



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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 regarding how the Council deal with applications for works or felling of trees with TPOs. Cllr Button explained that Council assesses each application separately. Although it is never ideal to have trees with TPOs felled it is often due to disease and/or public safety. On occasions Council refer the decision back to the Tree Preservation team at Dacorum.

4. Planning & Licencing Matters.

Consideration of Planning Applications as listed here:

Reference	Address	Details of Application	Submission	Reason (if any)
23/00436/TPO	10 Chantry Close	Works to and felling of trees.	Noted	No information given from the tree officer.
22/03449/FUL Amended	Land between Meadows View and The Oak Barn, Love Lane	Phased application for 2 self build chalet bungalows with associated access, parking and amenity space	Noted	
23/00441/TPO	3 Jubilee Walk	Tree felling.	No objection	Poor condition
23/00439/FHA	35 Blackwell Road	Single storey front porch extension, part single and part two storey rear extension.	No objection	
23/00466/FUL	86 Chipperfield Road	Conversion of existing annex ancillary to main dwelling into one self contained dwelling.	Objection	New dwelling in Green Belt
23/00479/FHA	5 Barnes Rise	Single storey side and rear extension with hip to gable loft conversion with front and rear dormers and a rear pergola.	No objection	

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

NPPF consultations. Council thanked Cllr Johnson for his response on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Button informed Council that KLPC had received an email from DBC asking if the Parish Council



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would like the Planning Department to add the contact details of the Parish Council and invite the pre-applicant to engage with KLPC as part of Dacorum's pre-application response. It was agreed KLPC would be happy to have contact details shared.

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

Cllr Johnson informed Council, DBC have upheld KLPC objection to 29 Langley Hill and refused the application. Council thanked Cllr Johnson for his efforts in this.

Cllr Johnson informed Council 36 Belham Road that KLPC objected to and the objection was upheld by DBC Planning Committee, has subsequently been allowed by the Planning Inspectorate.

7. Police Matters and Other Services.

Reports noted.

Cllr Button reported that both he and Cllr Johnson had an informal meeting with PC Dan Stevens. Positive feedback on his performance and communications with KLPC were given.

8. Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

No report. C Cllr Roberts not present.

Cllr Button commented that the work has now been finished on the M25 roundabout albeit there is an ongoing issue with the traffic lights. Cllr Anderson informed Council that it is in hand.

Cllr Rogers reported to Council the Kings Langley Village sign on Watford Road, has been damaged severely. Clerk is aware and has requested the Village Warden to take photos and report back. Clerk will update Council.

Cllr Button reported the footpaths between Miller and Carter and the bottom of Common Lane has been resurfaced.

Cllr Button requested Clerk to email C Cllr Roberts to provide KLPC with a more detailed report on the works being carried out along Hempstead Road especially regarding the new crossing. Clerk will also request that County will keep the Parish Council fully informed of any works being carried out in the Parish.

9. Highways

None.

10. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s).

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting(s) held on 7th February 2023 be confirmed and adopted as a true record.

Minutes signed by Chair.

11. Matters Arising.

None.

12. Planning & Licensing Committee.

None

13. Minutes

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

Noted.



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14. Chair's Reports.

None.

15. Reports from Chairs of other Committees / Groups.

No reports.

16. Clerk's Report.

Noted.

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

Noted.

18. Finance Matters

a) Schedule of Payments for February 2023.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for February 2023 in the sum of £9646.79 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 January 2023. 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:	£132,479.96
NS&I Investment Account:	£45,912.60

Cllr Rogers questioned whether RFO could 'round figures' up to the pound rather than including the pennies to enable the figures circulated at a meeting to be more easily read. It was explained that the list of monthly payments included with the Agenda Documents for councillors must be 'actuals' as that is what is being signed for approval. Clerk added that the Internal Auditor would not accept us rounding figures up even for ease at meetings. For accounting purposes, Clerk/RFO would not be making any changes regarding this request.

19. Dacorum Borough Council and Other Public Bodies.

Cllr Johnson reported that DBC had passed a motion, proposed by Cllr Anderson, to calling on the Government to place a windfall tax on energy firms profits. This was passed. There was a second motion proposing DBC should advise, support and assist female police officers and firefighters pursuing claims of sexual misbehaviour or misogyny. Cllr Anderson it made very clear that DBC wholeheartedly opposed this behaviour, but the motion fell because it focussed only on female firefighters and police officers, not other groups of staff. All these groups already had support from trade unions and staff associations.

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

- a) Parish Plan – Environment Group (Cllr Button). Report Noted.



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- b) Clerk reported that the Mill Lane posts have not been installed yet. Clerk to send environment/sustainability award flier to all shop owners and to senior school. Council to look into any areas in the parish that could be used for rewilding or for wild flowers. The rubbish on the A41 was discussed, but Herts Highways charge DBC a huge amount of money to do this operation. Cllr Anderson reported that it may be time to consider installing CCTV.
- c) Parish Plan – Leisure Group (Cllr Johnson) No meeting.
- d) Parish Plan – Transport Group- to reconsider this agenda item.

21. Geographical Areas Reports

- a) Coniston Road area (Cllr Sinclair)
Cllr Sinclair reported to Council that the football club parking is again causing a huge amount of disruption and danger. It is an accident waiting to happen with children crossing and cars queuing to get into the club car park.
It was decided that Clerk will contact the football club and arrange a meeting to discuss appropriate traffic management. Although we are very pleased it is successful the traffic management side of things must now be properly addressed and they must take responsibility for the large amount of people attending.
- b) Rucklers Lane (Cllr Anderson)
DBC have successfully convicted a landlord for a less than adequate rental.
- c) Great Park area (Cllr Button)
Cllr Button reported he had walked around the new development and is very impressed with it.

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

Was disappointed there were no volunteers. Clerk to promote.

24. Sunderland's Yard Allotments

Nothing to report.

25. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

Nothing to report.

26. Council Surgeries.

Very quiet due to weather. Clerk to promote on Facebook.

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

- a) Council thanked Cllr Johnson for the recommended changes and amendments to the Standing Orders. Cllr Anderson has made these changes and circulated the new draft for approval and adoption.

It was agreed that the Draft Standing Orders be APPROVED and ADOPTED.

- b) It was agreed that members can now have the option to receive Agenda and Documentation papers electronically to save paper. Members were given a form to either opt in or opt out and sign.
- c) Parish Warden has requested a mobile phone and email address. Clerk recommends Personnel have a meeting to discuss job description and the requests.



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- d) It was decided that Clerk will look into different prices and a wider range of leaf blowers as a comparison before making a decision.
- e) Clerk has received email from All Saints requesting assistance with the Coronation celebrations. Unfortunately, due to the late notice and other functions Councillors will be attending, it may be difficult to organise something at such short notice. The Council will do what we can to support.
- f) Cllr Button requested for Council to consider sponsoring the All-Saints Supper Club the church provides.

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

- a) Cllr Anderson requested an agenda item for June 23 meeting be noted regarding the ongoing donations KLPC provide for the maintenance of the Village Clock.
- b) Clerk gave update on the Trim Trail inspection report.
- c) Cllr Angiolini asked Council for an increase in the Carnival donation. Cllr Anderson suggested we consider this when KLPC make their donations in July.
- d) Clerk asked Council to consider a time frame for retaining the recordings of public meetings. These recordings are for minute taking purposes only and once the minutes have been approved by council the recordings should not be needed. It was agreed that Clerk will look into updating the scheme of publication to reflect this and define how long we keep this data. Cllr Button asked for a vote and this was unanimous in agreeing to deleting meeting recorded data once minutes have been approved.

Meeting closed 20:55

Next Full Council Meeting: 7th April 2023



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