

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Village Hall**  
**18 April 2011**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr R Walters, The Clerk, Community Warden Mr G. Guillou-King and three members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.
2. **APOLOGIES** There were apologies from District Cllr Ward.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2011 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr Dyer**  
**Seconded: Cllr Walters**

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

Election Notice has been received of an uncontested election. The Council is two members short of the required number and members have until 24 June 2011 to co-opt people to fill the vacancies.

Parish Plan A steering committee of 11 members has been formed and two meetings have been held. The group, representing a good cross section of the community, has put together working guide lines and looked at examples of plans from other parishes. Sample questions are now being produced with the objective of distributing the questionnaire to all households in the parish during September. The main expense involved at this stage will be the analysis of the data and it has been agreed that this will only be undertaken if a minimum of 50% of the questionnaires is returned. The steering group will report regularly to the Parish Council.

Street Lighting Deferred to the next meeting.

Notice boards The former Martin Mill notice board has been rebuilt and will be erected at Martin.

Seat ceremony The dedication of the seat will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 18 July.

Rural Broadband 50 questionnaires were returned the majority of which indicated poor broadband speeds. A bid has been submitted to KCC for a grant to enable high speed broadband.

Post Box Mr and Mrs Miller donated a post box that has now been erected outside the village hall for the collection of parish correspondence.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC – The introduction of electronic notification of planning applications has been delayed until July following problems with the installation of the software.

KCC – Consultation is invited on the Kent Farmstead Guidance and Kent Downs AONB Farmstead by 24 May 2011.

KALC –

i) The final paper copy of the Parish News was distributed. In future the Parish

News will only be available electronically. The newsletter contained notice of a Councillors Conference at Lenham Community centre on 23 July 2011 and of the retirement of the County Secretary, Rodney Williamson.

ii) Issues are invited for discussion at the KALC Annual Meeting.

ACRK –

i) Oast to Coast contained information on other parish plans including that of St Nicholas at Wade and Sarre Parish Council that could be relevant to Langdon.

ii) There are funding opportunities available from The Small Grants Fund Funding (up to £15,000) and grants of £5,000 for Parish Plans.

iii) Kent Community Recycling based in Hawkinge is offering £1 for sacks, provided by themselves, filled with usable clothing.

**6. FINANCE**

**Approval of payments**

KALC	£209.42
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**Receipts**

Parish Precept	£11,000
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**Proposed: Cllr Walters**

**Seconded: Cllr Dyer**

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Phone boxes

EDF is no longer able to register phone boxes for the invoicing of the electricity supply. BT have changed their policy and have now agreed to take back responsibility for the electricity supply. BT will probably also disconnect the supply to the two phone boxes in due course at their expense.

**8. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 9 May 2011 in West Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

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