

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
17 June 2014

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, Community Warden G Guillou-King and 3 members of the public

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Poulton (family illness), District Cllr P Watkins, County Cllr S Manion and PCSO K Skirrow
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2014 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr J Watson

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

4. **MATTERS ARISING**
Solar Farms Members supported the contents of a response that has been prepared for a Supplementary Annex relating to the old Engine Shed site DOV/13/01106.
Verge trimming It was agreed that a request will be made to KHS for a copy of the cutting schedule. It was noted that trimming has taken place in some of the dangerous areas that had been reported to KHS. The PROW officer will be advised that ER44 is again overgrown and impassable.

Stephanie Wadhams has apologised for the lack of progress on the damage to the triangle of grass in West Langdon. A change in policy means that, with the loss of the Members Highway fund, any project would now need to be agreed with County Cllr Manion.

Speed limits Mr Tony Jensen of KHS has advised that Mr Ryan Shiel will be going to Guston in the near future and will be able to attend a site meeting in East Langdon on the same occasion. Cllr Shaw agreed to pursue the matter. Mrs Webb has brought the attention of the council to a missing 30mph sign at the pond. It was agreed that this will be included in the discussion with Mr Shiel.

5. **REPORTS**
Other External Agencies
PCSO Skirrow submitted a report that outlined the incidents in the parish in the previous month. These included a theft offence relating to the playing field gate and the theft of a scooter in West Langdon.
Community Warden Guillou-King reported that a fallen tree that blocked Vicarage Farm lane in West Langdon had been cleared very promptly. In view of the recent incidents at the playing field, the Warden requested that members of the public report to the police any vehicles that are seen on the field.
6. **DEFIBRILLATOR** Cllr Minns reported that he is still waiting for details of prices. Cllr Shaw confirmed that the defibrillator can be installed at the camp site but the precise location has yet to be decided.

7. **LANGDON PLAYING FIELD PROJECT** Cllr Shaw reported that the application to the South East Community Grant Scheme had been successful and the sum of £69,950 has been offered to extend and enhance the equipment at the playing field to offer facilities to teenagers, the disabled and possibly adults. The proposal would not compromise the football pitch and could include a MUGA (Multi User Games Area), a skate park and a shelter. A period of public consultation is required and planning permission would be needed for equipment that is more than 4 metres high. The insurance company has indicated that, for public liability cover only, there would be a potential increase of £200 - £300. There was considerable discussion relating to the sustainability of the project and the implications for the precept. Members were generally in favour but with a caveat. It was also agreed that a commitment from the community is a necessary component.

8. **MAINTENANCE** There was discussion about the maintenance issues in the parish that mostly relate to the noticeboards, telephone boxes and the strimming of East Langdon village green. Provision has been made in the budget and it was agreed that an advert will be placed in the parish magazine for help with maintenance as required. Quotations for strimming will also be sought.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

ACRK Oast to Coast has been received. *Given to Cllr Minns*

KALC

i) Parish News contained information of the Co-operative Community Fund that provides small grants for projects up to £2000 that could be of benefit to the allotment project.

ii) KCC has issued an update on the Making Kent Quicker project and properties in CT15 5J are in phase 6 which is planned for the period April – September 2015.

iii) Consultation is open until 15 August on the proposals for underground drilling access from the Department for Energy and Climate Change.

FROM WEEDS TO TREES A letter of introduction from the Whitfield based company will be kept on file

TAXI PROVISION IN DOVER A response to a consultation document will be considered by Cllr Dyer.

10. **FINANCE**

Approval of payments

Chq no.

862	Clerk's salary (April – June)	£504.11
	Clerk's expenses (April – June)	£ 77.77
863	Post Office (ref HM Revenue & Customs PAYE)	£125.80
864	Dover, Deal & District CAB	£ 50
865	Victim Support	£ 50
866	CPRE – subscription	£ 36
867	St Augustine's Church – churchyard strimming	£ 50

It was agreed that PAYE payments will be made electronically using the Post Office service rather than sending a cheque in the post as previously

Receipts

VAT refund	£519.01
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Proposed: Cllr J Dyer
Seconded: Cllr A Minns

Quarterly financial statement The quarterly financial statement was circulated and discussed. The clerk advised that her salary is no longer administered externally and requested that members monitor the quarterly payment against the budget. It was noted that the sum of £309 remains to be spent on plants in the parish from the donation made in 2012.

20th July fund raising event It was agreed that the sum of £40 will be paid from the Community Projects budget for entertainment to be provided by Applause Theatre at the Dog Show on the playing field.

11. PLANNING**PLANNING APPLICATIONS****DOV/14/00489**

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension and porch (existing garage and utility room to be demolished)

Location: Cedar View, Martin, CT15 5LN

The Council had no objections

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**DOV/14/00234**

Proposal: Erection of a detached garage

Location: Glebelands Farm, Solton Lane, East Langdon CT15 5JD

Permission granted

It was noted that a condition states, "the garage shall be used for garage purposes..... and shall at no time be used for any commercial purposes.

12. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's report In the absence of the lengthman, Cllr Minns reported that, following the resurfacing of Waterworks Lane, he has advised KHS that the white lining road markings at the junction of East Langdon Road, The Street and Waterworks Lane have been incorrectly marked. The centre line is missing from the East Langdon road section.

Playing Field Committee Cllr Shaw reported that the AGM has taken place. There are ongoing issues with litter in the car park. The padlock on the metal gate has been removed and the gate left lying in the hedge.

Village Hall Committee The village hall AGM has also taken place. Cllr Shaw reported that the hall bins have been moved to the back of the building to discourage passers-by from depositing dog waste. There was discussion about the provision of dog bins in the parish and it was suggested that the Parish Council consider purchasing a bin to be placed near the hall and that DDC be approached regarding the cost of emptying.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Mr Hyde reported that DDC planning committee have refused the application for a single wind turbine at Eastry against the recommendation of the Officer. Members were clearly still mindful of the Inspector's decision following the 2009 Engine Shed Site Appeal.

- 14. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 21 July 2014 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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