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KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 16th May 2023.

Present: Cllrs Button (Chair), Angiolini (Vice-Chair), Anderson, De Silva, James-Saunders, Johnson, Lydon, Morrish, Rogers

Also Present: Mr Paul Dunham, acting Clerk of the Council and Mrs Beverley Ross, Administrative Assistant

1. Election of Chair

1.1 Cllr Button opened the meeting by welcoming the new and returning Councillors and explained that the new Clerk was in hospital and unable to attend the meeting, and would not be able to perform her normal duties for a while.

1.2 Councillor Button was nominated by Cllr Anderson and this was seconded by Cllr Angiolini. There were no other nominations.

1.3 It was, therefore, RESOLVED:

That Cllr Button be appointed Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year.

1.4 In view of the new Clerk's absence, an emergency resolution was proposed (Cllr Anderson), seconded (Cllr Button) and RESOLVED that Paul Dunham is authorised to act as Clerk for the meeting and other responsibilities, including being authorised to make payments.

2. Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2.1 Cllr Button signed the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Members.

3.1 All received.

4. Election of Vice-Chair.

4.1 It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr Morrish, and RESOLVED:
that Cllr Angiolini be appointed Vice-Chair of the Council for the forthcoming year.

4.2 Cllr Angiolini thanked his fellow Councillors for their continued support.

5. Apologies for Absence.

5.1 Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllr Sinclair.



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6. Declarations of Interest.

- 6.1 Cllrs Anderson and Johnson declared a standing Declaration of Interest as Members of Dacorum Borough Council.

7. Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies.

- 7.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the following appointments be made for the forthcoming year:

- a) Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils (HAPTC) – None.
- b) Kings Langley Community Association – Cllr Rogers.
- c) Kings Langley Local History & Museum Society - Cllrs Anderson and Rogers.
- d) Kings Langley Dacorum Council for Voluntary Service Committee - Cllrs Angiolini and James-Saunders.
- e) CPRE, The Hertfordshire Society – Cllr Rogers.
- f) The Kings Langley Carnival Committee – Cllrs Angiolini and Johnson.
- g) Kings Langley Community Benefit Society (KLCBS)) – Cllr Morrish.

- 7.2 Members also considered whether they wished to nominate representatives, and if so, whom, to the following:

- a) Kings Langley and District Residents' Association - Cllrs Johnson and Rogers (current members) nominated.
- b) The Village News Committee - Cllrs Johnson nominated.

8. Appointment of Planning & Licensing Committee.

- 8.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

- a) To appoint a Planning and Licensing Committee until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, in accordance with Kings Langley Parish Council Standing Orders.
- b) That the Committee, in accordance with Kings Langley Parish Council Standing Orders, be given the delegated authority to express the view of the Council to the relevant Planning Authority with regard to applications for planning permission, licensing applications and associated matters.
- c) That all Members of the Council would be appointed to serve on the Committee in accordance with Kings Langley Parish Council Standing Orders until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, but that the standing members would be Cllrs Anderson, Angiolini, Button, De Silva, James-Saunders, Johnson, Lydon and Rogers. Cllr Morrish to be in reserve.
- d) That Cllr Angiolini be appointed Chair of the Planning and Licensing Committee to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in accordance with Kings Langley Parish Council Standing Orders.
- e) That Cllr De Silva be appointed Vice-Chair of the Planning and Licensing Committee to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in accordance with Kings Langley Parish Council Standing Orders.



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9. Appointment of Personnel Committee.

9.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

- a) To appoint a Personnel Committee until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in accordance with Kings Langley Parish Council Standing Orders.
- b) That the Committee, in accordance with Kings Langley Parish Council Standing Orders, be given the delegated authority of the Council to take decisions on all personnel matters, with the option of referring to the Council itself any matter upon which it, the Personnel Committee, chose not to make a decision.
- c) That Cllrs Anderson, Angiolini, Button, James-Saunders and Lydon be appointed to serve on the Committee in accordance with Kings Langley Parish Council Standing Orders until the next Annual Meeting of the Council. As the Standing Orders limit four members only, it was proposed to amend the Standing Orders to allow five. This was agreed by all members, It was noted that the Chair (Cllr Button) and Vice-Chair (Cllr Angiolini) are ex officio members of this Committee.

10. Inspection of Leases and Title Deeds.

10.1 These included correspondence from the Council's Solicitor confirming that (on behalf of the Council) he held the Title Deeds for the Village Garden, Sunderland's Field Allotments and Charter Court, Vicarage Lane and the licence for land outside the (former) Royal Mail Sorting Office. These were inspected by the Chair on the Council's behalf.

11. Additional Working Groups.

11.1 All groups to be led by an elected Councillor

- a) Transport – led by Cllr Morrish, all other members will be invited to meetings.
- b) Leisure – led by Cllr Johnson. Other interested parties include Derek Collins, Eric Martin, Cllr James-Saunders and Cllr Rogers. The next meeting would be on the 8th June at Fred and Ginger Cafe.
- c) Environment - Cllrs Button, James-Saunders and Lydon.

12. Joint Kings Langley Parish Council / Community Action Dacorum / Christmas Lights Festival Committee

12.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

The Kings Langley Parish Council representatives to serve on the Joint Christmas Lights Festival Committee until the next Annual Meeting of the Council be Cllrs Angiolini, Johnson and Lydon.



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13. Village Gardens' Competition.

13.1 Cllr Angiolini confirmed that the judging for the competition would be on Saturday 22nd July. The judges will be: Cllrs Angiolini and Johnson, Ian Barrow from Sunnyside Trust and Beverley Ross.

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

14.1 Public Participation / Question Time.
None.

14.2 Urgent Planning & Licencing Matters.
Consideration of Planning Applications as listed here:

Reference	Address	Details of Application	Submission
23/00657/FHA	6 Osbourne Avenue	Extension of existing dropped kerb.	No objection.
22/02333/MFA Amended	Apsley Two, Brindley Way, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP3 9BF	Proposed demolition of existing buildings, and redevelopment to provide within buildings up to 5 storeys, office floorspace (Use Class E(g)(i)), Retirement Living Plus (Extra Care) units (Use Class C2) and residential units (Use Class C3), together with widening of public footway, associated public realm, landscaping, car parking and servicing arrangements, cycle parking and stores, and all other associated and ancillary works	Noted. It was also noted the boundary with Apsley is split through the middle of the building.
23/01041/FUL	32A Rucklers Lane	Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Construction of one 2-bedroom and two 3-bedroom detached houses with associated circulation and landscaped areas.	Invalid application.
23/00922/FUL Amended	The Barn, 1 Chipperfield Road	Construction of a replacement dwelling and part demolition of garage.	Objection stands as before.
23/01082/TPO	7 Little Hayes	Works to trees.	No objection.



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14.3 Other Planning & Licencing Matters.
None.

14.4 Any Other Planning & Licencing Business (Not Requiring Formal Decision).
None.

15. Police Matters and Other Services.

15.1 Crime Reports.
No reports were available.

15.2 Any Other Police or Neighbourhood Watch Matters.
None.

16. Hertfordshire County Council Matters (County Councillor Roberts).

16.1 General Matters
Cllr Roberts was not present.

16.2 Updates on Highways matters (Cllrs Button / Cllr Roberts)
None.

17. Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council (4th April 2022).

17.1 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 4th April 2023 be adopted as a true record.

17.2 The Chair then signed the minutes.

17.3 Cllr Rogers asked for an update on the damaged village sign in Watford Road. He was advised that work was in progress in sorting out both the village signs. Cllr James-Saunders suggested asking Sunnyside Rural Trust for a quote as they undertook work of this nature.

18. Matters Arising.

18.1 None.

19. Reports.

19.1 Standing Committees
No reports



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20. Financial Matters.

20.1 Schedule of Payments for April (additions / amendments) and April 2023.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the list of accounts for April 2023 in the sum of £12,554.10 be adopted, and the Clerk be authorised to issue the appropriate payments.

The Chair then signed the payment schedule.

20.2 Examination of the Council's Bank Account Statements (as at 28th April 2023)

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:	£289,132.84
NS&I Investment Account:	£45,869.91

20.3 Application for financial assistance, All Saints Churchyard.

It was proposed by Cllr Angiolini and seconded by Cllr Morrish and RESOLVED to grant the sum of £500 All Saints' Church towards the purchase of a ride-on mower for the churchyard.

It was further agreed that £200 would come from the grants budget and £300 from the projects fund.

20.4 Cllr Rogers asked about various items in the budget. The increase in lamp column inspections for the Christmas light displays was explained. These have arisen because of additional stringent demands introduced by Hertfordshire County Council. The Parish Council has its own contractors to carry out the inspections and testing required. These increasing costs have and are being pursued with Cllr Roberts as is the issue of the switching gear missing from three lamp columns. Cllr Rogers suggested a job lot of inspections with Markyate for example could be considered.

Cllr Rogers also queried the £15,000 budget item on park benches. Cllr Anderson explained that was a budget head not confirmed expenditure. He added that there was an agreement to replace the bench outside the football club and to install another one in the village garden. Cllr Rogers asked if local residents could sponsor memorial benches and was told that they do so; the cost was £700 for each plus installation. Cllr Anderson added that there is an issue of suitable locations as there are enough benches on the Common and in the village garden. There will be an additional three benches at Beechfield paid for by the developer of the new houses there.

Cllr Rogers also queried the amount in the budget for street name plates to which Cllr Johnson reminded councillors that there was no point in discussing what was in the budget there had been 3 separate opportunities to do so before had been approved by the Parish Council and submitted to and accepted by the Borough.



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A summary of the budget had also been provided to those attending the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Rogers felt that it should be brought to the attention of the new councillors. Cllr Button confirmed money can be moved between budget heads, but the budget was now set; it was too late to query individual items in the budget. The Acting Clerk said a copy of the budget should have already been sent to the new Councillors.

21. Dacorum Borough Council and Other Public Bodies

21.1 Dacorum Borough Council

Cllr Anderson stated that he and Cllr Johnson would continue to represent Kings Langley as Borough Councillors, but it was now a Liberal Democrat administration and the opportunity to influence decisions was now reduced.

- 21.2 Cllr Rogers hoped Dacorum would not introduce charges in the two car parks. The Administrative Assistant was asked to contact the Borough Council and ask for a copy of any covenants covering both carparks and to circulate these the Council when received. The car parks were, however, the Borough's responsibility.

22. Members Items and Questions (not included elsewhere).

22.1 Geographical Areas Reports:

- a) Abbots Rise area (Cllr Angiolini).
- b) The Common, Vicarage Lane / Langley Hill / Great Park (Cllr Button)
- c) Hempstead Road areas (Cllr Johnson)
- d) Blackwell Road area (Cllr De Silva).
- e) London Road area (Cllr De Silva).
- f) Watford Road area (Cllr James-Saunders).
- g) Rucklers area (Cllr Morrish).
- h) High Street area (Cllr Rogers).
- i) Coniston Road area (Cllr Lydon).

Cllr Rogers reported that the landlord of some of the village shops was trying to put up rents by £10,000. The carpet shop and launderette were likely to move or close, and two chain shop bakers were rumoured to be moving into the village. Cllr Lydon suggested encouraging people to make 'noise' on social media, encouraging residents to support our independent shops.

22.2 Village Garden (Cllr Johnson)

Cllr Johnson reported that a large number of plants and shrubs had been killed off by the cold snap over the winter. A start had been made to fill the gaps but the beds will look a bit empty for a while. It was confirmed there was money in the budget for this.

22.3 Litter Picks (Cllr Johnson)

The next litter pick would be on 28th May.



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22.4 Sunderland's Yard Allotments. (Cllr Johnson)

Cllr Johnson explained that the fence bordering the canal had been vandalised and needed replacing. Three quotes had been obtained, primarily for palisade fencing, costing £1200 plus. It was suggested Sunnyside Rural Trust be asked as they did the fence at the Red Lion Lane allotments or the warden may be able to undertake the task.

23. Kings Langley Parish Council Representation on Outside Bodies – Members Reports.

23.1 Kings Langley Community Benefit Society. (Cllr Morrish)

The market continues every 3rd Saturday of the month.

23.2 Kings Langley Community Association. (Cllr Rogers)

The next committee meeting will be at the end of the month. Cllr Lydon will become a second representative.

24. Council Surgeries.

24.1 These are continuing to be held at the same time as the village market. All councillors were invited to attend.

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

25.1 Leaving lunch/dinner for ex Cllrs. McLean and Collins. It was agreed to invite the ex-councillors to the Council's Christmas meal. Cllr Lydon suggested that councillors pay for their own meals. Cllr Button will speak to Bob McLean and Derek Collins and invite them to the meal. The Administrative Assistant will book Shendish Manor as it is possible to do so.

26. Any Other Business.

26.1 None.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm