

LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 7.45pm at the Village Hall (Committee Room), Langley.

Those Present Cllr Williams (Acting Chairman), Cllr K Chaplin, Cllr R Chaplin, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Knowles, Cllr Maggio and Cllr Wright.

There were 2 residents present.

1. **(a) Apologies for absence** Cllr Taylor Maggio and Cllr Reeves (Work Commitments).
(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 Cllr K Chaplin was noted as recording the meeting.
2. **Public Session** - The minute book was closed to allow questions from residents on any items on the agenda.

One resident spoke on agenda item 8(c).
One resident spoke on agenda item 8(e).
3. **Community Warden Report** – No written report was received.
4. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 19 February 2019. It was RESOLVED (331/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.**
 1. The result of the public inquiry relating to Land South of Horseshoes Lane, Langley (APP/U2235/W/18/3198659) had been decided by the Planning Inspectorate in favour of the applicant.
 2. The gym equipment has now been fully serviced.
 3. Councillors undertook a litter pick around the village on the morning of 14 March and four bags of litter were collected before torrential rain stopped this event.
6. **Parish Clerks Report** – The clerk reported that she had taken urgent action for a repair to be undertaken to the wire fence which borders the play area and Horseshoes Lane as this had been broken down. A large tree branch was also removed from the play area and authorisation given to remove a tree that is leaning on the boundary fence in the recreation ground.

7. **Finance**

(a) Receipts of Income:

Barclays Bank	Interest	£15.79
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(b) The Council RESOLVED (332/FC) for the accounts listed to be paid.

Paul Waring	103005	Grounds Maintenance	2347.92
Mrs H Anderson	103006	Salary & Expenses	640.00
Mrs L Clarke	103007	Planter Flowers	8.45
Total			<u>£2996.37</u>

(c) The bank reconciliation was presented and agreed.

8. **Correspondence**

- (a) A Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) Parish Pack – Preparing for Emergencies in Kent was received. It was RESOLVED (333/FC) to place this on the website.
- (b) An invitation was received from a local land owner to a meeting to discuss issues regarding woodland management. It was RESOLVED (334/FC) that the clerk would arrange this for either 5th or 12th April at 5pm.
- (c) An email was received regarding the idea of picnic tables for the play area/recreation ground and requesting the use of the Speedwatch equipment. It was RESOLVED (335/FC) for the clerk to look into costings for the purchase and installation of picnic tables for the Council to discuss at their May meeting. In relation to the Speedwatch equipment, the clerk reported that currently only two people are registered trained, one of which was herself. All sites are currently de-activated and will need to be re-assessed by Kent Police before the equipment can be deployed again.
- (d) An email was received from a resident regarding No-deal Brexit preparations. It was noted that currently very little information has been received from higher tiers of Government but it was RESOLVED (336/FC) that should any information be received then it would be posted on our website and noticeboards where possible.
- (e) An email was received from a local resident who had organised and signed up Langley to take part in the Keep Britain Tidy British Spring Clean and wished to borrow litter picking equipment. It was RESOLVED (337/FC) that the equipment could be used following liaison with the clerk regarding a suitable date for collection.
- (f) An email was received from Maidstone Borough Council regarding their Local Plan Review – Call for Sites. The deadline for submitting sites is 5pm on Friday 24 May 2019. This was duly noted.
9. **Hire of a Skip** – It was RESOLVED (338/FC) to share costs with the Village Hall Management Committee in order to allow the sorting of the Council storage facility in the basement of the hall.

10. **Meeting Dates** It was RESOLVED (339/FC) for the follow meetings to be held:-

Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 2 April in the Committee Room starting at 7.45pm and this will then be followed by the Parish Council meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14 May in the Committee Room starting at 7.45pm.

11. **Play Area/Recreation Ground**

(a) The monthly play area inspection report was received from Maidstone Borough Council. No new issues were reported.

12. **Reports from Councillors who have attended external meetings**

No reports were received.

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

Cllr K Chaplin noted that she had reported to Kent Highways, the playground sign in Horseshoes Lane that had blown over in the wind.

Cllr Wright reported that she had been in contact with PROW regarding the blocking of a public footpath in Leeds Village which formed part of the Len Valley Walk.

Cllr Hunt noted the poor state of road surfacing in Grasslands.

Meeting closed at 8.37pm

Approved by:

Date: