

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Village Hall**  
**19 December 2011**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr R Walters, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, and one member of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.
2. **APOLOGIES** Cllr J Watson (unwell), Cllr A Minns (holiday), Cllr S Craft (work commitments), District Cllr P Watkins, PCSO G Carr (work commitments) and Community Warden G Guillou-King (on leave).
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2011 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr J Dyer**  
**Seconded: Cllr R Walters**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Parish Plan The steering group met on 30 November in West Langdon Village Hall. Ms Matthews has located a software package for analysing the data which can be accessed by all members of the group.

Jubilee Celebrations An initial meeting has been arranged for 7.30pm on 9 January 2012 in East Langdon Village Hall.

Councillor vacancy There continues to be a vacancy.

Emergency planning It was agreed that this is an important issue that will be developed in the New Year. The Parish plan questionnaire has identified a number of people who are able to give practical assistance during bad weather.

Winter preparations It was agreed that the winter policy of KHS was comprehensive and it had not been necessary to contact them. It would be helpful if a local network could be established. Two new salt bins have been installed at the junctions with the A258 of Solton Lane and Station Road

Community Infrastructure Levy Cllr Shaw will respond to the consultation.

Neighbourhood Planning Regulations Cllr Walters will respond to the consultation.

Draft Open Space Policy and Standards and Review of Play Area Provision 2012 – 2026 Cllr Shaw will respond to these two closely related policies.

5. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND**

## OTHER EXTERNAL AGENCIES

County Cllr S Manion Cllr Manion reported that the County Council is engaged in setting the budget for 2012/2013 when further difficult savings must be found. A more efficient youth service is being explored and there is likely to be more joint co-operation between other services.

Other External Agencies PCSO Carr submitted a report that described his assistance with car parking problems during drop off times at the school and also the illegal use of off road motorbikes.

DDC Town and Parish Councils Liaison Meeting Cllr Shaw had attended the meeting where much of the discussion focussed on the cost saving areas that are being targeted in the next budget. Despite the economic climate, the developments in Dover are still going ahead.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

DDC –

- i) There was a majority decision in favour of Chris Norris from Capel Le Ferne as substitute representative on the councils LDF group.
- ii) Consultation on the Revised Housing Assistance Policy will be considered at the next meeting.

KCC –

- i) A questionnaire on the Household Waste Recycling Centre Service was discussed. It was agreed that, if there is no formal invitation to participate, a response should be sent promoting the success of the service at Whitfield and advising that Recycling Centres need to be on routes that are regularly used to avoid unnecessary journeys.
- ii) Defra has launched a New Rural Broadband Funding Scheme. It is understood that it is necessary for Kent and Medway to implement a demand registration campaign and individuals are encouraged to register their interest on [kent.gov.uk/broadband](http://kent.gov.uk/broadband).
- iii) HOSC notes from County Cllr Chard highlighted pressures on A & E departments and the vital NHS Emergency Resilience and Olympics Planning for 2012.

KALC – A conference on the Localism Act will be held on 28 January 2012.

ACRK –

- i) Rural News gave details of a small grants scheme that is being offered by Biffaward also Green Flag Awards 2012 – 2013 to recognise the best green spaces in the country.
- ii) Oast to Coast had been received. *Given to Cllr Walters.*

BCTV - Sites in Kent are needed for community action days to improve the local environment.

PACE – A development newsletter has been received.

LORD LIEUTENANT OF KENT – Cllr Walters will represent the Council at the annual Civic Service on Rochester Cathedral on Tuesday 6 March 2012.

CPRE –

- i) Fieldwork has been received. *Given to Cllr Walters.*
- ii) An informative booklet, Planning Explained, has been received. *Given to Cllr Shaw*

ERHA The Winter edition of The Bulletin has been received.

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**FINANCE****Approval of payments**

Clerk's salary (Oct – Dec)	£537.32
Clerk's expenses (Oct – Dec)	£ 82.04
HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE Oct – Dec)	£ 48.10
East Langdon Playing Field (grant for Christmas fair)	£100.00
Kent County Council (KCS) (grass cutting)	£746.50

**Proposed: Cllr R Walters****Seconded: Cllr J Dyer****Quarterly finance statement**

The statement was circulated and discussed in relation to the budget 2012-2013.

**Budget 2012 – 2013**

A second quotation for grounds maintenance had been obtained as agreed in 2010 but it was found to be considerably more costly than that offered by KCS.

It was agreed that the sum of £500 be allowed for possible additional maintenance of verges and hedges following reported reduction in services by KHS and that £250 be budgeted for improvements to village signs in anticipation of the analysis of the parish plan.

A draft budget was circulated and following discussion it was agreed that the precept for 2012-2013 be set once again at £11,000.

It was agreed that the clerk's salary be increased from SCP24 to SCP 25 with effect from 1 April 2012.

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

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**PLANNING****PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**DOV/11/00999:** Retrospective application for the creation of vehicular access and excavation works together with the re-building of the boundary wall.

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

The Council positively supports the application but comments: The Council considers a boarded gate to be a misfit and would prefer a five-bar gate such as can be found at Old Files House.

**TREWORK IN CONSERVATION AREA – CONSULTATION****TC/11/00123**

**Proposal:** Shorten one leaning stem to reduce cantilever effect

**Location:** Shepherd's Hay, The Street, Martin, Dover, CT15 5JP

The Council had no objection to the proposal.

**Decisions by Dover District Council**

**DOV/11/00899:** Retrospective application for the installation of a flue

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

Permission granted.

**9. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Lengthman’s report Large posts have been installed on land adjoining Waterworks Lane which could prove dangerous in the event of deep snow or when cars need to take action to avoid large agricultural machinery. KHS have been asked to advise.

The Lengthman will enquire into the lack of gritting of the bus route during recent icy conditions.

Playing Field Committee The Christmas Fair was well attended and a spectacular firework display was enjoyed by all. There was a profit of £207.

Village Hall Committee Langdon Primary School is interested in using the hall for KS2 sports activities.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items under this heading.

**11. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 16 January 2012 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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