

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Village Hall**  
**21 July 2014**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, PCSO K Skirrow and 4 members of the public

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Price-Stephens (ill pet), District Cllr P Watkins and District Cllr K Morris (holiday). Cllr N Poulton has tendered her resignation which was accepted by the meeting.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2014 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr A Minns**

**Seconded: Cllr J Dyer**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Solar Farms Consultation has been invited on four further documents relating to the Guston Court application and a response is being prepared to the sequential special analysis.

Cllr Shaw reported that the planning committee had refused the application for a wind turbine at Tilmanstone.

Verge trimming Stephanie Wadhams has advised that there is no schedule for verge trimming. There are two cuts, one in June and a second in September, with work usually starting in the north of the district. There was considerable discussion about the state of Waterworks Hill and the restricted sight lines at the cross roads when approaching from West Langdon. It was also noted that many signs are obscured by foliage and it was agreed that a site meeting be requested with Stephanie Wadhams.

Speed limits County Cllr Manion advised that a number of parishes are looking to have 20mph limits in place and that he is in discussion as to the best way forward. It was agreed that the priority for a 20mph limit in this parish is The Street, East Langdon.

Defibrillator A number of prices have now been sourced and it was agreed that firm quotations are now required to be presented at the next meeting.

Maintenance There has been no response to the newsletter advertisement for help with maintenance. It was agreed that this will continue to be an agenda item.

5. **REPORTS**

Other External Agencies

County Cllr Manion reported that there is ongoing discussion resulting from feedback on the response to flooding during the winter months. It was noted that the damaged salt bin at the top of Solton Lane has been removed and Cllr Manion will investigate its replacement.

PCSO Skirrow reported on traffic incidents in the parish and on criminal damage to a car in West Side. The PCSO advised that an antisocial behaviour vehicle is now patrolling regularly between Dover and Deal. Concerns were

again expressed about traffic being diverted onto the rural roads following an incident on the A258 and PCSO Skirrow will make her sergeant aware of the issues.

Cllr Shaw reported on a meeting with representatives from the Environment Agency who are conducting a Water Catchment Pollution Control Campaign in the parish focusing on Martin, the site of the borehole. A leaflet drop will seek to educate householders about issues such as domestic oil leaks that could be contributing to an unexplained increase in the level of nitrates.

6. **A258** Recent incidents on the A258 have again resulted in major congestion on the rural roads. Cllr Minns advised that he will refer the matter to the Chief Constable at the next Resilience meeting.
7. **WHEATSHEAFE LANE PLANNING ISSUES** A resident has raised concerns about the apparent flouting of a covenant that restricts grazing on a piece of open land. There is concern about the arrival of a digger on the site and the use of a parked caravan. It was agreed that the current owners of the land need to be traced.
8. **LANGDON PLAYING FIELD** Cllr Shaw updated the meeting on the progress that has been made with sourcing suppliers for the proposed new equipment. The recent newsletter contained a questionnaire to which there have been 55 responses with 49 in favour. There was also a majority in favour of the additional insurance costs being met from the precept. Cllr Shaw reminded members that, although the Playing Field Association is a registered charity, it is not registered for VAT and would not be able to reclaim those costs that could total some £16,000. After a short discussion, a proposal was put to the meeting that Langdon Parish council acts as the applicant for the grant in order that the VAT costs incurred can be reclaimed. Cllrs Shaw and Minns, both of whom are committee members, contributed to the discussion but took no part in the vote.

**Proposed: Cllr J Dyer**

**Seconded: Cllr S Craft**

**Carried unanimously**

## 9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC –

- i) Dover District Council will be taking part in the nationwide Lights Out project on 4 August to mark the hour that Britain entered World War 1.
- ii) A new premises licence application has been received for Reach Court Farm, St Margaret's.

KCC New copies of PROW maps have been received that include changes previously notified

ACRK Rural News has been received.

KALC -

- i) KCC will hold the final consultation on the Kent Minerals and Waste Local plan from 31 July – 12 September. Once adopted it will be in place until 2030.
- ii) The agenda for the next Dover Area Committee meeting on 24 July has been received. Future meetings will be held on 23 October 2014, 22 January 2015 and 23 April 2015.

iii) Parish News included information on the price of defibrillators.

RIPPLE PARISH COUNCIL has expressed concerns about the traffic implications that could arise from a proposed development, Land off Station Road, Walmer DOV14/00361, and have requested support from other parish councils. Langdon Parish Council supports the concerns and has responded, “**Langdon Parish Council objects.** Langdon Parish Council has serious concerns about the impact on the A258 by traffic generated from a development on this scale. An increase in traffic on the rural lanes by those seeking to use them as rat runs is also not acceptable. Any such development should include a condition for the provision and enforcement of 20mph speed limits together with traffic calming measures, other than ramps, to protect the rural environment.”

STEVE SHAW has asked that Langdon Parish Council submit a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act asking for the government to give all parish and town councils the right to sell electricity that they generate from local schemes. Following discussion, it was agreed that the parish council would submit a proposal and that the action did not compromise the stance taken regarding the current solar farm applications in the area.

DOVER, DEAL & DISTRICT CAB A letter has been received in acknowledgement of the donation of £50 which will be put towards the updating of the computer system.

VICTIM SUPPORT A letter has been received in acknowledgement of the donation of £50.

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT Legal Matters provided a useful article on “Village and community halls; the legal framework.”

## 10. FINANCE

### Approval of payments

#### Chq no.

868	Mr C Shaw – Reimbursement for Applause Theatre	£40
	- Newsletter printing	£29.16
869	St Augustine’s Church – churchyard strimming	£50

### Receipts

KCC Members Grant for West Langdon Signs	£398
Bank interest	£ 3.36

**Proposed: Cllr A Minns**  
**Seconded: Cllr J Watson**

## 11. PLANNING

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### DOV/14/00661

**Proposal:** Erection of front and rear dormer roof extensions

**Location:** Sunnybank, Guston Road, East Langdon CT15 5JE

The Council had no objections

**DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL****DOV/14/00213****Proposal:** Erection of a detached stable block**Location:** Land at Roman Road, Whitfield, CT15 5HB**Permission granted**

It was noted that the conditions state, "No external lighting including temporary lighting shall be installed on the site. The land and stables shall be used for the private stabling / keeping of horses only and shall not be used for any commercial (livery).

**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**Permission granted****12. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Playing Field and Village Hall Committees The Dog Show that was held on the playing field on a rather damp Sunday 22 July made a profit of £255. Refreshments that were served throughout the day at the village hall raised £172.68. The Applause "photographic kiosk" had proved a popular attraction for children at the event.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Street lighting in Martin Mill The outcome of the KCC report is awaited and there is no further information at present.

Church Farm A member of the public expressed concern about the unfinished state of repairs to the barn and its impact on the conservation area. The chairman will speak to the owner of the property.

**14. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 18 August 2014 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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