

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
15 August 2011

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr R Walters, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk and one member of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** Cllr Shaw declared an interest in agenda item 9 and was not involved in determining the Council's response.
2. **APOLOGIES** There were apologies from District Cllr P Watkins and District Cllr K Morris (on leave).
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2011 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr R Walters
Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

4. MATTERS ARISING

Parish Plan Cllr Walters reported that the content of the questionnaire has been agreed and it is anticipated that copies will be distributed to households in early September to be returned by the end of the month. There will be a volunteer in each village who will be available to answer questions but the first point of contact will be the Clerk. The chairman thanked the clerk for being willing to act in this capacity.

Broadband grants The date for the next round of applications for grants has yet to be decided.

Councillor vacancy There continues to be a vacancy.

Waste collection The Clerk reported on a meeting held in Deal Town Hall on 25 July when Steve Bates from Envirocamms and District Cllr Nick Kenton introduced the new arrangements for the collection of waste and recycling. The new system will be introduced across Dover District between September and December and will be preceded by a survey of individual properties to assess their suitability for the use of wheelie bins.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, OTHER EXTERNAL AGENCIES AND KALC CONFERENCE

KALC Conference Cllr Walters reported that the event had confirmed the importance of Parish Plans especially when submitting grant applications. A speaker on finance recommended that cheque numbers be included in the Approval of Payments section of Parish Council agendas in the interests of transparency. Members agreed that this was a positive move that will be applied to agendas in future.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

DDC –

- i) The date of the Health and Well-being event has been moved to Monday 12 September.
- ii) Applications are being invited from communities wishing to light a beacon on 4 June 2012 as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The cost is £299 plus the purchase of two 19kg propane cylinders. After discussion it was agreed that a decision would be dependent on the overall plan for the day. An appeal for ideas and organisers will be included in the newsletter.
- iii) The closing date for local community grants is 9 September. The Playing Field committee will make an application to improve the safety of the play area especially around the slide and St Augustine's church is considering asking for help with the cost of restoring the stained glass windows.

KALC –

- i) The KALC Finance conference will be held at Lenham on 7 October 2011. In future the KALC website will contain details of all conferences and the Learning and Development modules.
- ii) A Protocol for Affordable Housing has been received. It was noted that the document will be reviewed in the next ACRK publication of Oast to Coast and it was agreed that discussion would be delayed until then. *(Given to Cllr Walters)*.
- iii) Consultation on Local Planning Regulations was brought to the attention of the meeting. Cllr Walters agreed to view the document and respond accordingly.

ACRK -

- i) The government has launched the Renewable Heat Premium Payment scheme to help households without mains gas with the cost of installing renewable heating systems.
- ii) Oast to Coast contained details of an accounting package and training programme.
- iii) Rural News gave details of the Kent Free Trees Scheme. The PCC of St Augustine's church is planning a tree planting programme and this could be of benefit.

CPRE – Fieldwork included an article on an EBicycle project in Hampshire

ERHA – The Bulletin contained information on changes in tenancy for future tenants. Tenancies will be for a fixed period of 20 years and rents will be higher reflecting the reduced availability of public funding.

KPFA – The newsletter has been received.

EMAILS –

- i) Langdon Primary School had forwarded an email from a resident who is concerned about parking issues especially when there is an event such as the Summer Fayre taking place. It was agreed that Cllr Shaw would contact the headteacher and confirm that the village hall car park is available for parents and that a “walking bus” could be encouraged.
- ii) A complaint has been received about the disturbance that band practices in the village hall have caused to neighbours. The village hall

committee has withdrawn permission for the practices to continue. It was noted that there are few opportunities for young people in the area.
RHS – Parishes are being encouraged to take part in the Britain in Bloom campaign.

FINANCE

Approval of payments

Craigdene Ltd (Inspection of play area)	£108.00
St Augustine's Church (Strimming of grave yard)	£ 45.00
Kent County Council (KCS) – (Grounds maintenance)	£573.14
Mr C Shaw (Varnish for notice boards)	£ 17.98
Mr C Shaw (Paint for phone boxes)	£ 78.00

Receipts

Dividend	£ 0.32
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Proposed: Cllr J Dyer
Seconded: Cllr A Minns

7. **I T EQUIPMENT** A laptop and projector were used to view the application in minute 9, Rainbow's End. It was agreed that this exercise needs to be repeated over several months before a decision can be made as to the type of projector and screen / monitor that should be purchased to provide the clearest projection of detailed plans.

8. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV/11/00541 Certificate of Lawfulness (existing) for continued use of land as garden.

Location: Rainbows End, Wheatsheaf Lane, Martin

The Council had no objection to the application.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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)

The outline application was approved by the planning committee on 28 July 2011.

DOV/11/00541 Erection of a combined ultra violet water treatment and motor control kiosk

Location: Martin Gorse WSW, West Langdon

Permission granted.

DOV/11/00543 Erection of a combined ultra violet water treatment and motor control kiosk and a chlorination control and dosing kiosk

Location: Martin Mill WSW, Waterworks Hill, Martin

Permission granted.

9. **REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Playing Field Committee The annual inspection had identified some minor issues but there is one area of concern namely safety around the slide caused by stones.

The new picnic benches have been installed with improved security.

Village Hall Committee A water bill has been received for £120 and it is suspected that this can be attributed to a leak from a collapsed water meter.

A funding adviser from ACRK will be asked to advise on sourcing grants for the replacement of the roof.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

East Langdon Telephone Box There was renewed discussion of the use for the telephone box following a question from a member of the public and a suggestion that it be used to display the history of the village. It was suggested that any display should be outward looking and it was noted that a box in Folkestone Harbour is used in this way and is kept locked.

12. **NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 19 September 2011 in West Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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