

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Village Hall**  
**17 October 2016**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr D Jarvis, Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, District Cllr P Watson and five members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dyer (holiday), Cllr Price-Stephens (illness) and Community Warden L Kidd.
3. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**  
 Cllr Shaw gave an overview of the background to an earlier initiative for the provision of affordable housing in the parish in response to interest being shown by twelve households. Affordable housing had subsequently been included in the Parish Plan of 2013. The Rural Housing Enabler of ACRK, Tessa O’Sullivan, then gave a presentation on the current situation (Annex A)
4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2016 were accepted as a true record.  

**Proposed: Cllr J Watson**  
**Seconded: Cllr D Jarvis**

 The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 28 September 2016 were accepted as a true record.  

**Proposed: Cllr D Jarvis**  
**Seconded: Cllr J Watson**
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**  
Street lighting in Martin Mill It was noted that light on Hollands Hill and at the Holt remain out of order. Issues continue with KCC denying ownership of lights and passing reported faults back to the Parish Council rather than the District Council.  
Resilience plan there is nothing further to report at present.  
Applause Autumn Programme Dizzy O’Dare and his Giant Balloon Show had been booked for the afternoon of Saturday 26 November but there is a clash with the school’s Christmas Fayre. Sunday 4 December is possible if there are sufficient volunteers willing to assist. Cllr Shaw recommended that co-ordination of events in the parish is needed. The Old Hat Jazz Band will make a welcome return on Saturday 25 February.  
Walking Bus There has been no feedback from either the PCSO or the Community Warden. An email from the head teacher of the school indicated an apparent lack of awareness of the potential dangers that exist caused by parents driving through the village against the flow of children walking from the green. Cllr Minns reported that congestion in East Langdon at 8.30am on Wednesday mornings is worse than other days.  
Kent & Medway NHS Social Care Partnership Trust A representative will be guest speaker at the Annual Meeting in April 2017.

Four Winds KCC Highways has served notice on the owner of the property to remedy the problems with the bank within a month.

6. **HEALTH AND SAFETY** Drivers will be reminded in the newsletter of the need to observe the 20mph speed limit.

7. **REPORTS**

County Cllr S Manion KCC is in negotiation with the government regarding the impact on Kent of the closure of the Jungle camp in Calais. There are concerns that the closure will lead to protests resulting in the disruption of travel and potentially the need for Operation Stack.

District Cllr P Watkins Cllr Watkins updated the meeting on the current situation with Syrian refugee families and the measures that have been put in place to identify eligible unaccompanied children under the “dubs amendment.” Cllr Watkins also reported on the work being undertaken to join five local authorities that could result in increased, funded, delegation to the parishes.

Community Warden Community Warden Lee Kidd’s report drew attention to the Winter Intervention Support Kent offering support to vulnerable elderly people in need of support during the winter months. A trip hazard on the children’s play area at the top of Westside has been reported to DDC who have confirmed that repairs will be carried out. A number of parking issues have been reported.

8. **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT WESTSIDE DOV/16/00968**

The extraordinary meeting on 28 September had raised questions about affordable housing and 106 agreements. District Cllr Watkins advised that there is no requirement for the developer to provide affordable housing since the development has fewer than fifteen properties and is less than 1,000 sq metres in area. The developer would not be required to provide a solution to the existing parking problems under a 106 agreement but a traffic management programme will be needed during the construction period. It is noted that the developer has not engaged with the local community. It is expected that the application will go to the Planning Committee when either District Cllr Watkins or District Cllr Morris will represent the local community.

Following the 28 September meeting, a Transport Review had been carried out by Curtins Consulting Ltd on behalf of Langdon Parish Council. Three options were considered: a desktop study (£600), planning issues (£1400 - £1600) and a site visit (£2500). Time constraints necessitated email consultation with members and the commissioning of a Transport Review to include a site visit was agreed unanimously.

A formal proposal was put to the meeting for the commissioning of a Transport Review by Curtins Consultation Ltd at a cost of £2500 + VAT.

**Proposed: Cllr D Jarvis**  
**Seconded: Cllr J Watson**  
**Carried unanimously**

## 9. COUNCIL TAX REFERENDUM PRINCIPLES CONSULTATION

The consultation document having been previously circulated, it was agreed unanimously to oppose the extension of referenda to all parish councils on the grounds of cost and potentially low turnout by the public. It was noted that a referendum in Dover had cost £30,000 with a turnout of just 20%. Cllr Shaw will respond to the relevant sections of the consultation document.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

DDC A Skills and Business Expo will be held on Tuesday 15 November in Dover Town Hall

KCC Consultation has opened on the strategy for adult social care over the next five years.

### KALC

- i) Parish News has been received and circulated
- ii) The Community Awards Scheme for 2017 was launched on 5 October. The closing date for nominations is 27 January 2017.
- iii) The AGM will be held on Saturday 19 November at Ditton Community Centre.

WHITE CLIFFS RAMBLERS A report has been received of the successful 2016 Walking Festival.

## 11. FINANCE

### Approval of payments

#### Chq no.

973	Craigdene Ltd – annual inspection of children’s play area	£150
974	PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit	£360

**Proposed: Cllr J Watson**

**Seconded: Cllr D Jarvis**

### Receipt

Bank interest £ 1.31

### Bank Mandate

It was resolved that the authorised signatories in the current mandate for the accounts detailed in section 2 be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 (Cllr Jarvis to be added to the list of signatories) and the current mandate will continue as amended.

**Proposed: Cllr C Shaw**

**Seconded: Cllr J Watson**

## 12. PLANNING

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### **DOV/16/01091**

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 5 of planning permission DOV/15/00449 to allow double glazing (section 73 application)

**Location:** Site at Eastside Farm, The Street, East Langdon CT15 5JF

**The council had no objections.**

**13. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Lengthman's Report A number of potholes and faulty street lights have been reported to KHS.

Playing Field A recent safety check has revealed splits in the rubber grips on the Turn Fly and crumbling rubber on the Skate Challenge

Village Hall Cllr Shaw reported that the estimate for a Big Lottery grant needs to be revised to comply with a maximum cost for the project of £20,000.

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Harvest Supper St Augustine's church held a successful Harvest Supper and Beetle Drive was held on Saturday 15 when £225 was raised for church funds and the raffle generated a further £166 for Porchlight.

Quiz The next quiz will be held on Saturday 12 November in East Langdon village hall.

Carols on the Green Carol singing around the Christmas Tree and the tying on of ribbons will take place on Wednesday 21 December starting at 6.30pm. Mulled wine and refreshments will be organised by residents of Church Farm mews and it was agreed that the estimated cost of £100 will be split between St Augustine's church and the Parish Council.

Remembrance Day Church Warden, Anthony Hyde, requested support from the parish council for a civic British Legion style service starting at 10.45am on Remembrance Sunday, 13 November. It was suggested that medals could be worn where appropriate.

Bulb planting Dover Rotarians have offered a quantity of gold and purple crocuses symbolising their polio eradication programme. Residents from Church Farm Mews will plant crocuses on East Langdon village green at 2.00pm on Sunday 23 October and further plantings will take place on West Langdon village green and in the churchyard at St Augustine's.

**15. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 21 November 2016 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.42 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

## ANNEX A

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** **Tessa O’Sullivan** **Rural Housing Enabler ACRK**

- The nearest examples of Affordable Housing are to be seen at St Margaret’s and, more recently, at Goodnestone.
- The housing can be rented or shared ownership.
- Houses remain “affordable” in perpetuity; ownership cannot exceed 80% of the value and, in the case rented properties, the Housing Association can use its discretion not to sell to a tenant.
- Housing provides for the needs of local people or those with a family connection in the parish.
- A housing survey must first be carried out to identify the type of houses required.
- If a need is identified, possible sites will be identified by the Housing Enabler and Parish Council. Planning permission would be granted on exception sites. Planning costs would be financed by the Housing Association e.g. English Rural housing Association.
- The scheme assists with sustainability by encouraging people to stay in the village and by creating a greater diversity of ages.
- The scheme can be an advantage to older people wanting to downsize.
- Developments are typically 6 – 8 properties with 6 being the trigger point for viability.
- Cross-subsidy can be necessary with a few open market properties built and sold to help finance the building of properties for rent.
- Financial incentive for the landowner is low at around £5,000 - £10,000 per unit.