

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
15 April 2013

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

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.
2. **APOLOGIES** Cllr N Poulton (family commitments), PCSO K Parker-Brown and Community Warden G Guillou-King
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2013 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer
Seconded: Cllr A Minns

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Parish Plan Cllr Shaw reported that some minor changes have been made following input from the steering committee. The Plan is now ready for printing.

Agricultural Odours Cllr Walters had an unproductive meeting with Mahmut Caylioglu who was unwilling to give any indication of the form of solution envisaged and is looking for sponsors to finance him.

Planting Scheme – East Langdon Village Green A meeting was held on the green on Wednesday 11 April and it was agreed that autumn crociii will be planted adjacent to the seat. Mr Pate will order the bulbs and the school will be invited to assist with the planting in June or July.

Chalkfoot Theatre Production The production of “The Prisoner of Zenda” was a great success and enjoyed by an audience of 55. Chalkfoot Theatre has now ceased but it is hoped that a replacement company will offer a similar service.
5. **RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR** Cllr Robert Walters has tendered his resignation pending a move away from the area. The chairman paid tribute to the contribution that Cllr Walters made during his eight years’ service on the Council during which time he took on a number of responsibilities, was fully involved in council matters and was a highly supportive colleague. The vacancy will be advertised in the next parish newsletter.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC –

 - i) The District Council is required to review the Statement of Principles Gambling Act 2005 every three years and the draft policy is available for consultation. It was noted that the policy has mainly been updated in line with guidance issued by the Gambling Commission.
 - ii) A resident from Martin Mill has written to DDC requesting the provision of two additional “dog poo” bins. The reply from Waste Services advises that a review of dog and litter bins in the district is due to be undertaken and

the parish council will be consulted.

CPRE -

- i) Countryside Voice and the new members guide have been received.
(Given to Cllr Dyer)
- ii) Fieldwork contained an interesting article on circumventing the planning system. (Given to Cllr Shaw)

7. FINANCE

Approval of payments

Chq no

805	Kent County Council (VAT ref invoice 8015982)	£ 5.60
806	ACRK (annual subscription)	£ 35.00
807	KALC (annual subscription)	£213.65

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Receipts

Precept	£11,000
Bank interest	£ 2.23

Appointment of Internal Auditor It was agreed that Mrs Julie Pamplin should be invited to carry out the internal audit.

External Audit The clerk reported that the accounts for 2012 – 2013 must be sent to the auditors by 10 June 2013.

8. PLANNING

There were no items under this heading but a member of the public expressed concern that it is difficult for members of the public to find information on planning applications and decisions if they do not own a computer. It was noted that the information can be accessed at the council offices and in public libraries.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Minns advised that he hopes to attend the KALC Health and Safety training at Lenham on 16 April and the meeting in Faversham with the police Commissioner on 24 April.

10. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 20 May 2013 in West Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 7.29 pm.

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