

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGTON LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2024 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, KINGTON LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM

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

Public Participation: Five members of the public attended the meeting. The following points were raised:

Several villagers living in Moors Close and Plough Lane raised the ongoing issue of ponding across Plough Lane by Moors Close which had been ongoing since early January even before the heavy rains. They had submitted a map with photos at the time to the Highways Department of Wiltshire Council and suggested sandbags but were told the ditch would be dug out. A petition signed by residents of Moors Close and Plough Lane has now been submitted to Highways as this has been an issue for at least the last 16 years with both sides of road covered in water. An inspection chamber has also been broken therefore this also needs to be checked regarding whether it need renovation. A lump of concrete had been placed on top of it. If road drains were not fixed, concern was expressed that if the ditches are cleared it will just bring more water onto the road. Gullies in Moors Close also need to be added to the gully tanker list as they are silted up.

The villager at Lime Tree Farm pointed out that references to the enforcement notice at Lime Tree Stables still referred to Lime Tree Farm.

The villager at Lime Tree Farm raised the issue of surface water outside their property flooding their drive as it appeared that the drain and soakaway were not sufficient to cope. They had raised this issue with both Wiltshire Council and the Parish Council in 2018 when work was being done on the common in front of Lime Tree Farm and had been assured flooding issues had been considered. The owners were questioning whether the pipework was functioning properly or is blocked as the soakaway is at capacity and water is now coming out of them the top of the soakaway manhole.

Councillors noted the above issues and the Chair thanked villagers for taking the time to attend the meeting to raise them.

Unitary Councillor Update

Cllr Greenman had previously advised he would be at a Post Office Board meeting which meant he had been unable to get to the Parish Council in time for the meeting.

1 150.23	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Watson (holiday abroad) On a proposal from Cllr Pattemore, seconded by Cllr. Sealy, IT WAS RESOLVED to accept Cllr Watson's apologies.
2 151.23	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. Cllr Lawer declared a personal and pecuniary interest in the planning application regarding Mole End Work to Trees. The item was not discussed by councillors therefore there was no vote.
3 152.23	Minutes – To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 February 2024 On a proposal from Cllr Lawer, seconded by Cllr Armor, IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record.
4 153.23	Planning Applications - Clerk New Applications for Consideration: PL/2024/01983 Kington Langley Village Hall - Proposed external cloakroom adjacent to village hall (Resubmission of PL/2023/01979) Deadline: 22 Mar 24 The Clerk had confirmation from the Planning Officer that the Parish Council would be able to comment on this application. On a proposal from Cllr Trickey, seconded by Cllr Lawer, IT WAS RESOLVED to support this application.

	PL/2024/01700 4 Sutton Road - Alterations to existing extension to raise roof height and amend internal layout (Resubmission of PL/2023/03648). Deadline: 20 Mar 24 On a proposal from Cllr Armor, seconded by Cllr Sealy, IT WAS RESOLVED to Support this application. PL/2024/01568 Mole End, Parkers Lane - Proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Councillors had no objection to this application. Planning Updates: None Wiltshire Council Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement Updates Decisions: PL/2023/09116 Firs House, Upper Common - Orangery and Minor Alterations. Decision: Approve with Conditions PL/2023/09357 Firs House, Upper Common - Orangery and Minor Alterations (LBC). Decision: Approve with Conditions PL/2023/06452 Sunnymead, Days Lane - Extension & alterations to a dwelling. Detached garage. (NOTE This is PL/2023/06452 and not PL/2023/09357 as shown on the agenda) Decision: Approve with Conditions (It was noted that applicant had withdrawn the request to build a garage in front of the building.)
5 154.23	Chair's Report - Cllr Trickey Cllr Trickey had heard from the Team Leader of Planning Enforcement regarding the ongoing outstanding enforcement issues at Lime Tree Stables. He had been informed that the local planning authority had taken the position that formal enforcement action should only proceed where there is "clear resultant planning harm and that the breach of planning cannot be resolved without the need for such action". At present the case officer was in communication with the prospective owners' planning agent and he therefore considered there remained sufficient merit in allowing this process to proceed. Should this prove to be unsuccessful then taking formal action would still be considered. Cllr Trickey had received a very comprehensive response to the A350 Bus Shelter Rough Sleeper situation from the Chippenham, Calne & Corsham Neighbourhood Police Inspector. The Homeless Team had now completed a housing registration with the person so they are on the housing list. The Clerk has still not been able to find any history recording that the shelter is owned by the Parish Council and said she would continue to investigate it given it is currently covered on the Parish Council's insurance policy. It was decided that no other action was needed by the Parish Council at the moment as it was hoped the person would be found suitable accommodation by the Wiltshire Council Homeless Team. ACTION: Clerk.
6 155.23	Clerk's Report and Matters Arising from 13 February 2024 Parish Council meeting. The Clerk had received a request from the consultant ecologist who lives in the village to carry out a pond survey this year, and if councillors agreed as they had last year, the ecologist would like to carry out surveys in the coming week. She would also be happy for anyone to come along. Councillors agreed that the survey could be done this year and looked forward to hearing the result. The ecologist noted she had already found great crested newts at the pond. The Clerk had received a request from the Scarecrows Committee to hold the next Scarecrows Weekend on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June on Middle Common. She had confirmed agreement to the request. The Chair has been invited to award the prizes at the end of the event. She would also confirm agreement to a request from the Scarecrows Committee to park mobility vehicles on Middle Common in front of Rugosa Cottage. The Clerk has received a request from Kington Langley Scarecrow Festival to park cars on Upper Common on Sunday 5 May 2024 as a celebration of ten years of CrowZone Radio which is being held in the field at Arminger House from 2pm until midnight that day. She had confirmed agreement to the request. ACTION: Clerk to inform the applicants they should avoid the Upper Common No Mow areas. Matters Arising: Minute 136.23 Langley Fitzurse School Previous Action: Registered Commons area in front of the school and ditch need to be cleared again particularly around the trees. Cllr Armor said there was bit overhanging branch that would need to be

	sorted. The main area to be cleared was the land drain that goes under the drive. It would probably only need a couple of people to dig it out as much as possible so doesn't need a working party this time. However, they do need to get rid of waste. ACTION: Cllr Armor to follow up. Previous Action: Cllr Sealy to follow up using any extra scalplings from Byway 34 to put down on Coffin Way. This would be handled once work with on laying the scalplings gets underway. ITEM CLOSED. Minute 138.23 Clerk's Report and Matters Arising from 8 January 2024 Parish Council meeting. 131.23 Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting Previous action: Cllr Trickey to follow up councillors' concerns regarding the unsatisfactory response to the ongoing Enforcement issues at the Stables at Lime Tree Farm. Covered by Chair's Report above. ITEM CLOSED. Minute 140.23 VisitWiltshire Previous action: Chair to write a letter to Wiltshire Council asking for the funding cuts to VisitWiltshire to be re-considered. The Chair had written the letter. ITEM CLOSED. Minute 143.23 KClimate Change Previous Action: A plan needs to be finalised regarding the autumn cuts of the No Mow areas plus where to put the cuttings given risk of setting a precedent for the areas to become a dumping ground for other people's compost. ACTION: Cllr Watson to come up with a detailed plan including disposing of cuttings. Previous Action: Cllr Watson to contact the Chair of the Playing Fields Committee regarding the Community Orchard suggestion and how it might fit with their plans to consider softening the edges of the playing fields by planting trees. Covered by KClimate Action item on the agenda. ITEM CLOSED. Minute 145. 23 Annual Parish Meeting 2024 – Revised Format Covered by Annual Parish Meeting item on the agenda. ITEM CLOSED. Minute 149.23 Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting Previous Action: Cllr Tayler to follow up via MyWiltshire fly tipping in the A350 layby. Cllr Tayler has hooked some rubbish out of ditch and left on the side to be removed by Wiltshire Council but said the ditch is still in a state. He is following up the issue. ITEM CLOSED. Previous Action: Cllr Trickey to find out via LHFIFG what MyWiltshire actions relate to Kington Langley Parish and raise the fact that actions get closed once they get passed to a contractor but not when they are actually completed. The LHFIFG Chair and Cllr Trickey had discussed and concluded that this would require an IT change and there was not much hope of getting this actioned. ITEM CLOSED
7 156.23	Community Speedwatch and Speed Indication Device Updates Community Speedwatch report: Cllr Reynolds noted that they had noted 200 cars in one hour with 8 speeders. Middle Common Speed Indication Device Update: Cllr Trickey highlighted that: - On Sunday 3rd March there was a spike at 11.00 of 100 vehicles per hour heading west towards the A350. Traffic was considerably higher than normal on this day from 09.40 until 14.00 westbound although not in the eastbound direction. - Cllr Trickey switched the SID into "Spy Mode" between 23rd Feb and 1st March - when data is still stored but the display is switched off. There seemed to be only very small changes between when the Display is on or off. He thought he would need to take readings over a much longer period of multiple weeks with the sign switched off order to pick up any big changes. He was not convinced that the people who are driving fast through the village and producing the specific peaks of speed were taking any notice of the SID in any case. - He also noted that were twelve 30-minute periods over the last month in which the incoming (eastbound) maximum speeds were in excess of 50 mph whilst there was only one period where this

	had occurred westbound.									
8 157.23	Footpaths & Rights of Way Update - Cllr Sealy Cllr Sealy had walked down Byway34A and said there is a length of about 30 metres in the middle where just digging ditches would not necessarily fix the waterlogging problems so stone would need to be put down. However, the first step is to dig ditches and get diggers down there. The result was not intended to be too formal, but it does need to be made useable, especially for horse riders. He thought he might have to go back to the Rights of Way Coordinator to see whether any grants might be available. He would also chase the St Modwen team. Work to be done on KLAN11 (by Kin House) was currently with Kin House and Hugh Collins to follow up. Byway34 scalplings are available – this will be followed up when the weather clears up.									
9 158.23	KLimate Change – Clerk on behalf of Cllr Watson Cllr Watson had updated the 'reduced mowing' map showing a path cut through the long grass of Upper Common, The Firs, and Chedd's Cottage. Cllr Pattemore would share this with the grass contractors. He had also spoken to Hugh Collins, Chair of the Playing Fields Committee, who was quite favourable to the idea of a community orchard on the Playing Fields. However, there would be questions and concerns to deal with. He was nonetheless happy for the idea to be explored further at this stage, using the Annual Parish Meeting to sound out local opinions (and possibly find a champion for this project.) Cllr Watson has started work on a poster for the Annual Parish Meeting, covering KLimate Action including planting trees, reduced mowing, the community orchard idea, and the thermal camera imaging project. He noted that Futureproof (who offer advice to homeowners wanting to make energy-saving home improvements and refurbishments) have confirmed they will attend.									
10 159.23	Annual Parish Meeting 2024 – Revised Format – Cllr Trickey and Cllr Sealy Plans for the meeting are proceeding though there is still a lot more work to do. Cllr Sealy, the Chair and the Clerk visited the Stud Farm and met the owner, Bob Livock plus Olivia Sealy and are happy there will be sufficient car parking and space in the barn if it rains. The Parish Council are obliged to have a formal agenda which is intended to be really simple and short. This was envisaged as being formally opening the meeting, getting the previous years' minutes approved, a short summary of the Parish Council's activities in the last year then handing over to Cllr Sealy who would explain who would be on hand for villagers to meet. It was highly likely that foals would either be being born or just born, as it was the Stud Farm's busiest period, so Olivia Sealy would be on hand to show people round the foaling stables. More publicity was needed including getting onto social media. A list of possible businesses and village organisations was passed round councillors to get names of potential supporters and councillors volunteering to approach them. ACTION: Clerk to put on the Village's Facebook Group. An additional page would be requested in the village magazine for April and May. ACTION: Cllr Sealy / Chair.									
11 160.23	Finance Report – Responsible Financial Officer (Peter Giles) As distributed to Councillors on 11 March 2024 (a) To note receipts since last report on 13 February 2024: Receipts (to Deposit Account): <table><tr><td>13 Feb 24</td><td>Open Reach Wayleave</td><td>£2.00</td></tr></table> Direct Debits made from Current Account: <table><tr><td>None</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> (b) To approve the following payment to be made online: <table><tr><td>Online</td><td>KLVH - Room hire January 24 - March 24</td><td>£45.06</td></tr></table> On a proposal by Cllr Armor, seconded by Cllr Sealy, IT WAS RESOLVED that the online payment be approved as well as the Clerk's salary which included December overtime, PAYE for March 2024 plus the charity payment in lieu of the Responsible Financial Officer's salary.	13 Feb 24	Open Reach Wayleave	£2.00	None			Online	KLVH - Room hire January 24 - March 24	£45.06
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	Defibrillator Account – There were no payments or receipts. It was noted that the Defibrillator finances may need to be included in the budget for the future. (c) To review bank account balances on 11 March 2024. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Current Account 0218248</td><td>£4,811.87</td></tr> <tr> <td>Deposit account No. 7020575</td><td>£14,600.86</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>£19,412.73</td></tr> <tr> <td>Defib Account 6150356</td><td>£712.60</td></tr> </table> On a proposal by Cllr Sealy, seconded by Cllr Lawer, IT WAS RESOLVED that the Financial Report be approved. (d) End of Year Review of Requests for Donations No requests for donations from village organisations had been received. (e) Report of Budget position against Precept (12-month point) The Parish Council budget position had been circulated to councillors. There were no issues raised. On a proposal by Cllr Armor, seconded by Cllr Lawer, IT WAS RESOLVED that the end year position be agreed.	Current Account 0218248	£4,811.87	Deposit account No. 7020575	£14,600.86	Total	£19,412.73	Defib Account 6150356	£712.60
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12 161.23	Correspondence sent / received. Sent: None other than as noted in Clerk's Report above Received: The two emails received from villagers regarding surface water both on Plough Lane near Moors Close and near Lime Tree Farm were covered in Public Participation.								
13 162.23	Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting Following villagers' points in Public Participation regarding the Plough Lane inspection cover, Cllr Pattemore queried exactly where it was. She said the gully tanker was planned for four days 25-28 March and the Parish Steward would be in the village on the coming Wednesday. She thought the amount of erosion around Tor X-roads may need more work than the Parish Steward would be able to carry out. <i>Note to the Minutes: Cllr Pattemore queried whether the Clerk had received an e-mail from her regarding the 2023 grass cutting costs. The Clerk did not recall the e-mail at the time but has since reviewed it and will follow up with Cllr Pattemore.</i> In light of recent exceptional weather conditions, Cllr Armor had reviewed the Wiltshire Council flood planning documentation. He had concluded that there may not be anything the Parish Council needed to do regarding flooding but the issue that was emerging was that of surface water. He thought it would be worth putting an article in the village mag to make villagers more aware of the potential surface water issues in running onto their land or property. Cllr Reynolds said the Defibrillator 8-year contract has now run out. The agreement is now that replacement parts will continue to be supplied as long as the device is manufactured. The defibrillators self-check monthly and replacement batteries (three) cost approximately £285 each + VAT. Cllr Trickey said that the owner of Langley Chase had been in touch to say that the two cottages below them on Plough Hill were suffering from water running off the road straight down their drive and this is likely to be due to the resurfacing of the road in past years which has made the road higher. This was considered to be a matter for Highways if the problem had been caused by changes to the Highway verge.								

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:30.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 8th April 2024 at 7:30 pm in the Committee Room at Kington Langley Village Hall, Church Road.**