

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
16 January 2017

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr D Jarvis, Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk and two members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Price-Stephens (family illness), County Cllr S Manion, District Cllr P Watkins, District Cllr K Morris and Community Warden L Kidd.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2016 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer
Seconded: Cllr A Minns

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
Street lighting Cllr Minns reported that the light on Hollands Hill together with those outside The Holt and The Lantern are now working. Discussion continues regarding the light outside Maru in Martin. There is no further news of LED replacements.
Resilience plan carried forward to the next meeting.
Proposed development at Westside Cllr Shaw reported on his recent discussions with DDC who are keen that the developer makes an open spaces contribution under Policy DM27. East Kent housing have confirmed that the garage site in Westside is owned by DDC and contact will be made with the valuation officer. The local working group will meet on Friday 18 January.
Carols on the Green The decision to move this event to a weekday evening proved popular. A group of over sixty people gathered to sing carols and enjoy refreshments organised by residents of Church Farm Mews. A collection raised £145 for The Children's Society.
5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY** There were no items under this heading.
6. **REPORTS**
Community Warden Community Warden Lee Kidd reported the removal of an incident of fly tipping from Waldershare Lane.
PCSO K Skirrow reported a number of car related incidents in St Margaret's and Kingsdown.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
DDC Expressions of interest are invited from councils wishing to upgrade their historic village panels. The cost of a new panel containing colour images taken from the Roget collection at Dover museum is £200. During discussion it was agreed that the four panels in the parish are in need of renovation and the topic will form an agenda item at the next meeting.

KCC Details have been received of a programme to replace concrete bus stop poles.

KALC

i) Information has been received of a national event being organised to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 on 11 November 2018.

ii) Notification has been received of review meetings as part of the ongoing KFRS/KALC fire hydrant initiative project.

LORD LIEUTENANT OF KENT An invitation to the annual Civic Service has been received.

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT The newsletter has been received.

ANDY KENNETT Details have been received of reproduction Invicta village sign plaques that are produced in Coldred at a cost of £100

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments

Chq no.

981	Anthony Hyde – newsletter printing	£ 28.08
982	Commercial Services Trading Ltd – grounds maintenance 2 nd half of year	£1148.82
983	St Augustine’s Church – contribution to refreshments for Carols on the Green	£ 20.00
984	Proludic Ltd – repairs to play equipment	£ 203.40

Proposed: Cllr S Craft
Seconded: Cllr A Minns

Receipt

Bank interest £ 0.25

Budget 2017 – 2018 (attached at Annex A)

It was agreed that:

a) the budget for clerk employment costs be increased to £3500 to take account of a change in personnel during the year together with a possible period of over-lap.

b) the sum of £1500 be retained in the budget pending discussions with Sutton on a traffic management programme.

c) the sum of £80 be included for the binding and archiving of council minutes.

d) the sum of £350 be included for the purchase of accounting software following the appointment of a new RFO.

e) a WW1 heading be included in order to budget for possible celebrations in 2018.

It was proposed and agreed unanimously that the budget, details of which had been previously circulated, be approved.

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer
Seconded: Cllr S Craft

Precept 2017 – 2018

In discussion it was noted that the Parish Council has sufficient reserves to meet unplanned expenditure during the coming year. It was also noted that there is a further decrease in the government grant element of the projected resources available and that the grant is expected to disappear in 2018. It was therefore agreed that a rise in precept is expedient to mitigate against depletion of reserves leading to a steep increase in the future. It was proposed and agreed unanimously that a total resource requirement of £13,368 will be met by a grant from DDC of £132.07 and a precept of £13,235.93 being an increase of 6%.

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer

Seconded: Cllr S Craft

9. PLANNING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV/16/01427

Location: Calf House, Solton Manor Farmhouse, East Langdon CT15 5JB

Proposal: Prior approval application for the change of use of an agricultural building into a dwelling house

Langdon Parish Council is not a statutory consultee but, following discussion, it was agreed that a third party response be submitted indicating support for the proposal and commenting:

“Langdon Parish Council welcomes the proposal for an existing building to be given a new lease of life. The council notes that the dwelling house will lie within the curtilage of a listed building and requests that the design be sympathetic to Solton Manor.”

10. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman’s Report Flooding continues to be a problem on Guston Road where deep water presents a hazard to both pedestrians and those using the Skylark Trail. Potholes are being monitored and reported. Water from Guston Road and Waldershare Lane is compounding the flooding issues outside Jossenblock and it was suggested KHS be approached to reinstate the soakaway believed to be in the field adjacent to Langdon Court.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jazz Evening Advertising material has been received and will be circulated as soon as possible.

Date of Annual Meeting The meeting date requires to be moved to either 10 April or 24 April since 17 April is Easter Monday. A response is awaited as to the availability of the guest speaker.

Calendar planning for local organisation events Cllr Shaw has begun work on a calendar of events for the parish so as to avoid clashes.

Parish Council website EiS have advised that the format of the website will change with a move to WordPress. The clerk will attend training on Wednesday 22 February.

Commonwealth Day Cllr Minns will invite Langdon Primary School to take part in the event on 13 March 2017.

Gritting of Archer's Court Road Cllr Craft requested that a further letter be sent to KHS asking for the gritting route to be extended from Cranleigh Drive, Whitfield to the West Langdon cross roads citing the dangers presented in icy weather by the camber of the road and sharp bends.

Hedge Cutting in West Langdon Cllr Craft reported that a number of car tyres have been punctured by thorns left on the road following the recent cutting of hedges along Rose Hill. Velcourt will be advised.

Land at Roman Road The caravan is still in situ despite a request by the enforcement officer for its removal by 4 October 2016. Further enquiries will be made.

KALC committee meeting There will be a presentation on Voluntary Community Wardens at the meeting on Wednesday 25 January.

Flood at East Langdon Village Green Mr Taylor voiced concerns about the flood and the need to keep the sump free from silt.

- 12. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 20 February 2017 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

ANNEX A

	<u>Budget 16/17</u>	<u>Budget 17/18</u>
Clerk Employment costs	2900	3500
Clerk Expenses	250	250
Clerk Computer All	110	0
Clerk Broadband	180	180
Computer back up service	60	60
KALC	200	200
Subscriptions		
ACRK/KPFA/CPRE	100	120
Insurance	350	250
Chairman's Allowance	100	100
Audit	360	200
Newsletter	200	200
Training Courses	400	400
Playing Field Insurance	1400	1400
Playing Field Inspection	200	150
Playing Field maintenance	1515	1545
Village green mowing	400	100
Post Office Support	260	260
Graveyard strimming E.L.	250	250
Graveyard mowing W.L	200	200
Village signs	250	250
Grants Village Organisations	500	500
Contingencies	500	500
Phone boxes enhancement	60	60
Village hall fund	500	500
Noticeboard maintenance	100	100
Community projects	500	500
Section 137 Payments	100	200
Community orchard maintenance	250	250
Traffic management	1500	1500
Archiving of parish minutes		80
Accounting package		350
TOTAL	13695	14155