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KINGS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at 7:50pm on Tuesday 23rd January 2024.

Present: Cllrs Button (Chair), Angiolini (Vice-Chair), Anderson, Coxill, De Silva, James-Saunders, Johnson and Rogers.

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Lydon and Morrish.
- 1.2 The Council currently did not have a Clerk, and it was agreed that Cllr Johnson would take the minutes of the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 Cllrs Anderson and Johnson declared their standing personal interests in financial matters as members of Dacorum Borough Council.

3. Financial Year 2024-2025

BUDGET

- 3.1 Version 2.0 of the budget for 2024-2025 had been circulated with the agenda.
- 3.2 Cllr Anderson provided a brief synopsis of the budget discussions to date, adding that the only material change, since the previous version discussed at the Council meeting on 9th January (Version 1.0), involved an unforeseen increase in software licences. This had been offset by reducing the first annual instalment to replace the potential loss of Christmas Festival sponsorship.
- 3.3 Cllr Rogers asked about the budget for park benches and questioned if these could be paid for by the families of those to whom they were dedicated. Cllr Anderson explained the budget covered a backlog of repairs to existing benches and the replacement of three benches that were in a poor condition. The intention was to bring all the park benches in the village up to a well-maintained standard.
- 3.4 Cllr Rogers asked if the budget for street nameplates was Dacorum Borough Council's responsibility. Cllr Anderson explained parish councils could take on the limited provision of street nameplates under the agreement that governed shared services known as Concurrent Services. Some nameplates were broken, some were missing, and some were out of keeping with the appropriate, attractive, separate livery policy for Kings Langley that Cllr Anderson had fought hard to protect, in the face of determined attempts to standardise the whole Borough in a poor colour scheme. Cllr James-Saunders added that the Council's Leisure Group was keen to see some additional signage in the village to refer people to historical places of interest.



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3.5 Cllr Coxill felt the budget for replacing the Council’s website did not appear to be sufficient. Cllr Anderson replied that the amount was a notional figure out of a fund reserve, and that an additional amount could be transferred if necessary.

3.6 It was proposed (Cllr Anderson), seconded (Cllr Johnson) and RESOLVED:

That Version 2.0 of the budget be approved and adopted.

PRECEPT

3.7 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the Council of the Parish of Kings Langley under Section 41 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby gives notice to Dacorum Borough Council that in respect of the financial year beginning on 1st April 2024 it requires the PRECEPT sum of **£138,160.00** to meet the expenses of the Council and it hereby requires the levy of the said PRECEPT sum as an additional item of the Council Tax for the Parish and it requires this sum to be paid to Kings Langley Parish Council by 30th April 2024.

CONCURRENT SERVICES

3.8 It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED:

That the Council of the Parish of Kings Langley hereby approves submission to Dacorum Borough Council of the estimates of "Concurrent Services" expenses for the financial year beginning on 1st April 2024 in the sum of **£23,640.00**.

COMPLETION OF PARISH FORM

3.9 The paperwork in relation to the Precept and the application to Dacorum Borough Council for approval of the Concurrent Services expenditure was then completed and duly signed by the Chair (Cllr Button), Vice Chair (Cllr Angiolini) and Cllr Johnson.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.