



KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 4th July 2023.

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

Also Present: Mr Paul Dunham, Acting Clerk to the Council; Mrs Beverley Ross, Administrative Assistant. Three members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Johnson and Rogers.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None at this stage.

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

Mr Ben Sterling spoke in support of his applications (23/01466/OUT, 23/01467/OUT & 23/01468/LDP), in particular that he had carried out a parking survey, which he believed satisfied planning requirements. Mr Neal Marchment spoke against the applications, claiming that Mr Stirling had already started work and was clearly building without permission. Cllr Anderson confirmed that the council stood by its objection of the over-cramping of the site. Cllr Button thought that 4 or 5 dwellings was excessive and there appeared to be no storage for bins. Cllr Anderson pointed out that the building was originally a bungalow and had an application been made for one or two dwellings, it could all have been decided by now.

4. Planning & Licencing Matters.

The following planning applications were considered:

Reference	Address	Details of Application	Submission	Reason (if any)
23/01466/OUT	1 The Orchard	Conversion of existing building to create four dwellings.	Objection	The Council maintains its objection to applications for multiple dwellings on this site because of over-cramping.
23/01467/OUT	1 The Orchard	Conversion of existing building to create five dwellings.	Objection	The Council maintains its objection to applications for multiple dwellings on this site because of over-cramping.
23/01468/LDP	1 The Orchard	Insertion of two doors and internal layout changes.	Noted	
23/00842/FUL	7 Willow Edge	Installation of air source heat pumps to the existing boiler room at Willow Edge.	No objection	



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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.

Local Police Community Team and other Police or Neighbourhood Watch Matters.

Latest Reports. PC Stevens was unable to attend the meeting but had provided the following report:

DIR KINGS LANGLEY Crimes 2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Burglary Dwelling	0	0	0	0	1	0							1
Attempt Burglary Dwelling	1	0	0	0		0							1
Burglary (other - business & non dwelling)	4	0	0	0	1	0							5
Attempt Burglary other	0	0	0	0		0							0
robbery	0	0	0	0	1	0							1
Theft of motor vehicle		0	2	2		0							4
Attempt theft of motor vehicle		0	0	0		0							0
Theft from motor vehicle	6	4	2	1	1	3							17
Attempt theft from motor vehicle	0	0	0	0		0							0
Vehicle interference	0	2	0	3		0							5
Damage to motor vehicle	1	5	2	1		1							10
Criminal damage	1	3	0	0		1							5
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	0							1
Assault (common and ABH)	5	2	3	4	3	1							18
Serious assault (GBH)	0	0	0	0		0							0
Theft from shop	1	0	1	1		0							3
Theft other (all other types of theft related offences)	0	1	3	0	2	0							6
Drug related offences	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
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TOTALS													



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Total number of incidents reported to police	98	87	88	108	102	128							
Total Recorded Crime Investigations	27	29	24	19	21	16							
Relevant Crime investigations	19	17	13	12	10	6							77
ASB (NON CRIME) related calls	5	5	10	2	3	10							

7.1 Cllr Lydon reported on the issue of children carrying knives and asked if PC Dan Stevens also covered the Abbots Langley area. Cllr Anderson advised that in the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Lydon should report the issue to PC Stevens on behalf of the Council.

8. Hertfordshire County Council Matters.

There was no report and County Cllr Roberts was not present.

a) Lamp Columns.

It was agreed that Cllr Button would write to Cllr Richard Roberts about funding for the missing switches/column inspections. There needed to be a deadline for the replacement works to be completed., otherwise the displays would not be placed on these three columns. The Clerk pointed out that the licence would need to be applied for by the end of July. Once the switches were installed all the lamp columns could be tested.

b) General matters.

Cllr Morrish spoke about the imminent resurfacing of the road between Rucklers Lane and Rectory Lane stating that the road beyond into Apsley was in a much worse state. Cllr Button undertook to email and ask for urgent action on this particularly bad state of the road.

Cllr James-Saunders asked what was happening to the old youth club building to which Cllr Morrish replied that it was still to be determined by HCC. Cllr Button undertook to email them on the matter.

9. Highways.

None.

10. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s).

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 and Tuesday 6th June 2023 be confirmed and adopted as a true record.

The Chair then signed the Minutes.



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11. Matters Arising.

None.

12. Planning & Licensing Committee.

None.

13. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting(s) of the Planning & Licensing Committee held on the 25th April 2023 were adopted as a true record.

14. Chair's Reports.

None.

15. Reports from Chairs of other Committees / Groups.

No reports.

16. Clerk's Report.

None.

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

The two troughs currently behind the gates in Little Hayes had been emptied. A resident of Little Hayes has asked if they could be placed at the entrance to stop people parking half on the pavement. It was agreed the Administrative Assistant would write to Little Hayes Management Company to ask permission for the troughs to be put at the entrance and that any permission would need to be in writing.

18. Finance Matters

a) Schedule of Payments for June 2023.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the payment schedule for June 2023 in the sum of £17,944.78. be authorised, thereby approving the Clerk to have made appropriate payments.

The schedule of payments was signed by the Clerk, the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

b) Examination and signing of the Council's Bank Account Statements as at 31st May 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:



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Current Account:	£5,000.00
Reserve Account:	£275,513.63
NS&I Investment Account	£45,912.60

c) Photocopier Contract.

The contract is up for renewal at the end of July. The Administrative Assistant had discussed in detail with the current provider Clarity Copiers exactly what was needed from the photocopier and it was agreed out of the options given that the essential machine would suffice as opposed to the more advanced one. As the Clerk was still absent, it was agreed to waive standing orders in this instance and keep with the current supplier as the costs of the new copier will actually result in a quarterly saving.

19. Dacorum Borough Council and Other Public Bodies.

None.

20. Parish Plan Reports.

- a) Parish Plan – Environment Group. There had not been a meeting.
- b) Parish Plan – Leisure Group. See report at Appendix A.
- c) Parish Plan – Transport Group.

Cllr Morrish reported that the Neighbourhood Plan website had been updated and the plan was now finished and closed.

21. Geographical Areas Reports.

Problems continue with the roadworks in Rucklers Lane, which are still not finished. A one-way system had been agreed however this had now been postponed as the contractors were needed elsewhere.

22. Village Garden (Cllr Johnson).

No report.

23. Litter Picks.

No report.

24. Sunderland's Yard Allotments.

As discussed at the meeting on 7th February, the Parish Council agreed to pay for a new fence to replace the one destroyed by criminals. Three quotes had been received of which HAD Demolition and Plant Hire Ltd., had been the cheapest. It was proposed by Cllr Anderson and seconded by Cllr Button and RESOLVED to appoint HDA Demolition and Plant Hire Ltd., to undertake the work.

25. Kings Langley Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.

- a) Kings Langley Community Association - No report.



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26. Council Surgeries.

No report.

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

a) Lamp Columns

There was no update about the missing switch gear on the three lamp posts. It was agreed to give Hertfordshire County Council a deadline of 25th August to get them replaced.

And, as stated earlier, these three columns will not be inspected if the light displays are unable to be switched on, and that the Clerk cannot apply for the Street Lighting Licence until the lamp columns have been inspected.

b) Column Attachment Seminar – 7th July.

Details of the seminar had been attached to the agenda. Cllr Anderson asked if any Member would like to attend they should make themselves known.

c) Town and Parish Council representatives on the Standards Committee. It was agreed that as Cllr Anderson was already on the committee, no other representatives were needed.

d) Kings Langley High Street – Shop Unit Uses and Commissioning a Report.

It was noted that this report would not be going ahead.

e) Mobile phone for Warden

The Acting Clerk pointed out that all staff used their mobile phones equally in the nature of their work. It was agreed that this should be further discussed at the next Personnel Committee meeting. Cllr Button stressed that any phone given should not be used for posting on social media.

f) The Clerk's position/future meetings.

A brief discussion took place. It was noted that the Clerk was still ill and likely to be off for quite a while longer yet. The Acting Clerk would continue to cover where necessary in agreement with the Chair.

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

Cllr Angiolini asked if a donation could be made to the St Francis Hospice in memory of Tony Russo in the region of £250. This was considered a little high by some Members, and £150 was suggested. However, it was agreed that this would be considered at the next full council meeting.

Meeting closed 8:45pm.



Appendices.

Appendix A - Leisure Group update for July Parish Council meeting

Repair Café

Reported at June meeting.

Commons and woods

The general state of footpaths throughout the woods has been raised with DBC, specifically footpath 10 between Miller and Carter and Brookside View; the suggestion is to introduce steps on some parts of the footpath.

Cycling

Broad ranging discussion of a number of potential initiatives promoting cycling, specifically British Cycling Union (BCU) "Let's Ride", for distances from 2 – 30 miles. Comprises training for 10 volunteers, which includes first aid, supported by BCU staff and has the added benefit of launching the 'service' on their website, inviting local residents to take part. Cost in the region of £1,750 - £2,500. Mark Rogers to approach Parish Council with a proposal for financial support.

Heritage Trail ('A walk round Kings Langley' gatefold guide)

Derek Collins will talk to Barry Kemp, the Village News artwork designer, about his charges for artwork for this leaflet, and his recommendations for a printer. Barry will produce a mock-up with the Village Map on one side and narrative on the other, for the group to comment/sign off. It was felt the Village Map needed updating to include, for example, the new housing developments.

Signage

The Leisure Group remains keen on direction signs on lamp posts to existing places of interest, e.g. Wayside Farm and All Saints, and former historic sites, e.g. Tooveys Mill, Royal Palace, Roman Villa, Village Pound, to supplement the Heritage Trail document and the Village Maps around the village.

In addition, the Leisure Group remains keen on installing a telephone kiosk outside St Laura's to 'house', for example, copies of the 'Heritage Trail' document and a large rock with a plaque or something similar on the site of where one of the village wells used to be in Common Lane.

Provision for young people

Advice is being sought from DBC about potential companies to carry out the Youth Facilities Survey to inform "the parameters for assessing new recreational and leisure facilities in the village" (the latter as per the Neighbourhood Plan).