

LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2019 at 7.45pm at the Village Hall (Committee Room), Langley.

Those Present: Cllr Taylor-Maggio (Chairman), Cllr K Chaplin, Cllr R Chaplin, Cllr Knowles, Cllr Maggio, Cllr Williams, and Cllr Wright.

There were no residents present.

1. **(a) Apologies for absence** Cllr Woodcock (Family Commitments), Cllr Borough Councillor Young.
(b) Declarations of Changes to the Register of Interests There were no changes to the register of interests.
(c) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or other Interests as defined by the Kent Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011 on any items on the agenda All Councillors on Item 13.
(d) Requests for Dispensations No requests were made.
(e) Declarations of Lobbying There were none received.
(f) Intention to record or film the meeting There were none received.
2. **Public Session** - The minute book was closed to allow questions from residents on any items on the agenda. As no residents were present, the meeting was re-opened.
3. **Community Warden Report** – Dawn Riach-Brown reported that she continues to carry out welfare visits in the area, however, no other issues have been reported to her.
4. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 10 September 2019. It was RESOLVED (405/FC), that the minutes were taken as a read and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
5. **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting.**

There were no items to report.

6. **Parish Clerks Report of action taken on any urgent item(s)** – Following work beginning on the play area refurbishment, it was found that the existing wet pour surface on the two areas for the new basket swing and springer had gone hard and would not meet the current safety guidelines. Following discussions with the Chairman, the clerk agreed for the wet pour surface to be re-skimmed at a cost of £2,995.67 excluding VAT.
7. **Planning**
 - (a) 19/504747/FULL 22 Heath Road, Langley – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension. It was RESOLVED (406/FC) that the Council wished to offer no comment.

(b) Notification was received of a Maidstone Borough Affordable and Local Needs Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation. The deadline for comments is Monday, 18 November at 5pm.

8. Finance

(a) Receipts of Income:

Various	Allotment Rent	£	20.92
Barclays Bank	Interest	£	20.93
Kent County Council	Play Area Grant	£	1,500.00
HMRC	Unknown Payment**	£	700.47
Total		£	<u>2,242.32</u>

** An unknown payment has been received from HMRC Vtr (ref Xw126000100605). This will be placed in the reserves pending further investigation.

(b) The Council RESOLVED (407/FC) for the accounts listed to be paid.

Castle Water	103035	Allotment Water	37.08
EON	103036	Street Lighting Charges	239.35
Mrs H Anderson	103037	Salary & Expenses	661.00
HM Revenue & Customs	103038	Tax (quarterly)	15.20
CCC Finance	103039	Play Area equipment/Install	24173.04
		Total	<u><u>£25,125.67</u></u>

(c) The bank reconciliation was presented and agreed.

(d) The quarterly budget analysis for the period June to September was presented and agreed.

9. Correspondence

(a) An email was received outlining the work of Maidstone Borough Council's Homeless Outreach Team. This was placed on file.

(b) Notification was received of the Kent Highways Parish Seminar being held on 28 November 2019. Cllr Taylor-Maggio and Cllr Wright to attend.

(c) An email was received from Borough Councillor Young regarding the church clock at St Mary's which has not been working for some time. Cllr Taylor-Maggio reported that following a brief discussion with a church warden, the issue is thought to be that there is no longer a willing volunteer (plus health and safety implications) to manually wind the clock due to the need to climb a very tall ladder. It was agreed that if the Church decided in the future that they wished to consider looking into automating the winding clock mechanism, then donations could be considered towards this.

(d) An email has been received from a resident regarding parking at the Potting Shed. This was noted and placed on file for the time being.

10. Bus Pilot Project

(a) An email was received from the KCC Big Conversation Team who noted that the necessary infrastructure improvements to facilitate the feeder pilot continue to be delayed due to highway permits being required for road closures in the vicinity of Sutton Road in order to lay the necessary cables. It is expected that this work is anticipated to start in December.

(b) An email was received regarding the next East of Maidstone Bus Group meeting which will be held on 28 October at Sutton Valence Village Hall. The clerk to send apologies as no representatives are available.

11. Play Area/Recreation Ground

(a) The Maidstone Borough Council play area inspection report was received. No new items have been reported as the area has been closed.

(b) The installation of the new play equipment is nearly complete.

(c) An email has been received from a local resident regarding the wish for further re-enforcement of the boundary fencing between the recreation ground and the neighbouring property. It was RESOLVED (408/FC) for this to be carried out.

12. Matters for information, urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman for noting only or any items for further discussion at the next meeting.

A litter pick was scheduled on Friday, 18 October, however, due to bad weather being forecast it was decided to cancel this.

Part 2 Exclusion of Public and Press – In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting by the reason of its confidential nature.

13. Maidstone Borough Council Call for Sites submissions for Langley and immediate surrounding area were received and initial thoughts were considered. A meeting is to be arranged with the LDF team to discuss the proposals further.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Approved by:

Date: