

**KIRK LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2021**

86.10 /2021 PRESENT

Councillors L Baker (Chair), H Leonard (Vice- Chair), D Cartledge, P Isherwood, G Penny and B Whittaker Borough Cllr J Orton

Parish Clerk – M Matthews

Also attending: PCSO Mark Worrall and 2 members of the public

87.10 /2021 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

88.10 /2021 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

89.10 /2021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

One member of the public reported that now the darker nights had come the problems on the field had reduced considerably. Cllr DC confirmed that she had found no evidence of drug-taking.

PCSO Worrall had been invited to attend following the disturbances on the GBB Playing Field over the summer. He stated there had been 17 incidents reported in August, 4 in September and 2 in October so far but not all these were drug related. He asked for continued support from parishioners - contacting him with details of what they wished to report helped him tailor the times he could visit. He said the Police prefer to approach the situation with a friendly chat with those causing the problems in an effort to prevent future problems. He did stress that he covered 'Belper Rural' which geographically was a large area so it was sometimes difficult for him to get where he was needed as quickly as he would like.

Neighbourhood Watch (NW) – he said that he could arrange for Abbie Coulston to attend the next meeting and talk for 20 minutes on how to set up a NW. He felt signage does have an impact. It is not vigilantism but being aware of what is happening around you and noting anything out of the ordinary. If Police receive information through the NW scheme and act on it they never disclose where the information has come from. It helps communities to help themselves. It also means that he can organise his shifts to visit at known troublesome times. He was asked to forward details.

Finally he was asked if CCTV cameras were worth installing. In his view it just moved the problem elsewhere so unless you went for a sophisticated (expensive) system it was not worth it and problem makers soon worked out if the cameras were fake or not. He volunteered to write an article for a parish newsletter/website but preferred not to have his email address on there as this could become unmanageable. He was thanked for his contribution.

PCSO Worrall and one member of the public left the meeting at 7.25pm.

The second member of the public then talked about a proposal she wished to submit for running a Doggie Day Care Centre she was hoping to establish on Flagshaw Lane if planning permission was given. She supplied Cllrs with a map and information on how she intended to run the facility being as environmentally friendly as possible. Cllrs raised concerns about the noise from barking dogs but she countered this by saying there was a ratio of 1 human to 8 dogs thus dogs would be occupied by humans playing with them so noise would be minimal. There would be no boarding with opening hours between 7.30am and 6pm. The facility would be lit in winter. Cllrs raised concerns about light pollution and traffic movements. She felt the facility would benefit people from within KL as well as people passing to work. She was advised to look at our Neighbourhood Plan on the AV website.

She was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 7.35pm

90.10 /2021 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:

County Cllr DT did not attend the meeting and had not forwarded a report but B Cllr JO said that he was very busy with his mayoral duties.

B Cllr Jo made the following comments:

1. Lighting and much increased traffic on Flagshaw Lane may not help with the above application.
2. There were problems with the AV Planning site which they were trying to resolve.
3. Grants were available for people of a certain income level and below for loft insulation from AVBC.
4. JO offered advice if CCTV cameras were to be considered, noting that permission was often required.
5. Poyser Lane planning application - The Planning Officer was away. Questions were still being asked so its determination date of 27.10.21 would be missed. Cllrs requested that if JO heard anything could she pass the information to the Clerk.

In relation to the 23 August Planning Board meeting at Amber Valley, JO explained that she had been advised not to remain in the meeting when the Moor Lane application was heard. This was because of her unique situation as chair of the board whilst also being the Borough Councillor for Kirk Langley. JO was asked to obtain the advice in writing, so that it could be shared with the Parish Council. JO stated that she felt the situation was not helped by AVBC not having a Local Plan and that this will not be in place until September 2023.

Finally JO was asked if AVBC could provide any support with youth provision, bearing in mind the upcoming significant population increase: she undertook to raise this with the AV Safety Officer. She recommended people ring 101 if there was a problem so that it

was logged on the Police computer. A future consideration could be requesting that KL and Mackworth parishes could come under Derby Policing Division to improve response times

B Cllr JO was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8pm

91.10 /2021 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the last meeting on Tuesday 14th September 2021 were approved and signed.

92.10 /2021 MATTERS ARISING

1. The litter bins had been transferred from Windy Arbour Layby to their new positions on Moor Lane
2. The proposed Pedestrian Crossing has been chased up – nothing had been actioned on it yet. It was **resolved** to contact County Cllr DT to see if he could expedite this.
3. The pavement along the allotments has been cleared back to some extent.
4. The concrete pads for the new benches on the Playing Field will be put down within the next two weeks.
5. The Head Teacher of Kirk Langley Primary School and the Safeguarding Lead at Ecclesbourne School had been alerted to the situation on the Playing Field.
6. No address could be found for the owners of the overgrown hedge between The Lawns and the Blue Bell so DCC have been contacted. It was **resolved** that Planning Application AVA/2018/0648 be looked at as that may contain an address of the owners.
7. County Cllr DT has agreed to donate some money from his Jubilee Fund but the amount was not given. It was **resolved** to ask him for £1000 to pay for staging, a band and other entertainment.
8. The objection to the Howardson Planning Application was submitted.
9. Cllr BW has been booked on Tree Survey Training.
10. The Clerk has been booked on a Report Writing course.
11. DALC's advice was that the PC should engage with any developer who asks; the meeting should be transparent and therefore open to members of the public. It was **resolved** that the PC should contact Peveril Homes in accordance with this advice.
12. A letter was forwarded to a resident on Church Lane regarding his overhanging hedge and this has partially been cut with the final work scheduled for late October. He had been thanked for his efforts.
13. A resident had reported workings on the field by Peveril for Phase 3. The Planning Officer was contacted and informed the Clerk that he had already been alerted by another resident. He advised that this was just preliminary work and not building preparation work.
14. Cllr HL raised concerns relating to the recent contact with the PCSO; a discussion ensued in respect of the PC's role in the passing on of information

from third parties which should always be considered confidential. It was agreed that the PC has a role to signpost to the relevant agencies rather than report on behalf of others, although any similar requests in the future would be considered on the individual circumstances.

93.10 /2021 CORRESPONDENCE

1. The External Audit has been completed with no queries and the appropriate notification has been displayed on the Notice Boards for a month.
2. It was **resolved** to display the poppies we have on the lamp posts. PI to do Moor Lane and Langley Common as normal. LB to ask the newly created Task Force if they could do the rest. It was resolved to ask retired Cllr Bill Clarke if he had any poppies left from last year. The PC was informed that the WI were going to display poppies on a net to be placed across their seat. It was **resolved** that a photo should be taken of this for our website.
3. The lengthy HSBC Safeguarding Review had been started but not completed.
4. It was **resolved** not to participate in the Snow Warden Scheme but to write a letter to The Green residents informing them that there was a salt bin further along The Green, opposite Green Foot Farm, where they could use the salt to treat the icy road. It was noted that the Grit Bins need checking to see if they needed refilling.

94.10 /2021 PLANNING MATTERS

a, Applications

AVA/2021/1103 6 Poles Rd Mr & Mrs P Ascott – Working group to look at and forward outcome to other Cllrs.

Construction of single storey rear extension and attached store. Alteration and widening to existing driveway access. New hard surfacing to front driveway. New timber cladding to parts of all elevations and rear landscaping

TRE/2021/1065 The Hollies Ashbourne Rd Mr W Hewitt Application Returned No comment

T1 Silver Birch – Dismantle to as near ground level as possible due to poor condition

T2 Ash stem leaning towards house – Dismantle to as near ground level as possible, tree showing signs of Ash die-back

G3 -3 x Sycamore trees – Remove/reduce back previously cut lateral growth extending towards property back to previous reduction points.

b, Decisions

AVA/2021/0641 Blue Bell Inn Berkeley Inns Ltd

Permitted with conditions

Retrospective planning permission for the rear kitchen/dining room extension, outdoor bar structure and garden room pods and window alteration to south west elevation

AVA/2021/0155 28 The Cunnery Mr Fisher & Miss Cronin Permitted with conditions

Double/single storey side and rear extensions to provide additional garage, utility room, living space, bedroom and en-suite bathroom

c, General – None

95.10 /2021 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a) Accounts for Payment – it was **resolved** to pay those listed below. It was further **resolved** to refund the cost of the Playground repairs from the deposit account held for such a purpose to the Current Account.

Expenditure		Less Vat	Vat	Total
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£ 200.00	£ 40.00	£ 240.00
Fox Grounds Main	September Mowing	£ 66.24	£ 13.25	£ 79.49
ICO	Data Protection Fee	£ 35.00	0	£ 35.00
MP Matthews	Wages	Confidential		
MP Matthews	Expenses	£125.47	£ 20.10	£ 145.57
Soft Surfaces	Playground Repairs	£1600.00	£320.00	£1920.00
Income				
AVBC	Balance of Precept	£4147.50	0	£4147.50
GBB Playing Field	Half Insurance	£405.72	0	£ 405.72

It was **resolved** to transfer the money for the playground Repairs from the KLPC Deposit account set aside specifically for repairs. The total less Vat is £1,815.00.

- b) The Accounts for the 2nd Quarter had been checked and it was **resolved** to adopt them.
- c) It was **resolved** to adopt the updated details on the Budget-setting sheet for 2021/22.
- d) A proposed budget was presented to Cllrs for 2022/23 by HL & MM. It was **resolved** to add further monies in for the Information Boards, a prospective newsletter and a Tree Inspection. Advice had been taken from AVBC and it was **resolved** to ask for a 10% increase on 2021/2022 although this may not cover all expected costs. It was **resolved** that this increase could be justified this year as there had been no increase for the last 3 years but that it may be advisable in future to raise it by smaller

amounts each year to meet rising costs. A final budget will be presented to Cllrs by email for ratification by the deadline given. Thanks were given to HL and MM for preparing this.

- e) The Grant Awarding Policy was adopted with some sign posting to be included on the new website to details of grants that may be available through the AV CVS Scheme in Ripley.
- f) The Training Policy was not adopted – HL to advise what else needed to be included.
- g) The following were deferred to the next meeting - Staff Absence, Disciplinary and Grievance, Internal and External Complaints. It was **resolved** to take guidance from DALC as the Council was too small to run with the suggested sub-committees for the NALC-based Disciplinary and Grievance Policy.
- h) It was **resolved** to adopt the updated Protocol for responding to Consultations and Planning Applications.

96.10 /2021 PARISH MATTERS

- a) **Mapple Well Annual Tidy Up** – it was **resolved** to suggest to the Volunteers that Mapple Well needed some attention prior to winter, as does The Pound. In both instances all the vegetation would need to be removed from the sites.
- b) **Field Day/ Parish Council Stand feedback.** The gazebo filled with information had proved to be very successful although it was felt a larger tent with less information in future would be the way forward. 10 local residents had volunteered to undertake small maintenance tasks around the village. 4 local residents expressed an interest in contributing to the PC's Biodiversity group. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust had been asked for support with this. Finally the following had received a very positive response – a village information board giving key historical places in the parish, new benches for the field and a new website. It was **resolved** that the Task Force and Biodiversity groups should be added to the new website. The Clerk reported that about the Field day had been well supported. The Church and the GBB Playing Field are to receive a proportion (tbc0 of the net proceeds.
- c) **Welcome letter to new residents (LB)** – the Clerk had found the missing information and it was **resolved** to forward this to LB for inclusion. It was resolved to print these A4 leaflets on the Council printer using good quality paper, a few as needed, instead of having them officially printed, so that they could be updated when necessary.

- d) Cllr PI reported that the anti-skid surface had been completely worn away at the end of Long Lane with its junction on Moor Lane. It was **resolved** to report this to DCC Highways.
- e) Cllr PI further reported that the new lighting in the Blue Bell car park was creating dark shadows making it difficult to walk along Poles Rd. It was **resolved** that other local Cllrs would walk along at night-time to look at the problem and also to take advice from the planning Officer at AVBC.
- f) Two pictures were chosen by Cllrs of views in KL to go on the new website's Home Page. HL, LB and MM had undergone a second training session with 2commune.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch groups would be needed – it was noted that more than one group may be required - one for the village and the other for Langley Common.

97.10 /2021 DALC CIRCULARS:

- a) Papers in preparation of the 75th AGM
- b) Resilience, Wellbeing and Mental Health Training
- c) Newsletter – October 2021 was noted
- d) Clerks, Chair and Councillors Zoom Meeting – 3.11.21 at 2.30pm
- e) Copies of slides at AGM available
- f) Further advice published by NALC on Website Accessibility and Publishing Guidelines – it was **resolved** that the Clerk should forward the booklet to 2commune and ask them to ensure our new website meets the criteria.
- g) Request for Glen PP presentation – it was **resolved** that MM would forward a few sentences to BW for the creation of a Powerpoint slide to be submitted to DALC for Glen on her retirement after 26 years.

98.10 /2021 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a) Ratification of the Precept request for 2022/2023
- b) Neighbourhood Watch – talk to the PC or hold a public meeting

99.10 /2021 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: December 7th 2021 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.25pm

Chair *L Baker*

December 7th 2021

Confidential Item: As a response had not yet been received from HMRC this is to be deferred to the next meeting.