

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Village Hall**  
**19 March 2012**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr A Minns, Cllr R Walters, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, Community Warden G Guillou-King and two members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest
2. **APOLOGIES** Cllr J Dyer (holiday), District Cllr P Watkins and PCSO G Faulkner.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2012 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr R Walters**  
**Seconded: Cllr A Minns**

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

Parish Plan The steering group will meet on Wednesday 21 March when individual members will report on significant patterns that have emerged from the data relating to the sections for which they prepared the questions.

Jubilee Celebrations A letter has been distributed to all households outlining the plans for the celebration and inviting families to register names of children who wish to receive a Jubilee mug. A magician and circus act have been booked to provide entertainment. The mugs will carry a customised inscription and it was agreed that this should read, "Presented by Langdon Parish Council, East Langdon Village Green, Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2012." Additional funding has been made available by a £200 grant from County Cllr Manion for which the Chairman expressed his thanks.

Councillor vacancy There continues to be a vacancy.

Purchase of IT equipment / A3 printer Cllr Shaw circulated a set of detailed plans that had been produced on an A3 printer and it was agreed that the quality was adequate for the purposes of considering planning applications. It was agreed that an A3 printer will be purchased.

Annual Parish Meeting Mr Tony Morris is not available as guest speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting. In view of the anticipated drought measures, enquiries are in progress to obtain a speaker from Veolia. Cllr Minns suggested that, if this is unsuccessful, there could be a presentation on Contingency Planning.

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

County Cllr S Manion Cllr Manion reported that he has offered grants of £200 to each of his parishes as a contribution towards the cost of Jubilee celebrations. Kent County Council has to find a further £96m in efficiency savings but council tax has been frozen as are the costs of the fire and police services.

Community Warden G Guillou-King The Community Warden advised the meeting that there is a new PCSO in who is becoming familiar with the area. It is

expected that there will be an increase in fly tipping as a result of charges being introduced for the collection of garden waste. Public Rights Of Way will be checked shortly to ensure that they are fit for purpose.

The clerk reported that the East Langdon parish notice board had been subjected to some vandalism and the Community Warden urged the public to be vigilant and report any incidents that they witness.

Emergency Planning Seminar Cllr Minns gave a report on the seminar held at Lenham on 21 February 2012 at which the experience of the community of Staplehurst in dealing with the evacuation of premises following a fire focused the minds of delegates on the importance of having an emergency plan in place. Kent County Council would like all parishes to produce a plan that conforms to a common template so that emergency services are familiar with its content and layout. The plan should be kept in a readily accessible place.

Following lengthy discussion, to which the Community Warden contributed information on the procedures adopted by emergency services in the event of an evacuation being necessary, it was agreed that the matter should be pursued and will be an agenda item for the May meeting.

Fuel Consortium Seminar Cllr Walters reported on a seminar held in Lenham on 28 February 2012 when the Oxfordshire plan for bulk buying of fuel was presented. A small business has developed software that examines oil companies and finds the best price. A local volunteer co-ordinates participants and forwards their needs but is not involved in buying the fuel. ACRK hope that a scheme can be established in Kent within twelve months into which groups can register for a nominal fee.

## 6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC – The Chairman of Dover District Council is arranging a Community Tea Party at Dover Town Hall on Thursday 10 May 2012 to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. Parish Councils are invited to nominate four members of the community to attend. It was agreed that Mr and Mrs G Pressnell and Mrs G Craft be approached.

KCC – Comments are invited on the latest consultation document entitled Development & Infrastructure – Creating Quality Places which proposes a new framework to help provide housing and deliver the community infrastructure necessary to support new development. KALC have issued a draft response which expresses concern that there is no mention in the framework of partnership working with Parish and Town Councils. Members supported the view of KALC but felt that, in view of the recent consultation on street lighting, more weight could be given to the response by adding, “that, in view of the recent consultations and approaches made in connection with the possible devolvment of certain street lighting and highway maintenance activities, it is even more surprising that there is no mention .....

KALC –

i) The Parish News gave information of funding opportunities available from the Kent Communities Foundation. There was also an article outlining the role of a PCSO.

ii) A Bulletin contained a number of useful links including that to Kent Highways

2012 / 13 programmed Works Schedules for the maintenance of verges and hedges.

ACRK – Rural News gave advance notice of ESF Community Grants Information Days at Lenham on 13 July and 7 December 2012.

Clerks and Councils Direct – The newsletter contained an article on plans to place a heart defibrillator in a decommissioned telephone box in Hurley.

Langdon Primary School As part of its fund raising programme for a new minibus, the school has investigated a newspaper recycling scheme with Aylesham Print. The village hall carpark has been identified by the company as the best point for collection and, following discussion, it was agreed that the school be offered a trial period of six months on the condition that they accept responsibility for keeping the area tidy. The matter will be referred to the village hall committee for a final decision.

## 7. FINANCE

### Approval of payments

Clerk's salary (Jan – March)	£ 537.22
Clerk's expenses (Jan – March)	£ 20.10
Clerk's computer allowance (2011 - 2012)	£ 110.00
Clerk's broadband allowance (2011 – 2012)	£ 96.23
HM Revenue & Customs	£ 48.20
Anthony Hyde (Office services for PAYE)	£ 50.00
Cllr C Shaw (Chairman's allowance)	£ 100.00
East Langdon Village Hall (P.O. support 27 weeks)	£ 135.00
St Augustine's Church (Grant)	£ 400.00
Langdon Playing Field Association (Grant)	£ 200.00
Langdon Playing Field Association (insurance)	£1200.00

**Proposed: Cllr R Walters**

**Seconded: Cllr S Craft**

Quarterly Finance Statement The quarterly finance statement was circulated and discussed. The clerk reported that there has been an estimated underspend of £778 during the year which represents 7% of the precept.

Appointment of External Auditor The Audit Commission has yet to advise the name of the external auditor.

Appointment of Internal Auditor It was agreed that Mrs Julie Pamplin should be invited to carry out the internal audit and that she should be offered a fee of £50.

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## 8. PLANNING

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**KCC/DO/0056/2012** Retention of a 2-bay mobile classroom

**Location:** Langdon Primary School, The Street, East Langdon. CT15 5JQ

The council has no objections

**9. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Lengthman's report The lengthman reported that the potholes at the south end of the parish have been repaired. To date Kent Highways are unwilling to take any action concerning the posts and wires that have been erected along Waldershare Lane and Waterworks Lane as they are on private land. They have ignored the safety issues that were raised in relation to an accident on Archers Court Road when a motorcyclist was thrown onto the wire. A further approach will be made to KHS to enquire how they will cut the grass on the banks with the posts in place.

Playing Field Committee The committee has agreed the procedures for the work on the slide and the new gate. It was noted that there is some wear on the seats of the swings.

Village Hall Committee A box has been fitted outside the hall to allow hall hirers to access the key.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Newsletter The newsletter will be circulated at the end of the week.

Cosy Nook District Cllr Watkins will be meeting with the case officer to discuss the recent refusal. It is understood that the owner is waiting to appeal against the decision and there is concern that the appeal window could be closing.

Car sales A member of the public raised the issue of cars for sale that have been parked adjacent to East Langdon village green. The Clerk will contact PCSO Faulkner.

Lord-Lieutenant's Civic Service Cllr Walters reported that the service which was held in Rochester Cathedral on 6 March 2012 had been a very enjoyable event.

**12. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on 16 April 2012 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.32 pm.

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