

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
24 May 2010

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, District Cllr I Ward and six members of the public

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were no declarations of interest

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Shaw was elected as chairman.

Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Cllr R Walters was elected as vice-chairman.

Proposed: Cllr J Watson

Seconded: Cllr S Craft

Cllr C Shaw was elected unopposed to represent the Council on the Langdon Parish Hall committee.

Cllr C Shaw was elected unopposed to represent the Council on the Langdon Playing Field committee.

Cllr R Walters was elected unopposed to represent the Council on KALC.

Cllr R Walters was elected unopposed as Lengthman for the Parish.

Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

3. APOLOGIES There were apologies from Cllr Walters (family bereavement), Cllr Dyer (holiday) and District Cllr P Watkins

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2010 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Watson

Seconded: Cllr Craft

5. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Vacancies There continues to be one vacancy.

Seat on Village Green Carried forward to the next meeting.

Registration of Common Land Mr Hyde advised the meeting that the council should claim ownership through adverse possession for which a statement of truth will be required and a registration fee of £50. A further inspection fee is likely. He confirmed that the unregistered land includes the pond.

Bollards Carried forward to the next meeting.

Telephone kiosks Replacement glass has been obtained for the West Langdon kiosk. It was agreed that red paint should be ordered.

6. REPORTS

There were no items under this heading.

7 **FILING OF MINUTES**

It was agreed that Jarvis Bookbinders in Birchington should be asked to bind a set of loose leaf minutes in green case binding with gold lettering. The cost is estimated at £40 - £45.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC –

- i) “Noisy Neighbours” has been produced in response to Noise Action Week, that was held in April, as a guide to those seeking advice when suffering from neighbour noise.
- ii) A group of 240+ “Address Checkers” have been employed by the Offices for National Statistics to carry out site visits to confirm addresses in preparation for the 2011 census.

KCC –

- i) Applications can now be made for the Member Community grant, Local Schemes Grant and Small communities Capital Funds Project. SCCP funds will be allocated by participatory budgeting this year.
- ii) “Litter – is it a problem?” is the topic for the next meeting of Dover Town Neighbourhood Forum to be held on 3 June in Maison Dieu House.
- iii) Mr Dave Hart has ended his three year term as Parish Council Representative for the Dover North Neighbourhood Forum and nominations are sought. The forum is being relaunched in July with changes including reducing the number of meetings to two a year with the opportunity to hold two more if needed.

KHS – Skelton Contractors have been appointed to carry out repairs to the roads damaged by the winter weather in the Dover area. The focus of KHS is on the minor roads which total some 6,100km and are in the greatest need of repair.

ACRK – The Kent Village of the Year has new sponsors namely KCC, The Kent County Agricultural Society and Shepherd Neame.

KCAS - The County Agricultural Society will once again be holding an educational day for primary schools for which they are seeking funding. It was agreed that a donation would be considered if Langdon Primary School are participating.

CPRE – Countryside Voice reflected local concerns about litter with an article on the situation nationally. (*Given to Cllr Shaw*). The new Member’s Guide has been received.

CLERKS AND COUNCILS DIRECT – The newsletter contained information about an ecolodge that could be relevant to discussions about changing rooms for the playing field. (*Given to Cllr Shaw*).

KENT MINERS FESTIVAL – An appeal for £18,000 has been launched for the latest project related to moving the miner’s statue.

KENT COUNTY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION – The newsletter and AGM details were given to *Cllr Shaw*.

KALC –Parish News contained an article on proposals from the Dept of Communities and Local Government that could make it easier to provide a limited amount of affordable housing in rural areas.

9. **Presentation of accounts year ending 31st March 2010** The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2010, copies of which are attached, were approved.

Proposed: Cllr J Watson
Seconded: Cllr S Craft

Internal Auditor's report The internal auditor was satisfied that all financial arrangements were satisfactory and there were no recommendations for action.

Bank Mandate A new bank mandate is required. It was resolved that a banking relationship will be maintained with National Westminster Bank Plc in accordance with this Mandate and that

- the individuals identified as **Authorised Signatories** may, in accordance with the **Signing Rules**, sign cheques and give instructions for Standing Orders, Direct Debits, electronic payments, banker's drafts and other payments on the Accounts even if it causes an Account to be overdrawn or exceed any limit
- any **Authorised Signatory** may give other instructions or requests for information to the Bank in relation to the Accounts; opening accounts with the same **Signing Rules** and **Authorised Signatories**; closing accounts; or other banking services or products
- the Bank may accept instructions that do not have an original written signature provided the Bank is satisfied that the instruction is genuine and subject to any other agreement the Bank may require for those instructions
- the Customer will provide to the Bank a copy of its constitution and any amendment to the constitution, certified as correct by the Secretary
- this Mandate will continue until the Customer gives the Bank a replacement mandate or the Customer passes a resolution changing the **Signing Rules** and/or adding or removing an **Authorised Signatory** by completing and returning the Change of Signing Authority form in which case this Mandate will continue as amended

Proposed: Cllr J Watson
Seconded: Cllr S Craft

Insurance It was agreed that the Council enter into a three year binding agreement with Aviva until 31 May 2013 that would bring about a further 5% decrease in the insurance premium.

Proposed: Cllr S Craft
Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Approval of payments

Clerk's Salary (2 months)	£377.93
Clerk's expenses	£ 14.51
Internal Auditor (fee)	£ 14.51

Came & Company (insurance)	£301.51
CPRE (subscription)	£ 29
Mr C Shaw (glass for telephone kiosk)	£ 17.50
<u>Receipts</u>	
VAT repayment	£235.19

Proposed: Cllr Walters
Seconded: Cllr Watson

10. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATION

DOV/10/00302 Erection of a single storey rear extension

Location: St Augustine's Church, East Langdon (TR333:459)

The council has no objections and comments, "A much needed facility. The design appears to blend in with the existing church fabric."

DECISION BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV/10/00216 Renewal of planning permission DOV/05/00243 for rear restaurant extension including revised parking layout.

Location: The Old Lantern, The Street, Martin

Full planning permission has been granted

PLANNING COMMITTEE

DOV/09/00787 Erection of two agricultural buildings, associated access and fencing.

Location: Land at Roman Road, Archers Court Road, Whitfield (TR316:461)

The application to be considered at the meeting of the planning Committee on 27 May 2010. It was agreed that the Council continues to object to this application.

11. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Playing Field Committee The theft of a bench from the play area has been reported to PC Robson. A fête will be held at Enifer Farm in July when there will be a dog show and a boot fair.

Village Hall Committee The Macintyre family will be holding a quiz evening on 19 June.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items under this heading

13. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 21 June 2010 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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