

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
18 March 2013

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr N Poulton, Cllr R Walters, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, District Cllr K Morris, PCSO K Parker-Brown, Community Warden G Guillou-King and three members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.
2. **APOLOGIES** District Cllr P Watkins
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2013 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr R Walters
Seconded: Cllr A Minns

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cosy Nook The history of the Cosy Nook application was outlined to District Cllr Morris who, once the relevant KCC officer has been identified, will investigate further.

Parish Plan Cllr Shaw produced an updated format of the Parish Plan containing pie charts and data from the 2011 census. It remains for an action plan to be completed and Cllr Shaw requested comments by the end of March 2013.

Emergency Planning It was agreed that a document will be available for discussion at the May meeting.

Agricultural Odours Cllr Walters will meet Mahmut Caylioglu on 20 March 2013 to hear his ideas before contacting Mr Welham.

Road Safety Issues There has been no further information forthcoming from Langdon Primary School in relation to their proposed sign.

Land Allocations Pre-submission Local Plan Melanie McNeir from KCC Countryside Access Service has confirmed that the area of common land in Martin Mill is recorded on their Register of Common Land with reference number CL145 and that regardless of how DDC shows the land on its planning maps, this will not in any way affect its status as registered Common Land (and therefore Open Access Land). The Register of Common Land held at County Hall is a legal document that can only be amended by way of formal application and Ms McNeir is not aware of any such application being made.

June House in DDC's Forward Planning section was keen to receive the Council's views on the entry about the deletion of the Protected Open Spaces status. She is not certain why it is in there but it cannot be removed from the pre-submission register at this stage. The other three Land Allocation sites (Langdon Court, Opposite the Parish Hall and down Green Lane Martin Mill) have been withdrawn following a preliminary "sieving" process by DDC and they fail on Highways Access or Conservation/Open Landscape criteria.

Landscape Services An underspend of £240 that was reported at the previous meeting has been explained by a breakdown of services provided during 2012 –

2013. Gang mowing took place on 15/16 occasions and the grass under the play equipment was cut and strimmed 12/16 times. Flailing was carried out on one occasion.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, OTHER EXTERNAL AGENCIES AND THE KALC COMMITTEE MEETING

County Cllr S Manion Cllr Manion commented on the problems that the snowfall of 11 March had caused and will be asking the Highways Agency when the gritting of major routes was carried out. The winter weather will result in more potholes and Cllr Manion requested that these are reported. He reaffirmed that KCC have not contributed to any rise in council tax for 2013 – 2014 and savings of a further £90m have yet to be made.

District Cllr K Morris District Cllr Morris reported a rise of 1.68% in council tax by DDC. A planning application for twenty new homes in St Margaret's is to be considered by the planning Committee on 21 March 2012.

Mr Hyde expressed great concern about the snow drifts on the A2 that had resulted in severe delays to motorists and commented that the erection of snow fences would have prevented the problem and kept the trunk roads open at minimal cost. It was suggested that the matter be raised at the next KALC committee meeting.

PCSO Parker-Brown There have been two reported crimes in Langdon during the past two months both associated with agricultural premises. A lack of funding has meant it has not yet been possible to obtain high-vis jackets for school children as previously hoped.

Community Warden G Guillou-King The road outside Jossenblock has been approved as a site for the use of a Speed Indicator Device (SID). Traffic in both directions will be monitored over several weeks at random times to determine whether or not there is an issue with traffic exceeding the speed limit at this point in the village.

6. PLANTING SCHEME – EAST LANGDON VILLAGE GREEN A meeting will be arranged to progress the agreed planting scheme. It is noted that autumn flowering croci need to be purchased and planted.

7. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Neither Charlie Elphicke nor Tony Morris is available to act as guest speaker. It was suggested that, subject to restrictions imposed by the forthcoming elections, District Cllr Watkins be invited to speak about plans for the Dover District.

8. CHALKFOOT THEATRE The production of the Prisoner of Zenda takes place on Wednesday 20 March 2013.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC –

i) A report has been published identifying areas in Kent that are recommended for protection in the Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework. The report contains interesting geological maps of the county. *Given to Cllr Dyer.*

ii) A contract has been signed with BT to build the net-work that will bring faster broadband to Kent by the end of 2015. At least 95% of properties will then have access to higher-speed fibre broadband with every property in the project area receiving speeds of at least 2mbps. A minimum of 91% of properties will get superfast broadband of at least 24 mbps.

KALC – Details of the next Rail Summit to be held at KCC were given to Cllr Walters.

ACRK – Oast to Coast contained an article on a shared taxi scheme that is operating in Canterbury. *Given to Cllr Minns.*

Clerks and Councils Direct – The newsletter has been received.

10. FINANCE

Approval of payments

Chq no

796	Clerk's salary (Jan – March)	£ 483.20
796	Clerk's expenses (Jan – March)	£ 35.55
796	Clerk's computer allowance(2012 - 2013)	£ 110.00
796	Clerk's broadband allowance (2012 – 2013)	£ 126.56
797	HM Revenue & Customs	£ 160.99
798	Anthony Hyde (Office services for PAYE)	£ 75.00
799	Cllr C Shaw (Chairman's allowance)	£ 100.00
800	East Langdon Village Hall (P.O. support 27 weeks)	£ 135.00
801	St Augustine's Church (Grant)	£ 672.00
802	East Langdon Parish Hall (Grant)	£ 200.00
803	Langdon Playing Field Association (insurance)	£1200.00
804	Mr B N Simmons (Notice board renovation)	£ 135.52

Proposed: Cllr R Walters

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Receipts

Dividend £ 0.32

Quarterly financial report The report was circulated and discussed.

11. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV/112/00997

Proposal: Change of use and conversion of existing barn to a single dwelling together with change of use to existing holiday let to a single residential dwelling and erection of a detached garage (existing stables and Dutch barn to be demolished)

Location: East Side Farm, The Street, East Langdon, CT15 5JF

A decision was made between meetings under Section 6 Standing orders. The Council positively supports the application but comments:

1. There are no objections to the change of use to residential of the holiday let.

2. The proposal for the barn is, in general, felt to be a good way of preserving this historic building.
3. The development site should not be considered in isolation without consideration being given to the impact on the whole of the property.
4. The external appearance of the barn conversion should reflect the rural nature of the surrounding farmyard.
5. It is hoped that the same degree of detail and involvement of the conservation officer can be applied as was the case with the successful development at Church Farm Mews.
6. A review of the site access would be necessary.
7. There would be an increase in the number of vehicles accessing the site and a review of the road markings adjacent to the village green is required to clarify the change from one way to two way traffic at this point.
8. The Council rejects paragraph 3.9 in the Planning Statement but looks forward to a successful outcome to the development.

DOV/13/00147

Proposal: Dismantle one Ash and one Sycamore tree

Location: Land at Leeze Wood, Waterworks Lane, Martin, CT15 5JW

The Council has no objections.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV/12/00996

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

Proposal: Replacement of existing rooflights with glazed roof tiles

Location: Langdon Abbey Barn, West Langdon, Dover CT15 5HJ

Permission granted

DOV/13/00001

Proposal: Retention of existing dwelling for permanent residential occupation

Location: Log Cabin & Access at Enifer Down Farm, East Langdon, CT15 5GZ

Application withdrawn

Ref: DOV/12/00975

Proposal: Erection of a first floor extension with dormer window to facilitate conversion to annexe and store

Location: Jossenblock, The Street, East Langdon, Dover CT15 5JF

Permission granted

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Full planning permission refused.

It was agreed that a copy of the planning officer's report for East Side Farm will be requested.

Del Ranch There has been considerable activity on the site recently and a substantial driveway has been built giving access to the garden room. It was agreed that the DDC Planning Investigations Officer should be alerted.

12. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Playing Field Committee The notice board is now ready for installation. There is no further information concerning the insurance claim.

Village Hall Committee The grant of £2220 from the Small Community Capital Projects Fund has been received towards the cost of completing the double glazing of the hall. A grant of £200 from the Parish Council will allow for the installation of hand driers in the toilets. DDC has advised that the hall will be exempt from the payment of Council tax in 2013 – 2014.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Kent Wildlife Trust Members of the Trust have been collecting large numbers of toads on East Langdon village green to save them from being killed on the road as they make their way to the pond.

Four Winds A letter will be sent to the owners of the property requesting that the woody growth on the bank in Guston Road be cut back to prevent damage to passing cars.

Tree cuttings It is noted that a considerable quantity of tree cuttings have been dumped in hedgerows in Martin. This will be the subject of an item in the next newsletter.

Road signs The road sign at the bottom of Hollands Hill has once again been the victim of pranksters and a more permanent fixing is required. Cllr Shaw suggested that the Parish Hall would benefit if its position were indicated by a sign on the village green.

14. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on 15 April 2013 to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

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