

# LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 16 March 2021 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, Cllr Wright.

Kent County Councillor Hotson was in attendance. There was 1 member of the public present.

- (a) Apologies for absence**. 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** 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.
- Public Session inviting members of the public to speak on the Langley Speed Indicator Device (SID) Project** – A resident expressed concern that the placement of the SID in Leeds Road is too close to the bends.
- Langley Speed Indicator Device (SID) Project** - It was RESOLVED (495/FC) to purchase a 'Mini' SID from Kent Highways at a cost of £7,678.24. The final placement of the poles for the 3 locations (Horseshoes Lane, Heath Road and Leeds Road) would be agreed pending further discussion with Kent Highways.
- Public Session** – No members of the public were present due to the resident leaving the meeting after item 3 of the agenda.
- The Minutes** of the meeting held on 16 February 2021. It was RESOLVED (496/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.
- Borough Councillor Report** –A short written report was received providing feedback from a recent Cluster meeting that had been held by borough councillors and the Community Safety Partnership. It was also noted that if a Parish has an old red telephone kiosk in situ, that BT are now selling these off for community projects.

**Kent County Councillors Report** – Cllr Hotson reported that a Community Programme is being launched to help young people after the Coronavirus pandemic lockdown. The KCC budget for 2021/22 has been set but it was noted that some savings would be needed which may affect services. The Councillors

Members Fund for community projects across there ward has been set at £10,000 with a further £6,000 available towards Covid related projects.

7. **Police Report** – Crime stats taken from [www.e-watch.co/](http://www.e-watch.co/) for the period 13 February to 12 March recorded no crimes. A written report was received from PCSO Shvon de Rose and it was noted that regular monitoring of nuisance bikes in Abbey Woods and Ulcombe Road is taking place, as well as regular patrols of the village hall carpark, dealing with incidences of fly tipping in local lanes and monitoring vehicle speeds in Horseshoes Lane, Leeds Road and Heath Road.

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

1. The clerk attended a very useful Zoom course provided by KALC on GDPR and website accessibility.
2. The new Langley Parish Council website is now live and can be found at [www.langleypc-kent.org](http://www.langleypc-kent.org).

9. **Planning**

The following application were considered:-

APPLICATION REF: 21/500760/FULL PROPOSAL: Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden land, creating a vegetable garden and erection of a greenhouse, ancillary to Langley Lodge. ADDRESS: Langley Lodge Chartway Street Sutton Valence Maidstone Kent ME17 3HX. It was RESOLVED (497/FC) to offer no comment.

10. **Finance**

(a) Receipts of Income

Kent County Council	Grant for SID	£ 2000.00
KALC	Grant for new website	<u>£ 900.00</u>
Total		£ 2900.00

(b) It was RESOLVED (498/FC) to agree that the following payments were paid:-

103098	Castle Water	Allotment Water	£ 178.88
103099	Aubergine 262	Website WCAG Compliance	£ 358.80
103100	H Anderson	Salary & Expenses	£ 698.39
Total			<u>£ 1236.07</u>

(c) The bank reconciliation was presented and agreed.

(d) It was RESOLVED (499/FC) to appoint Mr Lionel Robbins as internal auditor for the financial year ending 31 March 2021.

## **11. Correspondence**

- (a) A further updated email was received from the East of Maidstone Transport Group confirming that the KCC Cabinet for Highways and Transport has confirmed his ongoing commitment to the bus pilot service.
- (b) A thank you email has been received from Otham and Langley PCC for their recent churchyard grant.
- (c) An email was received from a local resident regarding litter in the verges of Pitt Lane and surrounding roads. It was RESOLVED (500/FC) to promote picking up litter whilst residents are on a daily walk and it was agreed to help in the provision of litter picking equipment.

## **12. Annual Parish Meeting**

It was RESOLVED (501/FC) for this year's meeting to take place via Zoom on Tuesday, 20 April 2021 at 7pm.

## **13. Website WCAG Compliance**

It was RESOLVED (502/FC) to take out an annual subscription with Aubergine 262 to allow the new Parish Council website to be scanned quarterly and a report received to ensure that Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) compliance is met.

## **14. Defibrillators**

It was RESOLVED (503/FC) for a working group of Cllr K Chaplin and Cllr Taylor Maggio to investigate suitable online and face to face training options available regarding the use of a defibrillator and to also investigate if any new sites can be identified within the Parish for additional units.

## **15. Recreation Ground/Open Spaces**

- (a) Cllr Woodcock continues to undertake a weekly inspection and the monthly Maidstone Borough Council inspection report was received. It was noted that Steve Waring has agreed to look at the gate adjustment mechanism to the play area as well as attend to the hedge line in this area to make it more aesthetically pleasing by removing unwanted debris and planting new conifers in the gaps. Some tree branches have been identified around the recreation area edge that require trimming, this will be completed to make the mowing of the ground easier to do.
- (b) It was RESOLVED (504/FC) to purchase a safety sign for the gym equipment.

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

No matters were raised.

Meeting closed at 21.20pm

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20 April 2021 via Zoom Conferencing.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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