

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
21 February 2011

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), 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 J Beer (unwell), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Dyer (unwell) District Cllr P Watkins and District Cllr I Ward.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2011 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Shaw
Seconded: Cllr Watson

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Seat on Village Green The seat has been installed but an error in the inscription needs attention. It was agreed that the act of dedication should be led by the church. The chairman thanked Cllr Walters for managing the project.

Parish Plan A meeting of interested parties will be held on Monday 28 March.

Street Lighting Information on the ownership of the street lights is not available and it is suggested the matter could only be resolved by a site visit. Cllr Walters had experienced problems of ownership when reporting lights out of order in Martin Mill and the light opposite the Ugly Duckling is still not working. Cllr Walters and County Cllr Manion will pursue this.

Defibrillator Preliminary research indicated that the type of vandal proof defibrillator that has been installed in rural phone boxes by councils such as Stourton in Wiltshire costs approximately £2000 which would also include training and support from the local Ambulance Trust.

Annual Parish Meeting A response is awaited from Jeans Homes. Enquiries will also be made to find a speaker who can give information on the installation and use of defibrillators.

Notice boards The new notice board has been erected at Martin Mill. The old board is in a bad state of repair and there is concern that the notice board at Martin might not be worth repairing.

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

County Cllr S Manion The KCC budget has now been agreed with a saving of £95m. All services will be kept with some reductions and 1500 jobs will be cut. The announcement that Pfizer will move from the Sandwich site within the next two years is of major concern and representatives from KCC and DDC are working with the government to find a solution and to seek to avoid a brain drain from East Kent. The repair of potholes is ongoing. Cllr Walters remarked that whilst the quality of the pothole repair is good, it is causing the surrounding road surface to break up causing a new series of problems.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

DDC –

- i) LDF: Draft Addendum to Affordable Housing SPD It was noted that DDC's preferred option was that referred to as 6D but it was agreed that, since members had not been involved in the relevant workshops, there was insufficient informed knowledge for a response to be made to the document.
- ii) Local elections DDC's Head of Local Governance has issued advice on the conduct of business and release of publicity during an election period.
- iii) Green Infrastructure Strategy – Stakeholder workshop A report has been received on the workshop held on 12 February 2011.
- iv) Community payback A suitable project could be the clearing of overgrown branches on the playing field site.

KCC -

- i) The Phillips Fund Grants between £250 and £2000 are available for small conservation and environmental projects in rural communities including planting of trees and hedging.
- ii) Roads An update has been received on the programme of repairs to potholes. During discussion it was noted that there had not been a follow up to the discussions on road damage caused by large agricultural vehicles. Cllr Walters agreed to pursue the matter.
- iii) County Cllr Correspondence has been received from County Cllr Chard outlining his new appointment as chairman of KCC Health overview and Scrutiny Committee.

KALC –

- i) Parish News Following the announcement that Parish news will become an E-journal from April 2011, it was agreed that a request be made for two hard copies of each publication.
Following discussion it was agreed that it is not necessary for the council to publish separate details of expenditure over £500 as this is contained in the minutes that are available on the website.
It was suggested that it would be useful to have a copy of the recent Parish Plan that has been produced by Petham PC.
- ii) KCC Community Safety Unit newsletter There was praise for the work of the community wardens in the Dover district.
- iii) The Kent Men of the Trees competition Details of the annual competition have been received which stimulated discussion on the state of trees in the parish.

NALC – A useful advisory note on “Taking on and Providing local Services” has been produced for smaller parish councils.

ACRK –

- i) Rural News A toolkit is available to help decide if a Community Transport scheme is appropriate for the community.
- ii) Kent and Medway Funding Fair 2011 will be held on 13 April at the Folkestone Academy.

Emily Attewell After some discussion it was agreed that a request to provide a link to a site advertising Life Coaches should be declined.

Red Cross A recruiting drive for new volunteers will be included in the next newsletter.

St Augustine's A letter of thanks has been received for the allocation of £250 in the next budget towards the cost of strimming the graveyard.

7. FINANCE

Approval of payments

KALC fees for Planning Conference £72.00

Receipts

Dividend £ 0.32

Proposed: Cllr Watson

Seconded: Cllr Shaw

Grants

Grants of £400 each were awarded to St Augustine's church towards the cost of removing dead trees on the boundary and to East Langdon Cricket Club towards the purchase of a twin drum roller. A grant of £100 was awarded to Langdon Playing Field Association to support a celebration for children to mark the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton.

Proposed: Cllr Walters

Seconded: Cllr Watson

Financial Procedures

The procedures for internal control of finances were reviewed and found to be appropriate for the number of transactions undertaken by the Council during the year.

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)

Amendments and additional documents have been received relating to the above applications. Cllr Walters reported that the revised transport document did not contain any fundamentally new material. Concern was expressed that there is no reference to potential future impact on Honeywood Parkway from an increase in traffic from the villages that will be diverted, as a result of the bus gates, from Archer's Court Road onto the A256 when travelling to the business park, Tesco the Council Offices etc.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV/10/00982: Erection of a 60m temporary met-mast for a period of 18 months

Location: Engine Shed Land, East Langdon, Dover (TR 317:465)

At the Planning Committee meeting on 10 February 2011 the Development Control Manager reported that the Aviation Impact Assessment was still awaited. It was resolved that the application be removed from the list of deferred items and a new report be brought to Committee in due course.

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Playing Field Committee A celebration is being planned for children to celebrate the Royal Wedding. The Soccer School is not using the field but no reason has been given.

Village Hall Committee The grant from the Small Community Capital Projects Fund has been received.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Newsletter The next newsletter will be prepared for circulation in March.

Dover In response to a question from a member of the public, the mood of the meeting relating to a suggestion by the MP that Dover is considered for city status was that it would help raise the profile of the town.

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

The meeting closed at 9.38 pm.

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