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A MEETING OF LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LANGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGLEY UPPER GREEN ON
MONDAY 14th January 2019 at 8.00pm

MINUTES

Attended: Cllr North (Vice Chair), Cllr Rivett, Cllr Clark, Cllr Barnes, Cllr Gaillard, Cllr Bull arrived 8.30pm. Cllr Oliver (UDC) arrived at 8.45pm.

Minutes: Debbie Haines (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Elkington.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

It was proposed and agreed by all that all Parish Councillors are registered owners of the village green and declare general interests in all agenda items relating to the village green. Any other interests would be declared in the usual way.

- Cllr Rivett: items 8.1 non-pecuniary (wife is a member of Langley Community Centre Committee)
- Cllr Clark: items 7.1, non-pecuniary (brother of the land owner); 8.1 non-pecuniary (member of Langley Community Centre Committee); 8.2, pecuniary (Chairman of Community Centre Committee and member of the Parish Council that owns the land on which the community centre will be built & the granting of a replacement lease relating to new Community Centre.
- Cllr Barnes: items: 11.2, non-pecuniary, (resident in house next to road).
- Cllr Gaillard: item 8.1 non-pecuniary (husband is a member of Langley Community Centre Committee).

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST

3.1 Three members of the public attended.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

4.1 Councillors agreed the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018 as a true and accurate account of the proceedings of the meetings.

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

5.2 Cllr North verified that all Legal Updates sent to the Clerk via email should continue to be forwarded on to each councillor. All agreed.
5.3 All councillors agreed on Code of Conduct Amendment.

6. FINANCIAL

6.1 Financial Report – Clerk presented the financial report. Bank reconciliation as at 21st December 2018, the current account balance is £19,253.43, but £4,000 is ring fenced to playground. £165 was raised from Carol Singing which has been kindly donated towards the playground fund; PC unrepresented cheques, £741.60; CC unrepresented cheques, none – resulting in a current account balance of £18,841.42, broken down as follows: PC funds, £17,904.50; CC funds, £35.32; Conservation Group funds, £160.00. PC deposit account £5,120.59.

6.2 Approval given by all Cllrs for Cllr Bull to attend Councillor training courses in June 2019. Although not on the agenda, approval was also given for the Clerk to attend a 'New Clerk Event' course in February 2019.

6.3 Cllr North updated the Council that the Precept for year commencing April 2019/2020 has been calculated at £17,880 and has to be submitted to UDC by 25th January 2019. Both he and Cllr Elkington will process prior to this date.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS/PROPERTY

7.1 *Planning Applications received:*

None received but a notice of potential breach has been filed against a resident's cabin with chimney. Cllr Clark stated that Uttlesford

District Council have visited site and a report will follow in due course.

8. LANGLEY VILLAGE PROJECT

- 8.1 A member of the public confirmed that £1,300 had been raised at a recent fund raising event for the community centre and that there would be a further fund raising music event to be held in June 2019.
- 8.2 Cllr Clark requested that semi-permanent signs regarding fundraising be placed in the village to reflect progress showing targets and markers indicating levels of achievement. All councillors unanimously agreed.
- 8.3 Cllr Clark requested a copy of the new lease for the community centre. Cllr North confirmed that this would be forthcoming in due course once returned from the solicitor.

9. VILLAGE GREEN

- 9.1 Cllr Rivett confirmed that all Benches have been taken away with the exception of the Lion Head Benches, which can be refurbished in situ. A local resident has offered to build a new Elephant Bench as the original is in too poor a state to repair.

10. CRICKET CLUB/PAVILLION/MATCHES

- 10.1 Cllr Clark has liaised with a local builder on the future of the pavilion. It was agreed that 2-3 quotes for demolition work will need to be obtained. There is also a question of electricity/water being capped off but it was suggested that a builders board for the electricity be investigated by the local builder. Defer to next meeting. Cllr North will arrange for 3 quotations for the demolition and clearance of the pavilion. **ACTION: Cllr North.**

11. LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

- 11.1 Cllr North reported on the speed survey. Over a 7 day period, the average vehicle speed was recorded at 28 miles per hour, but that 30% of cars were exceeding the 30 mile per hour speed limit. Daily volume of traffic was recorded at 419. Cllr North went to Highways with this information to request Vehicle Activated Signs or Community Speed Watch Group, but was told that this did not meet the criteria since an average of 35 miles per hour recorded is considered to meet the criteria. Cllr North asked for another survey but it was refused for this financial year. Cllr North proposed that Langley Parish Council purchase their own signage. All agreed. **ACTION: Cllr North.**
- 11.2 Cllr Rivett met with Rangers and a programme of works was agreed. The work will include painting old and new railings outside Potterells & to consider reflectors as a warning to traffic at night. Clearing drains at bottom of Bull Lane to allow surface water to pass under the road to the river. Paint small railings on Duddenhoe End road outside Grange Barns. Dig grips opposite Moat House to take water from bend into the ditch, which have now been done. Repair of benches, as already outlined in 9.1. Cllr Rivett to investigate current roles/availability of the Rangers and chase up outstanding work. **ACTION: Cllr Rivett.**
- 11.3 Dog fouling. Clerk reported that anti-fouling posters and flyers will be collected and distributed soon. Cllr Oliver suggested Clerk to contact the Dog Warden. It was agreed by all that there would be no plans to buy further receptacles. **ACTION: Clerk.**
- 11.4 Cllr Rivett reported that no budget yet allocated by Uttlesford District Council for Long Ley access road, so there is currently no change and no need to deliver letters yet.
- 11.5 Gigaclear. Cllr Bull reported that this is still ongoing regarding protected verges and that he is happy to meet again once they are in a position to start digging. **ACTION: Cllr Bull.**
- 11.6 Cllr Rivett. No further action on tree survey.
- 11.7 DART update. Cllr North confirmed that Minutes have been circulated to interested residents.
- 11.8 Grass cutting tender. Notices have been placed on noticeboards in village, the website and the Benefice Bugle. Cllr North has emailed two interested parties, one of which has agreed to hold his prices. Tenders will be in before the February meeting. **ACTION: Cllr North.**
- 11.9 Scrub clearance outside Kangels. Cllr Rivett confirmed all done and an invoice will be forthcoming for £600 plus VAT.

12. PLAYGROUND

- 12.1 Cllr Bull received communication from Open Spaces. No owner has come forward since 1983 and this falls under common land. Advice is to not do anything to it as there may be adverse reaction unless seeking through legal routes which could prove expensive. Not enough support for fencing the area off. No further action at this stage. A meeting is being arranged between Cllr Chair Elkington, Cllr North and the parishioner who has taken the lead on the playground to look at the purchase/funding of new equipment.

13. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL

- 13.1 Cllr Oliver reported on Sustainable Appraisal. Has been seen by Inspectors and a Planning QC. If there are no objections, planning will go ahead. New Homes bonus will be expiring in 4 years time, so they will be looking at new options.

14. CHEQUES FOR SIGNING

14.1 Council agree to the following cheques to be signed:

Langley Parish Council - Cheque run for December 2018 & January 2019			
Open Spaces Society	Subscription (cheque 101307 cancelled)	101309	£45.00
Phil Rouse	Christmas Tree	101310	£100.00
Paul Abrahams Landscapes	Grass cutting	101311	£240.00
S B Printing	Newsletter Village Voice	101312	£50.00
Mrs D Haines	Clerk's Salary	101313	£306.60
e-on	Electricity for cricket pavilion	101314	£91.27
Affinity Water	Water for cricket pavilion	101315	£18.85
e-on	Electricity for cricket pavilion	101316	£81.17
EALC	Election Course 29/11/18 Cllr Chair & Clerk	101317	£170.00
Langley Community Centre	Hall Hire for 9/7/18 to 31/12/18	101318	£90.00
Mrs D Haines	Clerk's Salary	101319	£343.35
		Total	£1,536.24

15. MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA .

- 15.1 Railings - strimming.
- 15.2 Elections in May
- 15.3 Historical interest section to add to website.
- 15.4 Cricket pavilion

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

SIGNED (CLERK): Debbie Haines **DATE:** 14th January 2019

- 16.1 Council agreed date of next parish council meeting, Monday 11th February 2019.