

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
21 November 2016

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr B Price-Stephens, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, District Cllr K Morris 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 D Jarvis (holiday), District Cllr P Watkins and Community Warden L Kidd.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2016 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr J Watson
Seconded: Cllr C Shaw

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Street lighting in Martin Mill There has been no further progress with repairs to lighting.

Resilience plan It was noted that two residents had assisted the community by clearing and cutting up fallen trees during the recent gales.

Applause Autumn Programme Regrettably the proposed children's show could not go ahead but the jazz evening is confirmed for Saturday 25 February.

Walking Bus The head teacher of Langdon Primary School is monitoring the programme following a visit and advice from Community Warden Kidd and PCSO Skirrow. Cllr Shaw reported orderly parking and walking during a recent observation.

Affordable Housing It was agreed that the level of possible interest needs to be assessed. A form will be included in the next newsletter.

Proposed development at Westside Following discussions with Senior Planner, Darren Bridgett and Principal Infrastructure and Delivery Officer, Emma-Jane Allen, Cllr Shaw has approached Lee Evans Planning Group regarding a possible S106 agreement. The reaction of the landowners is awaited. A working group has been set up including two residents from Westside, James Smith and Karen Holyer. Cllr Shaw is pursuing with East Kent Housing the ownership and possible future use of the garages and car-park / play area.

Council Tax Referendum Principles Consultation Cllr Shaw has responded to the consultation and received acknowledgement of a letter written to MP Charlie Elphicke.

Four Winds It was noted that the work has yet to be carried out. It was also noted that the caravan has not been removed from the land at Old Roman Road.

Remembrance Sunday A civic service was held at St Augustine's church on Sunday 13 November. This was the first of its kind for many years and it is heartening that there was a full church. The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Anthony Hyde and all those involved in the organisation of the service.

5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY** Matters were dealt with in the lengthman's report.

6. **REPORTS**

District Cllr K Morris reported that the East Kent merger is on-going. The St James's Development is progressing as is work on the Maison Dieu and the Connaught Barracks site. A planning application from Lidl is anticipated and plans for a new Leisure Centre are progressing. The Western Heights development is expected to be referred to the Supreme Court.

County Cllr S Manion Consultation is underway on the budget proposals for 2017/18. Inappropriate parking of HGV vehicles is a topic for discussion between KCC and DDC,

Community Warden Community Warden Lee Kidd's report drew attention to the importance of supporting vulnerable elderly people during the winter months. Litter has been removed from the layby near to Vicarage Farm. The head teacher at the school has been offered advice on the working of the Walking Bus.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

KCC

- i) A consultation has been issued on the draft budget for 2017/2018.
- ii) Details have been received of changes in personnel in the Dover Highways Operations Team
- iii) Proposed (Seasonal) Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders affecting EE244 and ER51 have been received. The proposal aims to prohibit all motor vehicles (except quadricycles and motorcycles) and horse drawn vehicles between 1st October and 1st May annually and at additional times in the event of heavy rainfall. During discussion it was noted that much of the damage to the byways has been caused by motorcycles and therefore the prohibition needs to extend to all motorised transport. Information is needed to demonstrate the logistics of enforcement and the management of barriers.

KALC A survey has been received from NALC concerning their longstanding policy that parish councillors should have the same rights as principal authority councillors to be able to claim the Dependants' Carers' Allowance. Following discussion it was agreed that Langdon Parish Council support the policy and recommend an allowance for individual members of £34 - £45 per session to cover childcare and other dependent care costs to enable councillors to attend meetings.

CPRE Kent Voice has been received. *(Given to Cllr Minns)*

KPFA The newsletter has been received.

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT The newsletter has been received.

PORCHLIGHT An appeal for a donation has been received and will be kept on file for consideration at the end of the financial year.

KENT & MEDWAY NHS A copy of Connected has been received. *(Given to Cllr Price--~Stephens)*

LANGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL A letter has been received from the Head Teacher expressing her personal thanks for the donation of £250 towards the purchase of interior furnishings of the new log cabin.

8. FINANCE**Approval of payments****Chq no.**

975	Kent County Council – EiS Remote Backup Service	£61.20
976	Anthony Hyde – Newsletter printing	£52.80

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens**Seconded: Cllr J Dyer****Receipt**

Bank interest	£ 1.30
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9. PLANNING**PLANNING APPLICATIONS****DOV/16/01178****Proposal:** Fell one beech tree**Location:** 2 Waterworks Cottages, Waterworks Lane, Martin, CT15 5JW

A decision was made between meetings under section 6 Standing Orders.

The Council has no objections.**DOV/16/01179****Proposal:** Fell one sycamore**Location:** The Lantern, The Street, Martin, CT15 5JL

A decision was made between meetings under section 6 Standing Orders.

The Council has no objections.**DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL****DOV/16/01034****Proposal:** Erection of a detached dwelling and creation of vehicular access**Location:** Land adjacent to 36 Westside, East Langdon, CT15 5JG**Permission granted****10. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Lengthman's Report The ongoing lack of street light maintenance is a safety issue in the parish. A road sign has been damaged in Martin during the recent inclement weather and the lengthman recommended that a survey be carried out of all signs. Guston Road was once again flooded at Bovesfield Farm Kennels during heavy rain.

Playing Field Some signs have been blown over during high winds.

Village Hall The quiz night raised £270 which was divided between the village hall and the National Dementia Charity. A Keep Fit class is meeting on Saturday mornings between 9.00 and 10.00 am.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Lantern An application has been made for full variation of premises licence to include extended hours up to 01.00 for the sale of alcohol and a number of other activities. Following representation from residents, it was agreed that a letter be sent by the parish council to the chairman of the licensing committee supporting the concerns of parishioners regarding the impact of late night noise, increased traffic and attendant parking issues on this quiet rural community.

Roadside advertising Advice will be sought from DDC to establish whether or not planning permission is needed for the erection of large advertising banners adjacent to the highway.

12. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 19 December 2016 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

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