

LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 February 2023 at 7.30pm at Langley Village Hall.

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

Borough Councillor Young. There were no members of the public present.

1. (a) **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Callway, Cllr Knowles(Family Commitments).
(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 17 January 2023. It was RESOLVED (694/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** – Cllr Young gave a brief update regarding social events being held by the Borough Council
Kent County Councillors Report – No report was received.
5. **Police Report** – Crime stats which are taken from www.e-watch.co/ for the period 17 January 2023 to 19 February 2023 recorded no crimes.
6. **Update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting (information only)**

There were no updates.
7. **Planning**

(a) There following planning application was considered:-

APPLICATION REF: 22/500390/FULL PROPOSAL: Erection of a single storey front extension/porch and changes to fenestration. ADDRESS: Lyndon, 7 Horseshoes Lane, Langley Maidstone Kent ME17 1SR. It was RESOLVED (695/FC) to offer no comment on this application.

8. Finance

(a) Income received - None.

(b) It was RESOLVED (696/FC) to agree that the following payments were paid:-

103212	Paul Waring	Grounds Maintenance	£ 3655.74
103213	H Anderson	Salary & Expenses	<u>£ 717.00</u>
Total			£ 4372.74

(c) The bank reconciliation was presented and agreed upon. The closing balance as per the cash book as of 6 February 2023 was £82,804.49.

(d) It was RESOLVED (697/FC) to approve a request of £2,600 from CIL funds towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall toilet facilities.

(e) It was noted that the Parish Services Scheme for 2023/2024 will be £2,784.

9. Correspondence

(a) Notification of a Ward Cluster Meeting has been received for 7 March 2023. By the time of the meeting, notification had been received that this date was now cancelled. A new date is awaited.

(b) Notification was received of a meeting between local parish councils and representatives from KCC and MBC to discuss the chaos caused in the locality when roads are closed for works. Cllr Wright to attend.

10. Recreation Ground/Open Spaces

(a) Play Area Inspection – Cllr Woodcock gave a brief update on the play area inspection. It was RESOLVED (698/FC) to look into replacement signage regarding ‘Dogs on Leads’ and to arrange a village inspection walk.

(b) It was RESOLVED (699/FC) to approve a quote for the erection of a bin store for the joint use by the Village Hall and the Parish Council.

(c) It was RESOLVED (700/FC) to approve the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2023/2024.

11. **Kings Coronation** – Sunday, 7th May is the opportunity for residents to celebrate the occasion. It was RESOLVED (701/FC) that the small village green in Heath Road should be decorated with some bunting. Kent County Council should be contacted for road closures relating to street parties. It was also noted that there may be a possibility of collaboration with a nearby parish who are organising a big fundraising event, however, at the time of the meeting, more details were awaited.

12. **Annual Parish Meeting** – It was RESOLVED (702/FC) for this to be held on Tuesday, 18 April 2023 at 7pm. The Parish Council meeting will then be held separately after the conclusion of the Annual Parish meeting.

13. **Parish Council Elections 2023** – It was noted that Councillors are up for election on 4 May 2023 for a 1 year term only. Elections will then take place across the whole of the Maidstone Borough in 2024 for a further 4 year term.

14. **Reports from Councillors on any external meetings attended**

Cllr Wright gave a brief overview of the Langley Village Hall Management meeting and the Maidstone KALC Maidstone Area Committee meeting,

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

There were no items raised.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Approved by:

Date: