

# LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 16 November 2021 at 7.45pm at Langley Village Hall.**

Those Present: Cllr Wright (Chairman), Cllr Knowles, Cllr Pitchers, Cllr Woodcock, Cllr Williams.

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. **KALC Community Award** - Cllr Wright presented the KALC Community Award to Mr & Mrs Neves, for their dedicated efforts in litter picking and helping to keep the village tidy.
2. (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.
3. **Co-option of Councillor** It was RESOLVED (568/FC) for Mr Stephen King to be co-opted onto the Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
4. **Public Session** – No items were raised.
5. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 21 September 2021. It was RESOLVED (569/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** –Crime stats taken from [www.e-watch.co/](http://www.e-watch.co/) for the period 20 September to 6 November 2021 recorded two crimes. A short-written report was received from PCSO De Rose. It was noted that she had recently dealt with parking violations in both Green Lane and Ulcombe Road. She has also has urged residents to report any anti-social behaviour via 101, witnessed in the vicinity of the Village Hall.
8. **Update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting (information only)**
  1. The clerk was still awaiting notification from the Village Hall to transfer funds from CIL, towards their repair works.

## 9. Planning

The following application were considered:-

Application Reference: 21/505846/FULL Proposal: Demolition of side extension. Erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension. Location: 2 Porters Walk Langley Maidstone Kent ME17 3JU. It was RESOLVED (570/FC) to offer no comment.

APPLICATION REF: 21/505797/OUT PROPOSAL: Section 73 - Application for removal of condition 24 (Bus only road and bus turning facilities) pursuant to 15/509015/OUT for - Outline application for residential development, together with non-residential uses (including potentially A1 (retail), A3 (sale of food and drink on the premises e.g. restaurant), A4 (public house), D1(a) (medical use), D1(b) (creche/day centre/day nursery), or B1 (office), up to 0.4 ha of land reserved for C2 (residential care), the reservation of 2.1 ha of land for primary education (use class D1), public open space in the form of natural green space, allotments, play facilities and informal open space together with landscaping, parking, footpath and cycle links and the necessary servicing, drainage and the provision of necessary utilities infrastructure, with all matters reserved for future consideration with the exception of access (Amended proposal). ADDRESS: Land South of Sutton Road Langley Kent. It was RESOLVED (571/FC) to offer no comment.

(b) To note the following planning applications considered by the Council under delegated powers (Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972).

APPLICATION REF: 21/505594/FULL PROPOSAL: Retrospective application for change of use of 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 (resubmission of 21/502589/FULL). ADDRESS: Bramblewood Pitt Road Kingswood Maidstone Kent ME17 3NR. It was RESOLVED (572/FC) to offer no comment.

(c) Notification of the Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan Review Regulation 19 Consultation was received. The deadline for comment is 12 December 2021.

## 10. Finance

(a) Receipts of Income

Maidstone Borough Council CIL Payment (Bicknor Farm) £19,194.18

(b) It was RESOLVED (573/FC) to agree that the following payments were paid:-

103134	Langley Football Club Grant	£ 400.00
103135	E.on Street Lighting	£ 251.00
103136	H Anderson Salary & Expenses (Sep)	£ 787.28
103137	HMRC Tax	£ 26.00
103138	BG Electrical Defib Annual Inspection	£ 78.00
103139	Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath	£ 60.00
103140	H Anderson Salary & Expenses (Oct)	<u>£ 741.59</u>
Total		£ 2,343.87

- (c) The bank reconciliation was presented and agreed. The closing balance per the cash book as of the 5 November 2021 was £57,089.09
- (d) Notification has been received of the second instalment of CIL funds totally £19,194.18 (1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021) from the Land at Bicknor Farm planning development 19/503912.
- (e) The financial report from April 2021 to date was presented and agreed.
- (f) Councillors were asked to forward any ideas for additional budget requirements to the Clerk.

#### **11. Correspondence**

- (a) An email from a resident was received from a resident regarding parking in the vicinity of the Grasslands junction and Leeds Road. It was RESOLVED (574/FC) to continue to monitor and also liaise with the PCSO.
- (b) An invitation was received to attend the East of Maidstone Bus Meeting on Monday, 22 November. Cllr Woodcock to attend.

#### **12. Kent Highways**

- (a) The new dropped kerb for Lacey Close has been agreed and will be funded by Kent County Council.
- (b) Cllr Woodcock raised concerns regarding additional traffic movements of visitors and trade vehicles following the placement of yellow directional signs to the new Ledian Retirement Village at the junction of Horseshoes Lane. It was felt that traffic should be directed instead to continue using the main road to the B2163 Leeds Road. It was RESOLVED (575/FC) to raise this issue with Kent Highways.

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

- (a) The play area inspection report has been received from Maidstone Borough Council. There were no new items reported. Cllr Woodcock reported that following his inspection on Monday, 15 November 2021, the multi-play unit had been heavily covered in graffiti. The Council expressed their dismay at this deliberate act of vandalism. It was RESOLVED (576/FC) to obtain a quote from Playfix to clean the equipment.

#### **14. Report on any external meetings attended by members of the Council**

Cllr Wright attended the Remembrance Day Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Council.

Following the service, Cllr Wright reported that she had the opportunity to meet some of the key personnel of St Mary's Church. Various ideas aimed at increased community engagement and or events taking place in the New Year, were positively discussed.

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

It was noted that the Kingswood Christmas Tree sign obstructing sight lines at the junction of Heath Road and Leeds Road.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

A short Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 14 December 2021 at Langley Village Hall. Residents will be invited to join Councillors for some Christmas refreshments at the close of the meeting.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**