

LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 September 2020 at 7.30pm via a Zoom Conference Call.

Those Present: Cllr Taylor Maggio (Chairman), Cllr Knowles, Cllr Maggio, Cllr Williams, Cllr Woodcock.

Borough Councillor Young and Kent County Councillor Hotson was in attendance. There were no members of the public.

1. (a) **Apologies for absence**. Cllr K Chaplin, Cllr R Chaplin, Cllr Wright (Family Commitments), PCSO De Rose and Community Warden Dawn Riach-Brown.
(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** There were no items raised.
(d) **Requests for Dispensations** No requests were made.
(e) **Declarations of Lobbying** There were none received.
(f) **Intention to record or film the meeting** No notifications were received.

2. **Public Session** - As no residents were present, the meeting proceeded.

3. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 21 July 2020. It was RESOLVED (449/FC), that the minutes were taken as a read and confirmed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at the next available full council meeting when it convenes in person.

4. **Borough Councillor Report** –Cllr Young reported that she had attended various meetings regarding the Local Plan and that when it is released for consultation, it is expected that the time frame for response will be short.

Kent County Councillors Report – Cllr Hotson reported that he has allocated some funds to the Councils request for a pram crossing in Horseshoes Lane. He reported that he has been involved in the Government’s white paper consultation on planning and the implications that it will have on the County. All MP’s in the County have been lobbied and written to opposing the housing numbers. Another Government white paper consultation on Devolution is expected in early October and relates to the reorganisation of Local Government.

5. **Community Warden Report** – A written report was received and noted that welfare visits continue in the area.

Police Report – No report was received.

6. **Update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting (information only)**

1. The tree surgery on the recreation ground has now been completed.
2. The gym equipment will be serviced in mid-October.
3. Verbal feedback was received following our letter to Chief Inspector Quiller regarding anti-social behaviour in the Village Hall carpark. Non urgent Incidents must be reported via 101 or online via the Kent Police website and these will then be followed up by our PCSO. Further resources can be deployed by Kent Police if a consistent pattern of issues emerges.
4. Following complaints about litter at the recreation ground, Steve Waring was contracted to litter pick twice a week throughout the summer months.

7. Planning

- (a) There was no planning applications to be considered.
- (b) Various correspondence has been received regarding the Government Consultation on reforming the planning system. Councillors were encouraged to submit their thoughts and Cllr Taylor Maggio is to draft a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

8. Finance

- (a) Receipts of Income

Various	Allotment Rent	£87.91
Total		<u>£87.91</u>

- (b) It was RESOLVED (450/FC) to agree that the following payments were paid:-

103072	Came & Company	Annual Renewal	£1553.13
103073	Arbour Tree Surgery	Tree work	£ 330.00
103074	KCPFA	Annual Subscription	£ 20.00
103075	H Anderson	Salary & Expenses Aug	£ 666.00
103076	KALC	Training Course	£ 60.00
103077	Castle Water	Allotment Water	£ 31.65
103078	H Anderson	Salary & Expenses Sep	£ 713.99
103079	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fee	£ 360.00
Total			<u>£3734.77</u>

- (c) The bank reconciliation was presented and agreed.
- (d) The NALC Salary Scales for 2020/21 has been received and implemented from 1 April 2020.
- (e) The conclusion of audit for the year ended 31 March 2020 was received back from the external auditors PKF Littlejohn. Whilst no issues were raised an advisory note however was recorded that the approval date was after the start of the period for the exercise of public rights and therefore the

Council must answer 'No' to Assertion 4 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/22.

9. **Correspondence**

- (a) An email has been received from KALC regarding upcoming training events and conferences. It was RESOLVED (451/FC) for Cllr Woodcock to attend a virtual Dynamic Councillor course on 1 October 2020.
- (b) An email has been received from Maidstone Borough Council regarding the Dog Control PSPO and the relevant signage required. It was RESOLVED (452/FC) to order 3 signs initially.
- (c) An update email was received from the East of Maidstone Transport Group. This was duly noted and placed on file.
- (d) An email was received from Maidstone Borough Council regarding changes to the Garden Waste Collections. It was RESOLVED (453/FC) that once day changes had been received this would be distributed on the noticeboard, website and social media outlets.
- (e) A copy letter was received from a local landowner to Kent County Council regarding a relief road. This was duly noted and placed on file.

10. **Play Area/Recreation Ground**

- (a) The Maidstone Borough Council play area inspection report was received. No new matters have been raised. Cllr Woodcock continues to undertake a weekly inspection as well.

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

Councillors were recommended to look at the 'County Eye' App which is useful for reporting issues such as fly tipping. Further information can be found at www.countryeye.co.uk

Meeting closed at 20:30pm

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20 October 2020 via Zoom Conferencing.

Approved by:

Date: