

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
16 August 2010

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr R Walters, The Clerk, District Cllr I Ward and one member of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** Cllr Walters declared an interest in agenda item 8, The Old Vicarage, and took no part in the vote.
2. **APOLOGIES** There were apologies from Cllr Beer (straw baling), Cllr Watson (meeting friend from abroad), District Cllr P Watkins, County Cllr S Manion and PC Robson (holiday).
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2010 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Dyer
Seconded: Cllr Walters

4. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - Councillor Vacancies There has been no further expression of interest in the vacancy.
 - Seat on Village Green The old seat has now been removed.
 - New noticeboard Cllr Walters advised the meeting that the notice boards at both Martin and Martin Mill could be repaired and offered to manage the project.
 - Telephone kiosks It was agreed that an order be placed for the minimum amount of red paint i.e. 5 litres.
 - Bank mandate The bank requires an amendment to the existing mandate and it was proposed that Cllr J Beer, Cllr J Dyer and Cllr J Watson should be added as signatories. The mandate will then extend to all current serving members of the Council. The following names to be removed: Cllrs Macintyre, Simon, Wakefield and Andrews.

Proposed: Cllr Walters
Seconded: Cllr Shaw

5. **REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE OFFICER**
 PC Robson is aware of the theft of the picnic table from the playing field.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - DDC –
 - i) Nearly 1000 people responded to the recent waste survey and District Cllr Ward advised the meeting that the survey is informing the new waste contract.
 - ii) A letter from Leader of the Council outlined the possible impact on the budget that could be created by the publication in October of the Government's Spending Review.
 - iii) Voting for Dover North Small Community Capital Projects grants will

take place on Saturday 18 September.

KCC – New, more informative, Destination Signs are being trialled on some public rights of way. Signs are available at a cost of £35.

KHS - A copy of the MORI report on the Winter Service Consultation exercise has been circulated.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS CHALLENGE – The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee will be marked with a project to place covenants on some 1500 playing fields to safeguard them against future development. Any such field would then be known as a Queen Elizabeth II field.

COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS SERVICE – The Annual Report highlighted changes such as replacing stiles with stockproof kissing gates or gaps and working with the Highway’s Agency to construct a new bridleway bridge over the A2 at Kingston.

KALC –

- i) Parish News gave an update on discussions between NALC and the government on reforms to the outdated cheque signatory rules.
- ii) NALC opposes any measures that would result in the level of parish council precepts issued to billing authorities being reduced or capped by order of the Secretary of State.
- iii) A Finance Conference will be held at Lenham on Saturday 25 September.

ACRK – The East Kent Parish Plan Grant is due to close at the end of March 2011.

CPRE - Fieldwork – *given to Cllr Walters.*

- Countryside Voice – *given to Cllr Shaw.*

KHS – A Parish and Town Council Seminar will be held on 29 October.

7. FINANCE

Approval of payments

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| Kent County Council (KCS) – Grounds Maintenance 6 mths | £544.86 |
| Jarvis Bookbinders | £ 43.00 |

Proposed: Cllr Walters

Seconded: Cllr Dyer

8. PLANNING

TREWORK IN CONSERVATION AREA - CONSULTATION

TC/10/00057: 20% thin and 10% reduction to one sycamore and one ash tree

Location: Oxney House, The Street, Martin

The Council has no objections.

TC/10/00063: Pollard (50%) crown reduction to one Holm Oak

Location: The Old Vicarage, The Street, East Langdon

The Council has no objections.

DECISION BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV/10/00494 Construction of a ménage and erection of a post and rail fence

Location: Glebelands Farm, Solton Lane, East Langdon

Full planning permission has been granted.

Land at Roman Road, Archers Court Road, Whitfield

The Senior Investigation Officer has confirmed that two Enforcement Notices require the removal of the building.

Whitfield Scoping Option

A response will be prepared by Cllr Walters on behalf of the Council and a copy is attached to the minutes.

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's report Repairs carried out by the blown process, as in Archer's Court Road, are adhering well.

Playing Field Committee The picnic bench has been stolen and the goal posts taken down. Rabbit holes have been filled in and weeding carried out as part of a general clean up.

Village Hall Committee Some new lights have been installed.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Waterworks Lane, Martin Cllr Dyer reported that there had been a number of lorries making deliveries at the waterworks.

East Langdon Village Green The grass is well maintained and enjoyed by the inhabitants of Church Farm Mews. There is concern about the safety of young cyclists around the green and this will be drawn to the attention of the Community Warden.

A256 County Cllr Manion is involved on issues relating to gap closures on the A256. It was noted that the decision to close the A256 / Kennel Hill junction was in response to a letter from the coroner. Langdon Parish Council wrote to Dover Joint Transportation Board in December 2008 highlighting their concerns about the impact on minor roads.

11. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 20 September 2010 in West Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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