

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Village Hall**  
**20 October 2014**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, The Clerk, Community Warden G Guillou-King and 4 members of the public

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** Cllrs Shaw and Minns declared interests as members of the Playing Field Committee in agenda item 11.
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Watson (unwell), Cllr B Price-Stephens (death of pet), PCSO K Skirrow and District Cllr P Watkins.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2014 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr S Craft**  
**Seconded: Cllr A Minns**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Solar Cllr Shaw reported on the meeting of the Planning Committee on 18 September 2014 at which the application for the Guston Court Solar Farm was refused by a majority of 8 – 1 votes.

Maintenance Mr Dave Meadows from West Langdon is willing to undertake odd jobs in the parish including occasional cuts of East Langdon village green for £8 per hour. Cllr Minns requested that Came & Company be contacted to check the parish council's insurance liability.

Dog Waste Bin The dog training committee have indicated that they are willing to provide a bin for use during sessions and will remove same at the end. After discussion it was agreed that the situation will be monitored.

Councillor vacancy One enquiry has been received.

Memorial Seat Mr Pay has quoted a price of £282 to move the seat from its existing position to the birch tree. Mr John Adams has been approached for a quotation to extend the seat in its current position.

5. **REPORTS**

Community Warden Guillou-King The warden reported that he, together with PCSO Skirrow, had spoken with the owners of Cosy Nook about parking issues that were causing some local disquiet. It is understood that the new owners are submitting a planning application for on-site parking.

The warden reported a large increase in fly-tipping in the area.

PCSO K Skirrow The PCSO's report referred to a number of calls in relation to animals. A suspicious male looking at roofs in Martin Mill was also reported but, despite a search of the area, no-one was found. A neighbourhood watch co-ordinator was contacted to raise awareness in the village.

6. **DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr Shaw advised that he is in communication with the manager of Hawthorn Farm about the possibility of partnership funding that could cover the cost of a heated box for the equipment i.e. £450 + VAT. After discussion it was agreed that the KALC bulk purchase offer of £695 + VAT for a Lifepack Model was a very good price. It was noted that a decision is needed at the next meeting so

that an order can be placed before the deadline of 9 January 2015. District Cllr Morris has advised that grants could be available from the Red Cross and Awards for All at the Big Lottery.

#### 7. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

A proposal was put to the meeting that "The Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Langdon Parish Council will convene at 7pm to consider the published agenda with an expected closing time of 9pm." After considerable discussion a vote was taken

In favour 0

Against 4

Abstentions 0

The proposal was rejected.

#### 8. **COMMUNITY WARDEN SERVICE**

A consultation document on the Community Warden Service proposes a reduction in posts that would reduce costs by £1.28m but would result in parishes such as Langdon losing their dedicated warden. Community Warden Guillou-King updated members with background information on the proposals and emphasised the importance to all external agencies of maintaining a service that is embedded in the local community. There was lengthy discussion and overwhelming support for the retention of a parish specific service and the trust that it instils in the public who are often reluctant to discuss matters with other more impersonal agencies. There was no support for the option of funding a dedicated Community Warden as the service is already paid for through taxation. Any such arrangement would lead to a two-tier system which only the wealthy parishes could afford. It was agreed that the rural parishes need to show unity in their opposition to the proposal and the Chairman will raise the matter at the KALC committee meeting to be held on 23 October.

#### 9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC – Dover District Council has received an Appeal against the refusal decision for the erection of a single wind turbine at Thornton Lane, Eastry, DOV/13/00927. Langdon Parish Council had submitted an objection in response to the original consultation and, after discussion, it was agreed that the document should be carried forward to the Appeal hearing without further additions.

ACRK Oast to Coast was given to *Cllr Minns*

KALC –

i) A Draft Local Councils Charter for Dover has been proposed by the Dover KALC committee. It was noted that the document was a statement of good practice and members questioned the need for its implementation.

ii) KALC has responded to the draft NALC Model Financial Regulations and has requested that a simpler set of regulations be produced for smaller councils. It was agreed that the adoption by Langdon Parish Council of new financial regulations would be delayed until a final document has been produced by NALC.

iii) Publicity material for the 2015 Parish and Town Council elections has been produced with the aim of encouraging members of the public to demonstrate interest in standing as town and parish councillors at the May elections.

KCC – Consultation on the 2015 budget can now be accessed on-line.

## 10. FINANCE

### Approval of payments

#### Chq no.

879 St Mary's Church West Langdon – grass cutting £200

#### Receipts

KCC – Grant for Playing Field Project £69,950

Bank interest £ 4.71

**Proposed: Cllr S Craft**

**Seconded: Cllr J Dyer**

## 11. PLANNING

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### **DOV/14/00930**

**Proposal:** Construction of a vehicular access

**Location:** Kirby Cottage, Waterworks Lane, Martin CT15 5JN

**The council objects to the application and comments:**

1. The proposed access is too close to the junction
2. There would be insufficient visibility of traffic turning left into Waterworks Lane from the direction of East Langdon
3. There are no details about the proposed finish for the drive
4. Langdon Parish Council has no objection to the creation of off road parking but would prefer the access to be positioned closer to the house

#### **DOV/14/00981**

**Proposal:** Installation of new play equipment and erection of a shelter

**Location:** East Langdon Playing Field, East Langdon, Dover

**The council positively supports the application**

### PLANNING ISSUES

#### Martin Vale Farm

The Investigation officer has reported that no breach of planning control has taken place. The conservatory is not forward of the planning line and will reportedly have no fixed heating.

It was noted that the letter did not refer to the parking bay and access onto Station Road and a further letter requesting clarification will be sent to the Officer.

## 12. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's report The lengthman reported a number of large potholes on Archers Court Road that have been caused by the erosion of the banks and are a potential danger to road users, especially cyclists, in wet weather.

Playing Field Committee Cllr Shaw reported that the bees have now left the area.

Village Hall Committee Cllr Shaw reported that some of the heaters are in need of repair or replacement. EDF will be removing a redundant meter on 28 October 2014.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Applause theatre Tickets are now on sale for the Jazz Night to be held on 28 November 2014.

Allotments An application for a grant of £1750 towards the cost of installing a mains water connection has been made to the KCC and DDC You Decide Event by St Augustine's PCC. A presentation will be given at the Dover North Event on 22 November 2014.

Phone Box The owner of 6 School Cottages has expressed concern that visitors to the book shop are impacting on his privacy and has asked if the phone box can be moved. Following discussion it was agreed that Olive O'Dell should be consulted before any consideration is given to the proposal.

**14. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 17 November 2014 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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