

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGTON LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024 IN THE MAIN HALL, KINGTON LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM

Present: Cllr G Trickey (Chair), Cllr Armor, Cllr Lawer, Cllr Pattemore, Cllr Tayler, Cllr Watson, Mrs. Sue Hart (Clerk), Peter Giles (RFO), County Cllr H Greenman

Public Participation: Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Unitary Councillor Update

County Councillor Greenman said that he had just been advised that the Wiltshire Council Planning Case Officer for the St Modwen Park Phase II Development had asked for the application to be withdrawn but he had no further information at this point. He reiterated that the five-year housing land supply metric which was minuted at last month's meeting has now been dispensed with plus the impact on planning applications coming forward. Some planning applications that had been provisionally approved because of the five-year housing land supply metric could now be re-assessed without the metric.

1 132.23	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lindi Reynolds (previously arranged meeting), Cllr Sealy (business meeting) On a proposal from Cllr Trickey, seconded by Cllr Tayler, IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the councillors' apologies. Cllr Armor tendered belated apologies for last month due to pressures of work.
2 133.23	Declarations of Interest: In accordance with S31 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council's adopted Standing Orders – To receive declarations of any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in respect of any item contained in this Agenda. It was noted that Cllr Tayler had a personal interest in the agenda item on VisitWiltshire.
3 134.23	Minutes – To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 January 2024 The Clerk noted that the heading was incorrect in the draft circulated to councillors and the meeting date should have read 8th January not 9th January. It had been corrected in the copy to be signed. On a proposal from Cllr Armor, seconded by Cllr. Lawer, IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record.
4 135.23	Planning Applications - Clerk New Applications for Consideration: PL/2024/00317 Land adjacent to Arminger House – Erection of domestic free standing solar array. Deadline: 23 Feb 23 On a proposal from Cllr Trickey, seconded by Cllr Tayler, IT WAS RESOLVED to Support this application. Planning Updates: PL/2024/00725 Pound House, Ashes Lane – Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 Dead Dying or Dangerous Trees. Allowing removal of oak tree (partially collapsed) and pollarding without need for a formal Tree Work Application. Wiltshire Council Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement Updates: Decisions: PL/2023/06779 Grafton, Plough Lane – Demolish garage / remodel South elevation / erect rear extension, etc. Decision: Approve with Conditions PL/2023/10247 Willow Cottage, Church Lane - Proposed works to trees in conservation area. Decision: No Objection

5 136.23	Langley Fitzurse School - Chair of Governors, Ed Shire Ed Shire said that Langley Fitzurse School were looking at how to create more space for other activities including quiet space plus addressing the difficulties of flow through the school. They have had an initial design from architects for a small classroom plus intervention space as there is very limited space within the current building. Various options have been considered including the feasibility of the two temporary classrooms being replaced by a 2-storey building or building sideways but behind the school fence. Funding is the biggest issue as the intention isn't for increasing capacity or for maintenance which are the grounds for funding from the Local Authority. The ideas were not yet at the stage where they could be discussed in detail. Mr Shire said the Registered Commons area in front of the school needed clearing again particularly around the trees. The ditch is also currently not draining properly. Councillors had no issues about this work being carried out again when the weather improves. ACTION: Clerk to follow up timing and work required. The school were also asking for the Parish Council's point of view on additional lighting in front of the school. It appeared this was not for school children but for the teachers who use Coffin Way for parking and leave later. Councillors thought that the best solution would be if push-button timed lights or PIR lights were within the school confines but angled to shine in that direction. It was noted that there could be a lot of opposition from villagers to lights actually on the Registered Common as Kington Langley has always been a 'dark village'. Cllr Trickey said that outside lights were sometimes be left on for no apparent reason during weekends or at night when no-one appeared to be in the building. Mr Shire said he would give that feedback to the school. It was noted that Coffin Way was suffering from the rain and getting increasingly muddy. Cllr Pattemore suggested that it might be possible to use any extra scalplings from Byway 34 to put down on Coffin Way. ACTION: Cllr Sealy to follow up once plans for scalplings on Byway 34 materialise. Mr Shire was encouraged to enlist the school's participation in the proposed Annual Parish Meeting's event. The Parish Council were hoping the new format would enable children to be brought along. The idea of a portable Maypole was suggested. Mr Shire said he would follow this up with the school.
6 137.23	Chair's Report - Cllr Trickey Cllr Trickey had received feedback from the Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson, saying that the rough sleeper situation was proving difficult in that the situation is below the legal limit of public nuisance when police can act, therefore the issue rested between the Anti-Social Reduction Office and the Rough Sleeper Team. This was the case when the issue was first raised but the person concerned has so far not been interested in engaging with the Rough Sleeper Team. Cllr Trickey had been unable to attend the most recent Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting and Peter Giles had attended in his place. Cllr Trickey thanked Peter for his time given the meeting had taken nearly four hours.
7 138.23	Clerk's Report and Matters Arising from 8 January 2024 Parish Council meeting. The Clerk noted that the Radio Club had very kindly cancelled their booking for the evening in order that the Main Hall could be available for the Parish Council meeting and thanked their organiser and Julia Cook for making the change. Matters Arising: 121.23 Chair's Report - The Chair had written to Chris Timbrell thanking him for his kind proposal to waive his annual audit fee. ITEM CLOSED. 125.23 KLiimate Change - ACTION: Cllr Watson to suggest some designs for areas of Registered Commons. Covered by Item on the agenda. 126.23 Dennis's Legacy - Signage for the proposed Byway 34A signpost commemorating the late Dennis Gill's legacy. Covered by Item on the agenda.

	127.23 Annual Parish Meeting 2024 – Revised Format Cllr Sealy to draft article for village mag, Cllr Trickey to put on the Parish Council website. Covered by Item on the agenda. The Clerk has cancelled the date with the Union Chapel. 128.23 Clerk & RFO Job Descriptions - Responsible Financial Officer job description changes. Covered by Item on the agenda. 130.23 Correspondence sent / received idverde communication regarding Great British Spring Clean from 15th - 31st March. The Clerk had been in communication with the mother of the young villager who had organised the December litter pick as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. They would be willing to do a litter pick again as part of the national event and are suggesting Saturday 16th March. They would restrict their activities to the playing fields and possibly the byway unless they get adult volunteers which would mean they could include more on Days Lane and the road to Kington St Michael. They have investigated with Keep Britain Tidy and public liability insurance is not mandatory although it is good practice. They would like to be doing it under the Parish Council's auspices so Councillors agreed that he should say he is organising it "Supported by Kington Langley Parish Council". Equipment availability, village mag advertising, risk assessment, litter pick equipment and volunteer briefing on the day will be organised by their team. 131.23 Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting Councillors' concerns regarding the unsatisfactory response to the ongoing Enforcement issues at Lime Tree Farm. ACTION: Cllr. Trickey still to follow up. Moors Close drainage which had caused major flooding in Plough Lane. Covered by item on the agenda. Dip in Church Lane had turned into a pond during the recent storms which may need gully tanker to clear. Covered by item on the agenda.
8 139.23	Community Speedwatch and Speed Indication Device Updates – Clerk on behalf of Cllr Reynolds & Cllr Trickey Community Speedwatch report: Cllr Reynolds had reported the team had nearly got blown away on several sessions so sometimes had to cut their sessions short. Since 24 January they did 8 sessions totalling 6 hrs 25 mins. There was a total of 1,172 vehicles of which 37 were travelling at 36mph or over - 3.16% speeding. Of the speeders, 3 were travelling at 40 mph or above - 8.11% of the speeders. Middle Common Speed Indication Device Update: Cllr Trickey noted that the maximum, average and V30 speeds were in line with the average data. There was an increased volume of vehicles passing through the village compared to January - mainly due to there being more days between the measurement points and also the fact that there was less traffic over the Christmas period. Sutton Benger had given a good report on their SID at the LHFIF meeting - Cllr Trickey would get hold of their report. They can turn their SID through 180 degrees. Drivers don't appear to realise that they are still being recorded even if the SID doesn't face them. Cllr Trickey also said that the importing of SID data by the police is going very well which makes it very easy to use. The police can now see the hot spots and therefore where to direct their activity.
9 140.23	VisitWiltshire - Cllr Tayler Wiltshire Council has given notice that it intends to cut funding of VisitWiltshire, a sum of £150,000 per annum, which will have a significant impact on local businesses, including those within the parish involved with the tourism economy. The Chair of VisitWiltshire had written to councils asking for their support in opposing this change as it also means that VisitWiltshire will no longer meet the criteria for funding from other sources including VisitEngland or VisitBritain. On a proposal by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Armor, IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chair would write a letter to Wiltshire Council explaining the parish council's concerns and asking for the funding issue to be re-considered.
10	Parish Steward and Highways - Cllr Pattemore

141.23	Following an e-mail received from Kington St Michael parishioner raising issue of flooding along road to Kington St Michael, Cllr Pattemore met with Gemma Winslow from Highways, the Parish Steward, Peter Macdonald, from Kington St Michael Parish Council and a villager at Tor Crossroads, to discuss the problems at the junction. Gemma Winslow has requested that the ditch be dug out and will try to move this up the list. It was mentioned that the lorries turning right there cut the corner up, and it was suggested that perhaps the right-hand corner be cut back, enabling the lorries to turn in more easily. A drain has been eradicated as a result. Flooding at the bottom of Plough Hill was discussed and Gemma has written to the land agent, requesting them to look at the problem. She would continue to chase this. The Parish Steward has requested the gully tanker for all the villages. It's a slow process as there are only two for the County. Cllr Pattemore would also try to put the Church Lane gully tanker request on My Wiltshire, but it is already on the gully tanker list. There has been some clearance of drainage channels on Days Lane, presumably by Wiltshire Council. David Arnup, who had been very supportive of Kington Langley highways issues, has been promoted within Wiltshire Council but it appears that he is not moving to another department. Cllr Pattemore also noted that the Parish Steward has cleared the top of Morrell Lane plus she has notified the grass contractor, Bawdens, of the Scarecrow weekend dates.
11 142.23	Footpaths & Rights of Way Update - Clerk on behalf of Cllr Sealy Cllr Sealy has reported that the fallen tree on Byway 34 in January had been dealt with. A villager had sent an e-mail to the Clerk saying that a tree on Byway 34A which fell a couple of years ago remains tricky to pass on a horse. However, Cllr Sealy has reported that there was no further progress on works (including the tree on 34A) due to wet weather. Both Byway 34A and Byway KLAN11 will be priorities this summer.
12 143.23	KLimate Change - Cllr Watson • Cllr Watson had attended the Operational Flood Working Group. Flooding across Wiltshire had resulted over 200 properties flooded and has been the worst in about 150 years. • He had also attended the Climate and Ecological Emergency Forum where it was noted that the last year had been the hottest for since records began. A green open homes weekend was being organised where people can book to visit the homes. Cllr Watson will advertise this in the next PC mag. • He had produced a graphic of where trees might be planted around the village and thought the Annual Parish Meeting would be a good time to elicit feedback. • No Mow May will be running for a second year. A change is being proposed to Upper Common to broaden the No Mow area to have a path running through it. This would also go past Firs House and Chedds Cottage. At the end of the season, if Bawdens are able to do the long cut then according to Cllr Armor's experience raking isn't too difficult. However, there still needs to be a plan for where to put the cuttings and not all councillors were in favour of putting it along the edges of the Commons under the trees because of the risk of the areas becoming a dumping ground for other people's compost. ACTION: Cllr Watson to come up with a detailed plan including disposing of cuttings. • Cllr Watson suggested ecological organisations coming along to the Annual Parish meeting including FutureproofWiltshire to come from Swindon to talk to people. • A villager has made contact to say that he was the Environment Officer for Corsham Town Council. He had been very involved with setting up Community Orchards in Corsham and suggesting doing the same in the village. It was noted that the Playing Fields Committee were considering softening the edges of the playing fields by planting trees therefore they would be a good organisation to contact. ACTION: Cllr Watson to contact the Chair of the Playing Fields Committee
13 144.23	Dennis's Legacy - Cllr Trickey It has just been realised that the proposed signpost had not taken account of the path to Draycot Cerne, which is SBEN27. Cllr Trickey therefore proposed that a four-arm finger post is needed to include SBEN27 even though this would slightly increase the cost. Given the winter flooding it was agreed that the post should be purchased now but not erected until the byways' works had been carried out. On a proposal by Cllr Trickey, seconded by Cllr Watson, IT WAS RESOLVED that the larger sign should be

	purchased at an approximate cost of £295 + VAT for installation later in the spring.																							
14 145.23	Annual Parish Meeting 2024 – Revised Format – Chair on behalf of Cllr Sealy Cllr Trickey said that the letter to go to local businesses had been reviewed and updated. The letter is also asking for a small donation and / or help with catering with local businesses being able to have a stand at the event. They already had a good list of nearly 20 local businesses. The next marketing needs to focus on the kinds of stand and what kind of catering plus who would be prepared to help. The Clerk said that at this point in the year she would be sending out letters of invitation to all those village-related organisations that would normally speak at the Annual Parish Meeting and she therefore needed to revise the form of letter that should be sent. ACTION: Clerk to follow up how this should be handled with Cllr Sealy / Cllr Trickey.																							
15 146.23	Clerk & RFO Job Descriptions The Responsible Financial Officer had circulated a copy of the RFO job description with minor changes from last month's proposed new job description. On a proposal by Cllr Trickey, seconded by Cllr Tayler, IT WAS RESOLVED that the Responsible Financial Officer's job description be approved.																							
16 147.23	Finance Report – Responsible Financial Officer (Peter Giles) (a) To note receipts since last report on 8 January 2024: Receipts (to Deposit Account): <table><tr><td>9 Jan 24</td><td>January interest</td><td>£15.05</td></tr><tr><td>9 Feb 24</td><td>February interest</td><td>£16.10</td></tr></table> Direct Debits made from Current Account: <table><tr><td>None</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> Transfers from Deposit Account: <table><tr><td>None</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> (b) To approve the following payments to be made online to: <table><tr><td>13 Feb 24</td><td>Clerk - Printer cartridges + Stationery</td><td>£56.30</td></tr></table> Defibrillator Account – There were no payments or receipts. (c) To review bank account balances on 11 February 2024. The Clerk noted that bank balances recorded are as at 11 February 2024 and not 13 February as stated in the Agenda. <table><tr><td>Current Account 0218248</td><td>£5,323.37</td></tr><tr><td>Deposit account No. 7020575</td><td>£14,600.86</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£19,924.23</td></tr><tr><td>Defib Account 6150356</td><td>£712.60</td></tr></table> On a proposal by Cllr Armor, seconded by Cllr Lawer, IT WAS RESOLVED that the Financial Report and online payments be approved.	9 Jan 24	January interest	£15.05	9 Feb 24	February interest	£16.10	None			None			13 Feb 24	Clerk - Printer cartridges + Stationery	£56.30	Current Account 0218248	£5,323.37	Deposit account No. 7020575	£14,600.86	Total	£19,924.23	Defib Account 6150356	£712.60
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17 148.23	Correspondence sent / received. Sent: None / Received: None																							
18 149.23	Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting Peter Giles noted that West Mill Solar Cooperative were launching community benefit project grants that related with their climate change aims. Cllr Armor said that the Kington Langley Community Support Facebook page had noted that the Heritage																							

	Fund might be a way of getting funding for restoring the Hit or Miss Pub. Cllr Armor said that he would be willing to try and identify people willing to loan pumps and other hardware to those that might need it in the event of localised flooding threatened homes in the village. Cllr Tayler said that fly tipping in the A350 layby was a problem yet again and meant that the ditch was overflowing. His offer was still open to bait vermin. Wiltshire Council currently won't install another litter bin in but there is still a need to put one where lorries won't knock it over - ideally in the middle section of the layby. Cllr Greenman suggested putting it on the MyWiltshire App. ACTION: Cllr Tayler to follow up via MyWiltshire. Cllr Trickey asked whether there was any way the Parish Council can find out what issues had been raised on MyWiltshire within the parish. Cllr Greenman noted that items logged there do get closed when the work appears not to have been done but this is because the action gets closed once it gets passed to a contractor. Cllr Trickey thought this was a weakness in the way the application worked, which Cllr Greenman suggested might be worth raising with the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG). ACTION: Cllr Trickey to follow up with LHFIG
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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 11 March 2024 at 7:30 pm in the Committee Room at Kington Langley Village Hall, Church Road.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:28