

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Village Hall**  
**17 January 2011**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr R Walters, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, District Cllr I Ward, PC K Robson and three members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.
2. **APOLOGIES** There were apologies from District Cllr P Watkins and Community Warden Gordon Guiliou-King.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2010 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr Dyer**  
**Seconded: Cllr Shaw**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Seat on Village Green The seat has now been manufactured and will soon be installed. It was agreed that a public dedication of the seat would be held in the Spring.

Parish Plan Mr Ian Howard and Mr Dave Willetts have expressed interest in being involved in the formation of a parish plan. It was agreed that an initial meeting will be set up between interested parties to discuss the way forward.

5. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND OTHER EXTERNAL AGENCIES**

County Cllr S Manion KCC faces cuts of £160m over the next two years with £95m to be saved in year 1. All services will be kept although there may be reductions. Children's Care Services and Highway Services continue to be priorities and the popular Freedom Passes for young people will be retained but the fee will be raised. It is hoped that the services of Community Wardens and provision of grants can also be retained.

District Cllr I Ward DDC faces a reduction of £2.8m this year and £1.5m in the following year. Waste services are already scheduled to be shared with Shepway and there will also be shared working in the posts of chief executive and employees in the top 2 – 3 tiers of administration.

Neighbourhood Police Officer PC Robson reported that Kent police are restructuring to make savings but that frontline policing will be maintained. There continues to be a low level of crime in the area.

Community Warden Damage to the roads and the flood at East Langdon Green has been reported to KHS.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### DDC –

- i) Street lighting Comment has been invited on a range of options that have been proposed to reduce the cost of street lighting in the Dover District. It was agreed that an informed opinion could not be offered until precise details of the ownership and type of lighting in the parish is made available. In discussion it was suggested that lights could be switched off after midnight which could in turn necessitate a reduction in the speed limit e.g. to 20 m.p.h... This would also reduce wear and tear on the road services with a further saving on maintenance costs.
- ii) Open Golf Tournament 2011 There were no issues of concern to the parish arising from the 2003 event.

### KALC –

- i) Parish News The appropriate sum for section 137 expenditure in 2011/2012 is £6.44.
- ii) Planning Conference to be held at Lenham Community Centre on 12 March 2011

### ACRK –

- i) Oast to Coast (*Given to Cllr Walters*)
- ii) The Recolight –CoBRA Scheme Partnership The content of a leaflet outlining a collection scheme for low energy light bulbs was noted.

CPRE – A seminar is proposed in preparation for The Localism Bill.

ERHA - The Bulletin highlighted a development of 10 affordable homes in Charing bringing the total for Ashford Borough to 128.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – Details of a fund raising “Great Poppy Party Weekend” will be included in the next Parish newsletter.

CLERKS AND COUNCILS DIRECT – The January newsletter has been received together with a useful suppliers guide and yearbook.

Farmers Weekly A disused telephone box in Chedworth has been fitted out with a defibrillator. A Langdon parishioner had raised the possibility of securing a device in December 2009 and it was agreed that the matter would be investigated further.

## 7. FINANCE

### Approval of payments

Clerk’s Salary (2 months)	£377.93
Clerk’s expenses (Dec – Jan)	£ 46.41
Greenbarnes Ltd (Notice board)	£ 788.41
Kent County Council (KCS) 2 <sup>nd</sup> half year grounds maintenance	£709.66
East Langdon Village Hall (P.O support 16 Sept – 12 Jan)	£ 85.00

### Receipts

Bank interest	£ 1.90
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**Proposed: Cllr Walters**

**Seconded: Cllr Dyer**

## 8. PLANNING

### PLANNING APPLICATION

DOV/10/1010 - Outline planning permission for the construction of up to 1,400 residential units, comprising 2-5 bed units, 66 bed care home (Class C2) and supported living units with vehicular access off the A256. Provision of new 420 place 2FE Primary School including early years provision, energy centre and local centre comprising up to 250sqm of retail space (Class A1-A2) and up to 750sqm of employment space (Class B1(A) along with all associated access arrangements, car parking, infrastructure and landscaping, with all matters reserved for future consideration (referred to as Phase 1 in application documentation)

DOV/10/1011 - Outline planning application for the construction of a new community hub/district centre, comprising BRT hub; health and social care centre (Class D1) and police office (Class B1) totalling up to 1900 sqm; retail space (Class A1-A3) and employment space (Class B1(A) totalling up to 2725 sqm; and 100no. 2-5 bed residential units including 6no. supported living units (Class C3) provision of learning and community campus to incorporate secondary energy centre, new 420 place 2fe primary school including early years provision and provision of access arrangements, all associated car parking, infrastructure and landscaping, with all matters reserved for future consideration (referred to as Phase 1A in application documentation)

The Council's response to the above applications was considered at a meeting on 10 January 2011. The document was agreed subject to an additional section being added concerning access to St Peter's church for the existing residents of Whitfield. (Annexe A).

### DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

#### TREWORK IN CONSERVATION AREA - CONSULTATION

##### TC/10/00110

**Proposal:** Crown reduction by approx 30% to one Ash tree

**Location:** 8 School Cottages The Street, East Langdon

Permission granted.

## 9. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Playing Field Committee The final sum raised from the Christmas Fayre was £173.

Village Hall Committee The grant from the Small Community Capital Projects Fund has been approved by KCC. Lights have been replaced at the stage end of the hall.

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Speaker for Annual Parish Meeting Suggestions for speakers included a senior representative from Peter Jeans Homes and Alastair Gould.

Street lighting The light at the bottom of Hollands Hill is not working.

Traffic diversions from the A258 through Martin A resident has expressed serious concern about the effects on local roads, especially in the vicinity of the junction with The Street, Martin and Lucerne Lane, caused by diversions from the A258. A request will be made that, when road works are planned in the Ringwoud area, more consideration should be given to the impact on local roads especially at peak times. There was also concern that police directing traffic at the scene of an incident should have access to improved local knowledge of local roads and avoid directing coaches and lorries down narrow country lanes causing inevitable jams. The matter will be raised initially with the neighbourhood police officer.

11. **NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 21 February 2011 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

<b>Dov/10/1010</b>	
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<b>BRT and rail travel</b>	<p>An excellent proposal that has the potential for reducing car usage. Langdon, with a very limited bus service, will not benefit and parishioners appear to be excluded from the opportunity to have access to the centre of the hub and the availability of connections to main bus routes. The opportunity exists to reduce the carbon footprint for Langdon and allow residents to benefit from improved communication.</p> <p>Langdon residents need improved access to the high speed rail link. An extension of the BRT link would offer this as would an alignment of timetables for connections from Martin Mill with the service from Dover.</p>
<b>Schools</b>	<p>The Council is concerned that there will be a considerable delay before a school is built. An early build is considered crucial to discourage parents from commuting out of the area.</p>
<b>Socio-economic benefits</b>	<p>There are considerable opportunities for local businesses to offer services during the construction period that should be fully exploited together with the potential for widening the skills base in the area by offering apprenticeships.</p>
<b>Water supply</b>	<p>The Council seeks reassurance that the existing ground sources have sufficient capacity without compromising supplies to Langdon. There will be disruption to residents during the laying of the pipeline.</p>
<b>Renewable Energy</b>	<p>The Parish Council is very encouraged to see the range of renewable energy options being considered in the development. Opportunities exist to reduce the carbon footprint of Langdon. Local residents and community facilities such as the village hall could be offered micro-generation materials at reduced cost as a result of bulk buying.</p>
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	<p>The Council understands that the affordable housing does not have to be situated at Light Hill but could be anywhere in the Dover District. East Langdon has identified a need for 5/6 such dwellings and requests that serious consideration is given to allocating housing to this parish.</p>
<b>Light pollution</b>	<p>The Council notes that this has been addressed but concern remains and it is</p>

	considered that there is a need for mitigation. Skyward light scattering has increased with the development at the White Cliffs Business Park, to the detriment of the rural night skies.
<b>Access to St Peter's Church</b>	The Council is concerned that the present residents of Whitfield will be unable to gain easy access to St Peter's church when the bus gates have been installed and request that the situation is reviewed.

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<b>Access to retail and community facilities.</b>	The Council requests clarification as to the route by which motorists from Langdon could access the retail and health facilities. The proposed bus gates would seem to cut off all direct access points. Many parishioners use the existing retail provision at Whitfield and any additional traffic forced onto the A258 Dover – Deal will exacerbate this already busy through route.
<b>Health facilities</b>	A potential benefit for Langdon would be the provision of "outreach" health facilities in the parish. Transport costs during a trial period could be funded from the "Housing Bonus" award to DDC.