

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**19 July 2010**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr R Walters, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, County Councillor S Manion, PC K Robson and one member of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest
2. **APOLOGIES** There were apologies from Cllr Beer (farming meeting), District Cllr Ward (holiday) and District Cllr P Watkins (meeting).
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2010 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr Watson**

**Seconded: Cllr Dyer**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Vacancies There has been an expression of interest in the vacancy.

Seat on Village Green Additional funding has been promised. The proposed wording has yet to be agreed with Mr Macintyre.

Bollards KHS have been approached but have expressed uncertainty about the ownership of the land. It was agreed that the issue continues to be the potential hazard caused by the bollards regardless of land ownership.

Telephone kiosks There is no longer a local source for paint and it was agreed that an order be placed with the known supplier.

Binding of Minutes The minutes of meetings from May 2000 – March 2007 are being bound at a cost of £42 - £45.

CAME & COMPANY – The quotation for Councillors’ Group Legal Protection (Standards Committee) was £31 per councillor per annum. It was agreed that no further action would be taken.
5. **REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE OFFICER**

PC Robson reported a decrease in all crime in the area compared with the same period in 2009. A hanging basket had been stolen from a property in School Cottages and there had been problems with tarmac workers in St Margaret’s. PC Robson advised of a scam involving a supposed security company and reminded the meeting that the police will provide free advice on security where needed.
6. **NOTICEBOARDS**

Information on size and prices has been obtained from Arien Signs and Greenbarnes Ltd. Further measurements need to be taken to determine the most appropriate size board for the site.
7. **STREET LIGHTING**

Cllr Walters advised the meeting that in other rural areas such as East and West Sussex street lighting is turned off at night. After some discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to KHS suggesting that this should also be considered for rural areas in Kent.

## 8. PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Shaw reported that quotations in the region of £6,000 had been obtained to strip off the top section of the field, level the surface and re-sow following damage to the surface caused by moles and rabbits. It was noted that this would not deal with the rabbit problem and that top dressing could be a viable alternative.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC – The Integrated Transport Programme 2010/11 has been reduced by £4.1m and many schemes across the county cannot be funded. Cycle parking schemes at stations countywide are not being funded this year together with bus stop infrastructure improvements in Dover.

ACRK – i) Oast to Coast was given to *Cllr Walters*

- ii) The Council Meeting will be held on 27 July from 7 – 9 pm at Lenham Community Centre.
- iii) A Traffic Management Forum in Ashford Borough has proposed a call for a national speed limit of 50mph on rural roads. The motion will be presented at the KALC AGM and it was agreed that a letter of support would be sent.

KALC - i) Parish News gave details of a Finance conference on 25 September at Lenham.

- ii) The next committee meeting will take place on 22 July and will include a presentation on St Margarets as a sustainable village.

KENT LINK – A Community Engagement Event will be held on Thursday 29 July at Margate Winter Gardens when the theme will be Equality and Diversity.

DOVER COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS - Funding is being sought to equip a third volunteer responder in the Dover District with an automatic defibrillator and response bag. During discussion the practical application of such an arrangement was questioned with just two members covering an area from Alkham to Langdon.

KENT CHILDREN'S TRUST – There will be consultation on the draft Kent Children and Young People's Plan 2011 – 2014 in the autumn.

CLERKS AND COUNCILS DIRECT – The newsletter reported that Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council is the first in the county to declare eligibility to use the Power of Well-Being.

J PARKER – A wholesale catalogue for plants was given to *Cllr Shaw*

## 10. FINANCE

**Report from External Auditor** The External Auditor's Report for the year ending 31 March 2010 has been received. There were no finance matters highlighted for attention. The Chairman congratulated the clerk on a successful audit.

### **Approval of payments**

Clerk's Salary (2 months)	£377.93
Clerk's expenses	£ 55.67
Audit commission	£158.63
Craigdene Ltd (Play Area inspection)	£ 99.88
Anthony Hyde (Newsletter printing)	£ 38.96
East Langdon Village Hall (P.O rent April 1 – July14)	£ 75.00

**Receipts**

Bank interest £ 2.07

**Proposed: Cllr Walters**

**Seconded: Cllr Dyer**

**11. PLANNING****PLANNING APPLICATION**

**DOV/10/00452:** Retrospective application for change of use to storage and woodworking

**Location:** Unit 1,2,3A & 3B Old Cowshed Langdon Court Farm Yard, The Street, East Langdon (TR 332:462)

The Council has no objections

**DOV/10/00466:** Change of use to holiday let

**Location:** Old Stables, East Side Farm, The Street, East Langdon (TR333:460)

The Council has no objections but comments:

Users of the holiday let to use car parking on the site rather than the public highway.

**12. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Lengthman's Report The gullies around East Langdon village green are once again thick with mud. There has been no response from KHS.

Playing Field Committee There was a profit of £7.50 from the fête.

Village Hall Committee The AGM will be held on Tuesday 20 July when the main topic for discussion will be the roof.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Report from County Cllr Manion A further £15m has been set aside for the repair of potholes.

A recent Neighbourhood Forum meeting concentrated on litter and received an encouraging response from MacDonald's who employ their own litter picker and run competitions with schools to highlight the problem. Cllr Manion reported that £2m is spent on collecting household rubbish and a further £1m on litter collection although this still does not cope with the issue.

Applications for grants need to be made by the end of August and voting will take place at an event on September 18<sup>th</sup>. There are funds of approximately £30,000 to be allocated with maximum bids of £2,500.

**14. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 16 August 2010 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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