

LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at 7.45pm at Langley Village Hall.

Those Present: Cllr K Chaplin, Cllr Knowles, Cllr Woodcock, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wright.

Two representatives from Salix Cricket Bats were present.

1. (a) **Election of Chairman** Cllr Carole Wright was elected as Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
(b) **Election of Vice Chairman** Cllr Jill Williams was elected as Vice Chairman.
2. (a) **Apologies for absence**. Cllr R Chaplin (Family Commitments), 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.
3. **Co-option of Councillor** This was deferred to the September meeting.
4. **Public Session** – Local business owners Salix Cricket Bats raised the issue of vandalism at their premises over recent months. All incidents have been reported to the Police and the investigation is ongoing. CCTV in the locality is also being reviewed.
5. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 15 June 2021. It was RESOLVED (550/FC), that the minutes were taken as a read and confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
6. **Borough Councillor Report** – No report was received.

Kent County Councillors Report – No report was received.
7. **Police Report** – A written report was received from PCSO De Rose stating that she has been relocated to another area from 1 August 2021 onwards. PCSO Brian Amorim will be the replacement officer. Crime stats taken from www.e-watch.co/ for the period 16 June to 12 July recorded one crime.
8. **Update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting (information only)**
 1. The broken slide segment on the multi play unit has now been replaced. The metal gong has also been repaired and repainted.

2. The majority of the smaller repairs to the play area have been completed by contractors, however, the wet pour repairs await a slot for when the weather is fine and dry.

9. Planning

The following application were considered:-

APPLICATION REF: 21/503233/FULL PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing dwelling and 3no. agricultural buildings and erection of a new dwelling with associated hard and soft Landscaping. ADDRESS: Summerfield Chartway Street Sutton Valence Maidstone Kent ME17 3HX. It was RESOLVED (551/FC) to offer no comment.

APPLICATION REF: 21/503154/FULL PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of a 1no. four bedroom dwelling. ADDRESS: Orchard House Sutton Road Langley Maidstone Kent ME17 3LZ. It was RESOLVED (552/FC) to offer no comment.

APPLICATION REF: 21/502589/FULL PROPOSAL: Retrospective application for change of use of the land for the stationing of 3no. mobile homes for gypsy/traveller accommodation, extension to existing hardstanding, and change of use of part of paddock for the storage of motor vehicles. ADDRESS: Bramblewood Pitt Road Kingswood ME17 3NR. It was RESOLVED (553/FC) to offer no comment.

(b) Notification of Planning Appeal.

Location: Pleydells Bungalow Sutton Road Langley Maidstone Kent Proposal: Erection of a double garage: Appeal Reference Number: APP/U2235/D/21/3274927 Appeal Starting date: 18 June 2021 via written representation. It was RESOLVED (554/FC) to note this.

10. Finance

(a) Receipts of Income

Barclays Bank	Interest	£ 1.03
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(b) It was RESOLVED (555/FC) to agree that the following payments were paid:-

103116	Fenland Leis	Toddler Swings x2	£ 199.20
103117	PlayFix	Repair of slide	£ 547.20
103118	Loose PC	ROSPA Training	£ 168.50
103119	W Young	Plants for planters	£ 54.00
103120	D Woodcock	MPU Gong Repair	£ 123.00
103121	H Anderson	Salary & Expenses (June)	£ 697.71
103122	HMRC	Tax	£ 25.80
103123	E.on	Street Lighting Charges	£ 236.74
	Total		<u>£ 2052.15</u>

(c) The bank reconciliation was presented and agreed. The closing balance per the cash book as of the 6 July 2021 was £58,452.61.

(d) The quarterly budget analysis was presented and agreed.

- (e) It was RESOLVED (556/FC) for a thankyou present to be purchased for our former long term Councillor and Chairman, Cheryl Taylor Maggio.

11. Correspondence

- (a) Notification of KALC events in July were received and noted.
- (b) Notification by KCC regarding their Reconnect Kent Children and Young People Programme was received and noted.
- (c) Notification of Maidstone Borough Council Affordable Housing Survey was received. It was RESOLVED (557/FC) for this to be completed and submitted by the Clerk before the deadline of 15 August 2021.
- (d) A copy email was received from a resident regarding Abbey Woods woodland access and coppicing taking place. A copy email response was also received from Woodlands.co.uk. This was duly noted.
- (e) An email from a resident regarding the overgrown hedge in Horseshoes Lane. The clerk informed that she remains in regular contact with the KCC Highways Steward regarding this issue. They have in turn escalated the issue to the Manager of the KCC Soft Landscaping Team for resolution. The Highways Steward will contact the clerk once further information is received.

12. Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2021

Due to low Councillor numbers, it was RESOLVED (558/FC) that Parish Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, 21 September and Tuesday 16 November 2021 only, unless at any time an urgent item not allowed under delegated powers requires an extraordinary meeting to be convened.

13. Scheme of Delegation

It was RESOLVED (559/FC) for a Scheme of Delegation to be accepted for the remainder of 2021. This is in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972. It will be reviewed in January 2022.

14. Highway Improvement Plan

Cllr Wright reported on an informative meeting held with Kent Highways regarding a number of issues in the parish. The pavement level between the junction of Copperfield Drive and Gullands was discussed following a recent complaint from a local resident, however, it was sadly noted that no remedial action could be undertaken due to the topography of the area. A new dropped kerbs was identified for Lacey Close and also at the junction of Gullands and Horseshoes Lane. Quotes are to be provided for this work.

The Highways Improvement Plan was reviewed by Councillors.

15. Recreation Ground/Open Spaces

- (a) The play area inspection report was received and noted.

16. Report on any external meetings attended by members of the Council

Cllr Wright reported on the Langley Village Management Committee. It was noted that further work is required to the external top windows of the building and a small section of roof tiles.

17. 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 Kim Chaplin and Cllr Roger Chaplin resigned from the Council. This is due to ill health and ongoing plans to move from the area. The Council thanked them both for their service to the Parish.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

The next meeting will be held at 7.45pm on Tuesday, 21 September 2021 at Langley Village Hall.

Approved by:

Date: