

LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 September 2022 at 7.30pm at Langley Village Hall.

Those Present: Cllr Wright (Chairman), Cllr Callway, Cllr Williams.

There were no members of the public present.

A minute's silence was held in remembrance of Her Majesty The Queen who passed away on 8 September 2022.

1. (a) **Apologies for absence.** Cllr King (Family Commitments), Cllr Knowles (Family Commitments), Cllr Woodcock (Illness). 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 none received.
(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** – No residents were present.
3. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 19 July 2022. It was RESOLVED (661/FC), that the minutes were taken as a read and confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
4. **Borough Councillor Report** – A short written report was received.
Kent County Councillors Report – No report was received.
5. **Police Report** – Crime stats which are taken from www.e-watch.co/ for the period 19 July 2022 to 12 September 2022 recorded 2 crimes.
6. **Update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting (information only)**
 - (a) It was noted that Kent County Council has temporarily reprieved the withdrawal of the number 13 Saturday service pending a review.
 - (b) To date there have been no responses of interest received from residents in relation to holding a Scarecrow event in Langley.
 - (c) The Chairman attended the Mayor's Garden Party and offered a donation to their chosen charities on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - (d) The work at the allotments to cultivate the disused plots has started. Soft ground is still required before the areas can be rotivated and then be ready for letting.

7. Planning

(a) The following application was considered:-

22/503898/FULL Erection of a detached garden room. 13 Heathfield Langley Maidstone Kent ME17 3JL. It was RESOLVED (662/FC) to offer no comment.

22/501903/REM Approval of Reserved Matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale being sought) for the infrastructure and strategic landscape that surrounds Phases 4 and 5 of the development site (including alternative details to 20/501452/REM for part of phase 2 Spine Road) pursuant of Outline Application 15/509015/OUT. Land South of Sutton Road (Phases 4 & 5) Langley Kent. It was RESOLVED (663/FC) for this application to be refused.

22/504014/FULL | Erection of a double garage (Resubmission of 20/505099/FULL/APP/U2235/D/21/3274927). Pleydells Bungalow Sutton Road Langley Maidstone Kent ME17 3ND. It was RESOLVED (664/FC) to offer no comment.

22/503694/FULL | Partial change of use of orchard land and erection of a single storey, 2 bedroom dwellinghouse with loft room and associated parking. | Land At Horseshoes Lane Langley Kent ME17 3JZ. It was RESOLVED (665/FC) for this application to be refused and taken to the planning committee.

(b) A copy of the KALC Maidstone Local Plan submission to the upcoming Regulation 19 examination was received and noted.

(c) Notification was received from Maidstone Borough Council regarding their online planning training sessions for Borough and Parish Councillors to attend. It was noted that a number of our councillors had attended the first session in early September and reported that they found it very informative.

8. Finance

(a) There following Receipts of Income were received.

Various	Allotment Rent	£	35.21
Barclays Bank	Interest	£	18.11
Kent County Council	Grant for Clock Restoration	£	1500.00
Total		£	<u>1553.32</u>

(b) It was RESOLVED (666/FC) to agree that the following payments were paid:-

103182	G Wood	Allotment Work	£	133.38
103183	C Pitchers	Solar Xmas Lights	£	24.00
103184	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£	360.00
103185	H Anderson	Salary & Expenses (July)	£	685.00
103186	Treeventures	Tree Survey	£	440.00
103187	Gallagher	Annual Insurance	£	1851.03
103188	C Wright	Donation & Floral Tribute	£	40.39

103189	H Anderson	Salary & Expenses (Aug)	£ 684.00
	Total		<u>£ 4217.80</u>

- (c) The bank reconciliation was presented and agreed upon. The closing balance as per the cash book as of 5 August 2022 was £60,109.35 and the balance of the cash book as at 6 September 2022 was £60,460.29.
- (d) The Conclusion of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2022 was received from PKF Littlejohn LLP. No areas of concern were identified and therefore it was RESOLVED (667/FC) that no further action is required.
- (e) An email was received regarding the option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements. It was RESOLVED (668/FC) that we would not opt out of this arrangement.

9. Correspondence

- (a) An email was received from a resident regarding the stability problem by wheelchair users when using the Horseshoes Lane public footpath, It was RESOLVED (669/FC) to discuss with Kent County Council.
- (b) An email was received from a resident regarding the junction of New Road and Sutton Road. It was RESOLVED (670/FC) for Councillors to conduct a site visit to review.

10. Recreation Ground/Open Spaces

- (a) The play area inspection report and playing field report was received from Cllr Wright. The play area has been well used over the summer months and it had mostly fared well under constant use, however, in the past week it was noted that intentional damage had been done to one of the picnic tables and a few incidents of dog fouling which had not been cleared up were left on the playing field and near the play area.
- (b) Playground Repairs - It was RESOLVED (671/FC) that the Council would pay £149 for a site visit by Sovereign Playgrounds for a quote for repairs to the equipment. It was noted that the fee is returnable on quotes being accepted over £500.
- (c) The tree survey for the recreation ground has been received. Only one tree was identified for removal and a small amount of branch pruning required to be undertaken on others. It was RESOLVED (672/FC) for the report to be passed onto our Grounds Maintenance contractor for review and a quote to carry out the works. The next tree survey is due in November 2024.
- (d) Autumn Litter Pick – Councillors are to meet at the Village Hall on Monday, 3 October 2022 at 11am (subject to weather conditions).

- 11. Community Engagement - It was RESOLVED (673/FC) to defer this item until the November meeting.

12. Reports from Councillors on any external meetings attended.

Cllr Wright gave a brief overview of the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting with discussion items relating to the hall floor and the football equipment container.

The Chairman carried out the Proclamation Reading for the appointment of King Charles III at the Village Sign, Heath Road, at 4pm on Sunday, 11 September 2022.

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.

Headcorn Parish Council will be hosting an informal meeting of neighbouring Councils on Friday, 30 September.

Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council will be hosting a meeting of neighbouring Councils regarding the issue of road closures and diversions on Monday, 3 October 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Approved by:

Date: