllr Button reported that works are still outstanding for the switches to be replaced on some of the High
Street lamps to enable the Christmas lights to work. There is also a street light outside St Laurus Care
Home next to the bust stop that does not work. Clerk will email C Cllr Roberts any contacts and
correspondence made regarding these outstanding works to enable it to be ascertained why they
remain outstanding and to move the works forward.

Cllr Anderson highlighted the escalating and unanticipated costs of gaining electrical safety inspection
certification for the Christmas lights. The fees for this have risen above budget this year.

Clerk/Cllr Anderson will email C Cllr Roberts the increase in figures for next year.

9. Highways

None.

10. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s).

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting(s) held on 10th January 2023 and Tuesday 24th January be confirmed and
adopted as a true record.

Minutes signed by Chair.



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11. Matters Arising.

None.

12. Planning & Licensing Committee.

None

13. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting(s) held on 20th December 2022 were adopted as a true record.

14. Chair's Reports.

Cllr Button reported the Yellow Lines in Red Lion Lane have been approved.

15. Reports from Chairs of other Committees / Groups.

No reports.

16. Clerk's Report.

Noted

17. Village Warden's Activities, Priorities and Planning.

Noted.

Cllr Button confirmed the Warden should not be removing and disposing of Nitrous Oxide canisters found in the parish. They are dangerous and classed as hazardous and must be reported to Dacorum Borough Council for safe disposal. Clerk will ensure the Warden is instructed accordingly.

18. Finance Matters

a) Schedule of Payments for January 2023.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for January 2023 in the sum of £13,676.37 be approved, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.

Schedule of payments signed by Chair and authorised Bank Signatory.

b) Examination of schedule of payments made in the previous month and reconciled against bank account/s.

c) Examination and signing of the Council's Bank Account Statements as at 31st December 2022. Members had received copies of the summaries.

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:	£144,231.24
NS&I Investment Account:	£45,912.60

d) Examination of Income/Expenditure summary for end of Q3.



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19. Dacorum Borough Council and Other Public Bodies.

Cllr Johnson reported that Dacorum has tried to balance the level of increasing prices against rates required. It was recognised that the cost-of-living etc is a very difficult time for everyone.

Cllr Anderson reported that he has recently challenged the Charter Court rates and has subsequently found that we should have been on a lower rate.

Cllr Rogers reported that there is some CIL money from DBC that is going to be used to refurbish play areas.

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

- a) Parish Plan – Environment Group (Cllr Button).
No report. Discussion about nominations for Community Awards. Cllr Button Proposed and it was Seconded by Cllr Sinclair that John Ingleby be nominated for a Community Award for his continued environmental work within the Parish.
- b) Parish Plan – Leisure Group (Cllr Johnson) Noted.
- c) Parish Plan – Transport Group (Cllrs McLean and Morrish).
(Cllr Morrish). None.

21. Geographical Areas Reports

- a) Abbots Rise area (Cllr Angiolini).
Abbots Rise, Barnes Rise and Abbots view will be closed for the next few days for road repair works.
- b) Blackwell Road area (Cllr De Silva).
Cllr De Silva had a resident report that the verge on Mill Lane is in a poor state. It is supposed to be having posts placed by Dacorum to stop cars parking on there. Clerk will contact DBC for update.
- c) Coniston Road area (Cllr Sinclair).
Cars were parked very dangerously at the bottom of Coniston Road on Football Day. Obstructed all views for cars pulling out of Coniston Road. Clerk will contact Kings Langley Senior School to find out when their new pitches will be ready for use.
- d) Hempstead Road area (Cllr Collins)
Verges all in poor state due to weather and parking especially the verges opposite Rectory Farm and between Miller and Carter and Coniston Road. Mostly due to residents parking on the verges here and churning up the turf. Cllr Collins will contact Highways to report. If nothing is done, then the Parish Council will escalate the complaint.

22. Village Garden (Cllr Johnson).

Cllr Johnson reported works are ongoing but mainly weeding due to time of the year and weather.

23. Litter Picks

Cllr Johnson reported litter picks scheduled to resume 26th February.

24. Sunderland's Yard Allotments

Nothing to report.

25. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.



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Cllr Rogers reported they are having issues with renewing their lease.
DBC website has incorrect link directing users to the Community Centre.

26. Council Surgeries.

Cllr Button reported there was a resident who was not happy about the litter picking around The Orchard. It was confirmed the Warden includes The Orchard in his litter picking on a regular basis and will continue doing so.

27. Other Matters (as specified on the agenda).

- a) King Charles III Coronation. Clerk will liaise with All Saints as to possibly collaborating. Clerk will also organise bunting.
- b) Council will report to Clerk any recommendations for amendments and make comment to the Current Standing Orders to bring a draft to next meeting for approval and adoption.

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

Cllr Anderson asked Council to be mindful that the APM is on 19th April, and we should consider drafting reports and organising. It was decided we will provide wine and cheese for parishioners attending.

Meeting closed 20:55

Next Full Council Meeting: 7th March 2023



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