

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Village Hall**  
**19 August 2013**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr N Poulton, The Clerk, PCSO K Parker-Brown, Community Warden G Guillou-King and four members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr P Watkins, and Cllr S Craft (holiday).
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2013 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr J Dyer**  
**Seconded: Cllr N Poulton**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Parish Plan The proof copy is now available; changes in pagination have resulted in the final document containing twenty pages leading to an increase in cost. It was agreed that 350 copies be ordered at a cost of c£950.

Emergency Planning The hydrant survey is nearly complete and work on the main document will resume later in the year.

Public Rights of Way Vegetation Clearance ER44, being a school route, has been cleared by a contractor and ER50 will be cleared if funds permit. Members agreed that the footpaths are now generally clear.

Planting on East Langdon Village Green Twenty children from the school have volunteered to help with the planting of crocus bulbs. A stone trough has been delivered to the village hall.

Village Signs Richard Heaps (KHS) has confirmed that the cost of a sign displaying “West Langdon” will be £500 with £800 for two signs. “West Langdon, please drive slowly” will cost £525 and £850 for two signs. County Cllr Manion had offered possible help with funding and Mrs Miller will follow this up.

Childrens Centre Consultation Members were asked to submit comments on this document to the clerk for collation.

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

Other External Agencies PCSO Parker-Brown reported two crimes in the parish: the theft of alcohol from the cricket club and the removal of fencing in Martin Mill. PCSO Parker-Brown advised the meeting of the appointment three new Environmental Enforcement Officers with responsibility for the enforcement of littering and dog fouling in the District. She requested that any recurring problems be reported to the police using 101 so that problem areas can be identified and targeted by the EEOs.

A member of the public has commented on the lack of litter bins between Martin Mill station and the playing field but spending cuts have made DDC reluctant to install additional bins unless there is a serious problem.

Community Warden Guillou-King commented that a recent case of fly-tipping on the Roman Road will be reported to the Environmental Agency. There has been no further progress with the painting of “SLOW” signs on the road outside Jossenblok. It is understood that an upright metal sign would also have to be installed at the site.

Police Open Day Cllr Minns gave a brief resumé of a very successful Open Day that was held on 5 July.

## 6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC – Consultation on DDC’s validation requirements will run until 30 September. Mr Hyde advised the meeting that a group of professionals had been invited to a question and answer session with DDC planning and the document was part of that process.

KCC –

- i) A public campaign has been launched to publicise the proposals contained in the Safe and Sensible Street Lighting Policy.
- ii) The next KHS Parish and Town Council Seminar will be held on 22 October

KALC –

- i) Details of the National Salary Awards have been received showing the pay scales for clerks applicable from 1 April 2013. The clerk offered to forgo the very small increase that the 1% rise would generate when measured against the amount of administration involved.
- ii) Consultation on the Draft Kent AONB Management Plan is now available for comment and members were encouraged to look at the sections on Historic and Cultural Heritage, Geology and Natural Resources and The Heritage Coast. This document is especially pertinent in the light of current interest in solar farms.
- iii) A Document giving Planning Guidance on Renewable Energy is now available on-line and it was agreed that a hard copy would be useful.
- iv) DCLG has issued new guidance about using powers against illegal and unauthorised traveller sites. The DCLG announcement says “*A new guide will give more power and a stronger voice to local residents and councillors to challenge council officers if they claim ‘nothing can be done’ about this problem. It follows on from the recently scrapped diversity and equality guidance which discouraged councils from taking enforcement action*”.

CPRE – Countryside Voice has been received. *Given to Cllr Dyer*

APEK – A copy of the Annual Review has been received.

VICTIM SUPPORT – An appeal for funding has been received that will be placed on file for consideration at the end of the financial year.

7. **DEFIBRILLATOR** The presentation by Mr Patrick Marsh at the July meeting was discussed at length and had proved to be of great benefit in helping those present to formulate their response to the appropriateness of a defibrillator in the parish. Concern was expressed that there were insufficient people in an enclosed space to justify the expense and that access was a problem. Further research had indicated that a power supply would be needed and East Langdon village hall and Martin Mill station were suggested as potential sites. It was agreed that, in principle, a device would be installed in East Langdon funded by sponsorship partners, local fund raising initiatives and matched by the Parish Council. It was noted that an active programme would be needed to maintain parishioners' awareness of the availability of the defibrillator.
8. **FIRE HYDRANT AND ROAD SIGN INSPECTION** With the exception of West Langdon, the hydrants have now been inspected and the results collated on a spreadsheet. Members reported that many were not visible and road markings had worn away.

Cllr Shaw reported that he had carried out a road sign inspection in East Langdon and had entered the data onto a spreadsheet. It was agreed that an inventory of the street furniture in the parish will be a useful resource.

9. **SOLAR FARMS** Mr Hyde advised the meeting that there has been an influx of interest from local farmers in solar farms. An application for a solar farm at Land at Marshborough Farm off, Ash Road, Sandwich has been refused by the planning committee but a number of other sites are under consideration including East Langdon, Guston, Mongeham and Tilmanstone. Mr Hyde has written to Nadeem Aziz, Paul Watkins and Charlie Elphicke requesting clarification on DDC's planning policy for solar farms.

10. **FINANCE**

**Approval of payments**

**Chq no**

820	Commercial Services Trading Ltd (Grounds maintenance)	£756.36
	Kent County Playing Fields Association (Subscription)	
821		£ 20.00

**Receipts**

Dividend	£ 0.32
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**Proposed: Cllr N Poulton**

**Seconded: Cllr J Dyer**

**Bank Mandate**

It was resolved that the authorised signatories in the current mandate for account number 08198071 be changed and that Robert Walters be removed from the mandate and Nicola Poulton and Barbara Price-Stephens be added.

**Proposed: Cllr J Dyer**

**Seconded: Cllr A Minns**

**Carried unanimously**

**11. PLANNING**

**DOV/13/00565**

**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey side extension

**Location:** 1 Church Farm Mews, The Street, East Langdon CT15 5FE

The Council has no objections but commented, "The council has concerns about the impact of the raised wall as viewed from the village green. It is suggested that strips of flint in the upper section would be beneficial in this conservation area."

**DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**DOV/13/00439**

**Proposal:** Remove two overhanging branches from one beech tree; cut back overhanging limbs from seven sycamores.

**Location:** Land at Leaze Wood Waterworks Lane, Martin, Dover CT15 5JW  
Permission granted

**12. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Playing Field National Play Day on 7 August was marked with an event organised by Simon and Anne Logan that was greatly enjoyed by a good number of small children. Cllr Shaw reported that repair to the rubberised safety matting has been started. A grant application to the Coalfields Regeneration Fund has not been successful but has led to the possibility of funding for a project such as an outdoor gym or youth shelter.

Village Hall Cllr Shaw reported that hire fees for the hall will increase from 1 November 2013. The village hall has failed a recent electrical test as the units are mounted on a wooden combustible surface. A second opinion will be sought.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Litter Bins Members were pleased to hear that one of the younger members of the community had raised concerns that there are no litter bins in East Langdon between the bus stop and the village green. It had already been noted in agenda item 5 that DDC is reluctant to agree to additional bins at present but it was agreed that prices will be investigated should the situation change in the future.

**14. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 23 September 2013 in West Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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