

# LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 October 2020 at 7.30pm via a Zoom Conference Call.**

Those Present: Cllr Taylor Maggio (Chairman), Cllr K Chaplin, Cllr R Chaplin, 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**. PCSO De Rose.  
**(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 15 September 2020. It was RESOLVED (454/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 the announcement of the consultation period for the Local Plan Call for Sites was still awaited, however, the proposed sites will be put before the Strategic, Planning and Infrastructure Committee on 9 November 2020.  
  
**Kent County Councillors Report** – Cllr Hotson reported that the Government white paper consultation on Devolution has been put back until the Spring. Parish Councils are urged to respond to the Government consultation on planning reform if they have not done so already by the deadline of 29 October 2020.
5. **Community Warden Report** – No report was received.  
  
**Police Report** – PCSO Shivon de Rose reported that vehicle speed checks are to be carried out in Heath Road and Horseshoes Lane shortly. There was one reported crime for the period August to September 2020.
6. **Update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting (information only)**
  1. The gym equipment has now been serviced.

## 7. **Planning**

20/504237/FULL PROPOSAL: Partial demolition and reconstruction of existing garage outbuilding for use as a pool house, including replacement roof, pergola and external alterations. Creation of a swimming pool and internal and external alterations to existing storage outbuilding to allow use as a garage, including associated landscape works. ADDRESS: Langley Lodge Chartway Street Sutton Valence Maidstone Kent ME17 3HX. It was RESOLVED (455/FC) to offer no comment.

20/504438/FULL PROPOSAL: Conversion of existing garage into an annexe ancillary to the main dwelling together with single storey extension, external alterations and insertion of rooflights. Creation of 1no. additional parking space, alterations to driveway and associated hard and soft landscaping. ADDRESS: Aspley House Avery Lane Otham Maidstone Kent ME15 8RZ. It was RESOLVED (456/FC) to offer no comment.

8. **Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan** – From the supporting documents that accompanied the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee agenda on the 22 September 2020, only two sites have been included within the initial Green Site Assessment (Site Ref 172 and Site Ref 174) both within the Sutton Road area. It is thought although not confirmed that site ref 174 has subsequently been removed. Further documents within the agenda has flagged Langley and Langley Heath as a potential area for a garden village, however, due to technical complexities and time constraints it appears not to have been taken forward for this particular Local Plan review. The Council will comment when the public consultation begins.

## 9. **Finance**

### (a) Receipts of Income

Various	Allotment Rent	£33.97
Barclays Bank	Interest	£ 4.39
Total		<u>£38.36</u>

(b) It was RESOLVED (457/FC) to agree that the following payments were paid:-

103080	Fresh Air Fitness	Gym Equipment Service	£ 432.24
103081	E.ON	Street Lighting Charges	£ 239.35
103082	BG Electrical	Defib Service	£ 78.00
103083	H Anderson	Salary & Expenses Sep	£ 887.36
Total			<u>£1,636.95</u>

(c) The bank reconciliation was presented and agreed.

## 10. Correspondence

- (a) An email has been received from East Maidstone Transport Group giving an update on the bus pilot scheme which has been currently suspended in the wake of the Coronavirus crisis.
- (b) Two emails have been received from residents regarding vehicular volume and speeding along Heath Road. It was RESOLVED (458/FC) to pass on resident's concerns to the PCSO. An entry is also to be added to our Highway Improvement Plan to seek the viability on traffic calming measures and/or speed signage indicators to be placed in this area. A speed survey over a period of 7 days may be required to help with data analysis and future funding of any project.
- (c) An email has been received from a local resident regarding potential planning application in Green Lane. It was noted that the Council was unaware of any live planning applications in this area, but sites have come forward from landowners in the recent Local Plan Call for Sites.
- (d) An email has been received from a local resident regarding litter along the Leeds Road. It was RESOLVED (459/FC) for the Clerk to investigate.

## 11. Parish Council Website

An email has been received from Cantium Business Solutions stating that following a recent review they are no longer in a position to provide the Parish Council with a new website (as agreed in February 2020) and the existing website will no longer be available from 1 January 2021. KALC have recently held talks with Cantium Business Solutions regarding the way forward for Parish Councils and an announcement is expected later this week. It was RESOLVED (460/FC) to await and see what (if anything) is being offered before entering into a contract with [www.parishcouncilwebsites.org.uk](http://www.parishcouncilwebsites.org.uk) for their standard package at £499 per annum.

## 12. Recreation Ground/Open Spaces

- (a) Cllr Woodcock continues to undertake a weekly inspection and reported an issue with damage to the wet pour surface by the infant slide. The clerk subsequently took the slide out of service.
- (b) A wet pour repair kit was purchased to repair the damage by the infant slide. Cllr Woodcock was the duly thanked for carrying out this repair and it was reported that the slide is now back in service.
- (c) It was RESOLVED (461/FC) to agree the quotes to replace the Perspex in two noticeboards in Grasslands and Turgis Close, repair a bench and re-stain in the play area and to refurbish the railing leading from Horseshoes Lane into the recreation ground. It was further RESOLVED (462/FC) that the damaged planter in the village hall car park be removed.
- (d) It was RESOLVED (463/FC) for a ROSPA inspection to be carried out annually.
- (e) It was RESOLVED (464/FC) to agree the quote received for the replacement of all 3 Hip Twister foot pads.

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.**

Due to the Two Spires Magazine currently not being in production following the Coronavirus Crisis, a short newsletter will be produced for residents.

Meeting closed at 20:40pm

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17 November 2020 via Zoom Conferencing.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**