

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
West Langdon Village Hall
20 September 2010

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Beer, Cllr S Craft, Cllr R Walters, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion and three members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.
2. **APOLOGIES** There were apologies from Cllr Dyer (holiday), District Cllr P Watkins, District Cllr I Ward (holiday), PC Robson, Community Warden Gouillou-King.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2010 were accepted as a true record subject to the following amendment: Minute 8 final paragraph to read, "A response will be prepared by Cllr Walters on behalf of the Council and a copy is attached to the minutes."

Proposed: Cllr Walters

Seconded: Cllr Shaw

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Vacancies There continues to be a vacancy.

Seat on Village Green Mr Macintyre has been consulted about the inscription on the seat.

New noticeboard It was suggested that Mr Tony Newton be approached with a view to carrying out the proposed repair.

East Langdon Village Green The Community Warden is looking into provision of additional signage to improve the safety of the area for children on bicycles.

Binding of Minutes The minutes from April 200 – March 2007 have now been bound. Members expressed their appreciation of the high quality of the binding.

Whitfield Scoping Option Cllr Walters summarised his response for the benefit of the meeting. The main impact could be on the existing small country roads since they are already used by the surrounding villages for access to shops, work and Dover. The addition of the new development will impact on these routes which have no extra capacity and any incidents would have a disproportionate disruptive effect.

5. **REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE OFFICER**

There was no report available.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC – The Annual Towns and Parishes Liaison Conference will be held on 4 October. The programme will focus on Delivering Effective Services and the Local Development Framework.

Comment was invited on the report on Delivering Effective Services that models the future shape of the District in the light of varying levels of reduction in government grants. Changes in the organisational structure could see a reduction from Chief Executive + seven directors to Chief Executive (shared) + two

directors by 2015/16.

The Leader of the Council has asked for responses to an on-line survey relating to the above topic.

KCC –

- i) The Speed Limit Review Project has been suspended as a result of spending cuts. It is hoped to utilise the work undertaken at a later date.
- ii) The second Kent Rail Summit will be held on 21 October at County Hall when presentations will be given by the Managing Director and Service Delivery Director of Southeastern. Cllr Walters will submit comments on behalf of the Council.

KHS -

- i) Volunteer parishes are being sought to trial bagged salt / sand mix at the start of the winter season. Following discussion on the current state of the salt bins, it was agreed that Cllrs Shaw and Walters would carry out a survey and report to the next meeting.
- ii) It was noted that The Parish and Town Council Seminar will be held on 29 October when Steve Horton will give an update on road safety.

DOVER VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK A meeting will be held at Dover Baptist Church on 30 September for presentations by CASE, Kent Adult Social Services, Dover youth Partnerships and KCC Adult Education.

SHOLDEN PARISH COUNCIL After some discussion it was agreed that members had insufficient information to give an informed opinion on the proposed housing development at Sholden.

KALC –

- i) Natural England is inviting comment on the new guidance for assessing land for designation as an AONB or a National park.
- ii) A Ministerial Statement has announced consultation to transfer private sewers into the ownership of statutory sewer age companies from 2011. This will result in some increase in sewerage bills for customers.

ACRK –

- i) Rural News advised that the Communities Secretary, Eric Pickles, wants to curb the excessive red tape that has become a disincentive for organisations to put on events.
- ii) Kent Community Halls Conference will be held in Whitfield Village Hall on 16 October.

CPRE -

- i) Kent Voice – *given to Cllr Walters.*
- ii) The AGM of the Dover Committee will be held at Whitfield Village Hall at 2.15 pm on Saturday 9 October when Mr Kevin Bush will speak on “Waste Management in the South East.

CLERKS AND COUNCILS DIRECT The newsletter contained a useful article on Rights of Way.

EAST KENT LSP A conference entitled “The Big Society” will be held on 4 November.

The current plethora of conferences with their attendant costs in the present economic climate was noted.

7. FINANCE

Approval of payments

Clerk's salary (2 months)	£377.93
East Langdon Village Hall (P.O. rent July 15 – September 15)	£ 45.00

Proposed: Cllr Walters

Seconded: Cllr Craft

Copies of the quarterly financial statement were circulated and discussed.

8. PLANNING

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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)

Full planning permission has been granted.

TREWORK IN CONSERVATION AREA

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

Location: Oxney House, The Street, Martin

Permission granted

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

Location: The Old Vicarage, The Street, East Langdon

Permission granted

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's report A reminder will be sent to KHS regarding the blocked drain outside Jossenblock and the subsequent flooding around The Green.

There is concern about the excessive size of the agricultural machinery that has been used in the area and which has caused damage to the banks especially in Solton Lane. Photographs of the erosion will be sent to KHS with a request for discussions with the NFU.

Playing Field Committee A Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 11 December. There will not be a firework display this year but it is hoped that one might be organised on a biennial basis.

Moles and rabbits are once again causing serious damage which is restricting the use of the football pitch by the visiting organisations.

Village Hall Committee A bid was made to the Small Community Capital Projects Fund for a grant of £1700 towards the cost of £2500 for the installation of security lighting in the car park.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Report from County Cllr Manion The Neighbourhood Forum voting session at Elvington on Saturday 18 September was well attended. Six of the ten bids were successful including a bid for £1700 from East Langdon village hall for security lighting in the car park.

Cllr Manion advised the meeting that gullies are being cleaned. Cllr Walters highlighted the ongoing problems at East Langdon village green.

Comments are invited on the KCC Minerals and Waste Core Strategy.

Playing field Fouling of the field by both a horse and a dog has been addressed and the situation is being monitored.

Street lighting The light opposite the allotments is out of order.

Land at Roman Road, Archers Court Road, Whitfield Cllr Craft requested an update on the planning enforcement. It was noted that the Enforcement Officer has undertaken to keep the Council advised on the situation.

The Meadow It was noted that a structure has been erected to facilitate the sale of vegetables. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored and referred to the next meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 18 October 2010 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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