

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

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr A Minns, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, District Cllr K Morris and two members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.
2. **APOLOGIES** There were apologies from Cllr J Dyer (holiday), Cllr R Walters (holiday), Cllr J Watson (unwell), District Cllr P Watkins and Community Warden G Guillou-King (on leave).
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2011 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr A Minns**  
**Seconded: Cllr C Shaw**

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

Parish Plan A total of 238 homes were visited; 171 householders accepted copies of the questionnaire. Of the remainder, 33 homes were found to be unoccupied and unlikely to respond, but a further 33 homes were considered to be eligible for inclusion in the baseline target. The baseline target was therefore set at 204 homes. 102 replies had been received by 17 October being the required sample of 50%. The steering committee will meet on 10 November to take the project forward.

Jubilee Celebrations A second firm has issued information on Jubilee mugs. Enquiries will be made about the availability and cost of street theatre before a meeting is arranged.

Councillor vacancy There continues to be a vacancy.

Green waste collection EK Services have advised that Guston Road is not on the garden recycling scheme and residents should place items out for the general refuse collection.

Salt bins KHS have advised that the bin on Hollands Hill is fit for purpose and is not damaged sufficiently to warrant repair. A decision on the refilling of salt bins is expected before the end of the month.

After some discussion it was agreed that a request will be made for a 1 tonne bag of salt/sand mixture to be kept in the village hall car park.

Langdon PCSO PCSO Gary Carr will take up the appointment in the ward on 16 November 2011.

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

County Cllr S Manion Cllr Manion reported that a Locality Board has been set up with the aim of providing improved local services for less cost than under the present centrally controlled scheme. There is disquiet about the proposal to have only one youth centre and it is hoped that four centres can remain open.

District Cllr K Morris Cllr Morris reported that DDC has agreed that the proposed cuts to the Youth Service are not acceptable and that a public meeting will be held in Deal.

The second large development at Sholden has been deferred and it has been agreed that the North Deal study needs to be in place before a decision can be reached.

The fire station at St Margaret's is threatened with closure and there will be a public meeting in St Margaret's village hall at 7.30pm on 18 November 2011.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC – The programme for the Annual Liaison Meeting has been received.

KCC – Kent Connects are running a competition for members of the public to come up with ideas for improving public services.

KALC –

i) The Parish News announced that Kent has been allocated £9.87m to upgrade Kent and Medway's broadband infrastructure. To access the money 90% of the County must be provided with superfast broadband by 2015 and the remaining 10% must have access of at least 2mb at a total cost of some £42m.

ii) Cllr Shaw will attend the Dover area committee meeting on 20 October.

iii) The AGM will be held on 12 November 2011 at Ditton Community Centre.

ACRK –

i) Oast to Coast reported on the progress that has been with launching a Rural Kent Fuel-Buying Group and also gave details of savings in energy costs that could be achieved by community organisations through the firm Make it Cheaper. An article on offering the village hall as a Rest Centre in the event of an emergency will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

ii) Rural News gave details of the Tesco Charity Trust Community Award and the KCC Small Community Capital Grants.

CPRE – The AGM of the Dover committee will be held on Saturday 29 October at Whitfield village hall. A publication has been received entitled "How to Respond to Planning Applications." (*Given to Cllr Shaw*)

EMAILS –

i) A response has been received from the developer of Church Farm Mews to the query raised in August about providing a duck house on

the pond. Mr Smith confirms that he does not wish to encourage the ducks as villagers then throw too much bread into the pond that spoils the quality of the water and kills the fish. It was agreed that an article will be included in the next newsletter to clarify the situation for the benefit of the community.

- ii) A request has been received from the Playing Field committee for a grant to help provide small gifts for children at the Christmas Fayre. A decision was not possible as the request had arrived too late to be included on the agenda. It was decided that the matter will be included on the agenda for the November meeting.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION – Consultation on the Review of Parliamentary Constituencies will run until 5 December 2011.

FAIR PLAY FOR CHILDREN – A playground survey has shown there are over 16,000 children's play areas maintained by the principal councils covering more than 14,000 acres.

MESSAGEMAKER – Publicity from a firm selling vehicle activated speed signs will be kept on file.

DOGS TRUST – Information on the trust will be included in the next newsletter and further information packs will be ordered.

BRITISH RED CROSS – A request for funds will be placed on file.

BTCV – Literature on a range of activities will be displayed. It was agreed that a new leaflet rack should be purchased for the display of relevant materials that are sent to the council.

ERHA – A copy of the Annual Report has been received.

## 7. FINANCE

### Approval of payments

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| Dover District Council (Election costs)     | £ 97.03 |
| St Augustine's PCC (Strimming of graveyard) | £125.00 |

### Receipts

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| Bank interest | £2.41 |
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**Proposed: Cllr S Craft**  
**Seconded: Cllr A Minns**

## 8. PLANNING

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### TREWORK IN CONSERVATION AREA – CONSULTATION

**TC/11/00086**

**Proposal:** Remove self seeded Sycamore trees situated on the front (north west)

**Location:** Cosy Nook, The Street, Martin CT15 5JP

The council had no objection to the proposal.

#### Decisions by Dover District Council

**DOV/11/00739** Erection of a pitched roof to existing porch

**Location:** Ingestre House, The Street, East Langdon

Permission granted.

**DOV/11/00748** Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic garden

**Location:** New Brompton – Land adj. Sutton Road, West Langdon

Permission refused.

**9. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Playing Field Committee A review of the Summer Fayre has been carried out and planning for the Christmas Fayre is underway.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Burnt out car It was agreed that KHS are the appropriate agency to contact concerning the disposal of a burnt out car in Hangman’s Lane.

Wheelie Bins The new service is expected to start in November.

Kent Wildlife Speaker A parishioner has attended an enjoyable talk and advises that a speaker would be willing to come to East Langdon. It was suggested that this could be appropriate for the next Annual Parish Meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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