

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

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr B Price-Stephens, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, Community Warden G Guillou-King and 2 members of the public

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** Cllrs Shaw declared an interest as a member of the village hall committee in agenda item 8.
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from PCSO K Skirrow and District Cllr P Watkins.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2014 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Maintenance Came & Co have advised that it is necessary for the Council to have sight of Mr Meadows' insurance and to check that he is covered for the diverse range of likely activities. Cover would be in place in the event of a third party being injured if that person sought redress from the Parish Council.

Langdon Playing Field Project A decision is awaited from DDC Planning. Cllr Shaw reported that grants are still available for activities that would involve service families such as the Ghurkha community at Guston.

Councillor Vacancy There have been no further expressions of interest.

Memorial Seat Mr Macintyre has expressed concern about the possible costs involved in making alterations to the seat. A second quotation is still expected but the popular opinion is for the seat to be moved to another tree.

Jazz Night The clerk reported that ticket sales are encouraging.

Phone Box Cllr Shaw reported that planning permission would be required if the phone box was moved to land that is not owned by the Parish Council. He has also spoken with Mrs Odell. In discussion it was noted that the library is well used, is popular with children from the school and visitors to the Holiday Camp. The takings for last season amounted to £100. The concerns of the owner of 6 School Cottages were appreciated but it was agreed that the phone box is a valuable community asset that should remain at its current location.

5. **REPORTS**

County Councillor S Manion advised that there has been no progress to date with any possible introduction of 20mph limits as not all councils have submitted their responses. He reported that there have been no applications for fracking licences in the area. The plans for the housing development in Station Road, Walmer have been passed by the Planning Committee.

Community Warden Guillou-King In response to an email reporting two further incidents of inconsiderate driving near The Old Vicarage, the Community Warden offered to carry out a further speed check. He reiterated earlier concerns that not all children are wearing high-vis jackets. Fly-tipping is an ongoing issue and both the Roman Road and play area are inspected regularly for litter.

PCSO Kerry Skirrow reported the sighting of a suspicious long wheel based vehicle parked in a track in East Langdon and a weather related incident of a fallen tree blocking Lucerne lane.

KALC Committee Meeting Cllr Shaw reported that the meeting on 23 October had been poorly attended and the key speaker failed to appear. There had been discussion on the volume and speed of traffic in the area with Coldred and Shepherdsweil carrying out a traffic count and logging 813 cars over a 6 hour period. Other parishes are invited to carry out a similar survey on a week day. KALC have submitted a joint response to the Community Warden Survey and are also looking to stimulate interest in the May elections by organising events for prospective councillors. It had been noted that the current Whitfield development does not include any affordable housing. The next meeting will take place on 22 January 2015.

6. **DEFIBRILLATOR** Mr Kent of Keat Farm Parks has offered to pay half the cost of a heated box for a defibrillator i.e. £225 and to provide the electricity supply at a site that has been identified at Hawthorn Farm. The company will not assume responsibility for the equipment or undertake any management. In discussion it was agreed that a system of regular checks would be required. A proposal was put to the meeting that a Lifepack Model together with a Heated Box be purchased at a cost of £1145 + VAT.

Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Carried unanimously

7. **CHRISTMAS TREE** An offer has been made of a permanent Christmas tree for East Langdon Village Green. During discussion it was suggested that a temporary tree be erected again this year and that, in principle, there was agreement that a permanent tree could then be planted on the same site.

8. **EAST LANGDON VILLAGE HALL** Cllr Shaw reported that any company carrying out works on the village hall will need to have sight of an asbestos register. Medway Insulations have quoted £410+VAT to carry out the survey and produce a report and Cllr Shaw, on behalf of the village hall committee, requested a grant to cover the cost. Following discussion it was recommended that further quotations be sought. It was proposed on the basis of duty of care that a grant be awarded for the full cost of the survey.

Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

Carried unanimously

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

KALC –

- i) The AGM will be held on 22 November 2014.
- ii) A Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2025 has been received.
- iii) A copy of the revised Constitution has been received.

CPRE –

- i) Field work has been received – *given to Cllr Dyer*
- ii) Countryside Voice has been received – *given to Cllr Price-Stephens*
- iii) Kent Voice contained an interesting article on gleaning whereby farmers with surplus vegetables or fruit can ask CPRE to provide

volunteer labour to harvest the food and distribute it to worthy causes.

Given to Cllr Shaw

CLERKS AND COUNCILS DIRECT The newsletter has been received.

KPFA – the newsletter has been received.

10. FINANCE

Approval of payments

Chq no.

880	West Langdon Village Hall – grant for roof repairs	£120
881	Mr C Shaw – newsletter printing	£ 45.36

Receipts

Dividend	£0.32
Bank interest	£ 4.04

Proposed: Cllr S Craft
Seconded: Cllr B Price Stephens

11. PLANNING

PLANNING ISSUES

Martin Vale Farm It was agreed that a meeting will be requested with a Planning Officer in order to gain a better understanding of the perceived planning concerns that surround this and other properties in the parish.

12. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's report The lengthman reported that a number of potholes in the parish have been marked for repair. He reminded the meeting of the ongoing erosion of the triangle at the bottom of Church Lane. The clerk will report to the next meeting.

Playing Field Committee Cllr Shaw reported the return of the moles! Weekly surveys of equipment are now being carried out. There was useful discussion of possible remedial treatment of the potholes in the car park.

Village Hall Committee The Chubb fire inspection has been carried out. Veronica King organised a successful quiz evening on 15 November that raised £200 for the hall and a further £200 for Cancer Research.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Christmas Party The party will be held on Saturday 13 December and the closing date for names to be registered is 1 December.

You Decide Event St Augustine's PCC will be requesting a grant of £1500 towards the cost of installing a metered water connection that is vital to the renovation of the allotment site. The Event will be held in Northbourne Parish Hall on Saturday 22 November.

West Langdon Mrs Miller reported that sufficient funds are now available for the repairs to the hall roof.

Waterworks Lane Cllr Dyer reported that all passing places on Waterworks Lane had been blocked on Sunday 16 November with parked cars believed to belong to members of the Clay Shooting Club. It was agreed that the situation will be monitored.

- 14. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 15 December 2014 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed.....

Date.....