

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Village Hall**  
**15 December 2014**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, 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 B Price-Stephens (unwell), PCSO K Skirrow and District Cllr P Watkins.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2014 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr J Watson**

**Seconded: Cllr J Dyer**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Vacancy There have been no further expressions of interest.

Memorial Seat A second quotation has not been forthcoming and it was agreed that Mr Pay's quotation of £282 to move the seat to another tree be accepted.

Jazz Night The visit of the Old Hat Jazz Band was very successful and £160+ was raised for the village hall. It is hoped that another evening can be arranged in 2015.

Martin Vale Farm The owners have stated that the new access and parking bay are on the site of an earlier entrance to the property. The Investigation Officer, Mr Gale, has advised that the use of part of the property for a treatment clinic does not constitute a change of use. There is no significant increase in traffic resulting from the clinic and therefore no issue of concern to DDC.

Christmas Party The party was enjoyed by some 30 children from the parish.

Waterworks Lane parking issues There have been no further reports of parking in the passing places.

Church Lane West Langdon The clerk reported on the correspondence with KHS that had taken place earlier in the year which concluded that the matter needs to be referred to County Cllr Manion. Much of the erosion is caused by large waste collection vehicles and this could be alleviated by the use of the small vehicle that already visits the majority of the properties in West Langdon. County Cllr Manion agreed to visit the site and to speak to Waste Services at DDC.

You Decide Event St Augustine's Church was successful with a bid for £1500 to install a mains water supply to the allotment site.

Defibrillator The manager at Hawthorn Farm has advised that an electrician will be on site in January. The clerk reported that Tristan Logan has raised £50 towards the cost of the equipment.

5. **REPORTS**

County Councillor S Manion reported that the Warden service is to be retained. The consultation process had generated some 1200 responses indicating the high regard in which the service is held. He outlined his involvement in the Industrial Community Alliance that is looking at Lottery funding and working to redress the balance for community funding that is currently heavily weighted

in favour of London. In response to a question from a Member about the proposed developments in Dover, Cllr Manion advised that information can be found on the Invest in Dover website.

Community Warden Guillou-King advised that wardens have undergone extra training on emergency planning and resilience. He reported the unwelcome appearance of graffiti on a number of street signs and also continued incidents of flooding in Lucerne Lane.

PCSO Kerry Skirrow reported an attempted burglary in the parish. She asked that parishioners be reminded to lock doors and windows as seasonal burglaries in the Dover area are on the increase.

Community Resilience and Emergency Planning for Local Councils Cllr Minns had previously circulated a Powerpoint presentation of the seminar and it was agreed that relevant matters will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. **WESTSIDE** The occupant of 12 Westside has requested that the grass strip outside the property be replaced with tarmac to make a parking space. East Kent Housing have denied ownership of the land but enquiries have shown that KCCs responsibility ends at no. 10. It was agreed that the matter be referred to District Cllr Watkins.

## 7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC –

i) DDC is proposing to amend the Off-Street Parking Places Order 2014 to introduce a new car park at Bench Street Dover with attendant charging structure.

ii) With reference to 1 The Holt, East Langdon Road, it has been established that no breach of planning control has taken place and that the property is Council owned.

KCC – The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan has been submitted for independent examination by a planning Inspector.

## 8. **FINANCE**

### Approval of payments

#### Chq no.

882	Clerk's salary Oct – Dec	£ 503.91
	Clerk's expenses Oct -Dec	£ 43.16
	Christmas Party goods	£ 43.95
883	Post Office PAYE	£ 126
884	Commercial Services Trading Ltd – grounds maintenance 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of year	£1014.3
885	Kent Association of Local Councils – purchase of defibrillator and storage box	5
886	Mr A Minns – seminar travel expenses	£1374
		£ 24.70

### Receipts

Bank interest

£ 3.64

**Proposed: Cllr S Craft**  
**Seconded: Cllr J Watson**

**Quarterly financial statement** The report was circulated and discussed. It was noted that Playing Field maintenance shows an overspend of £42. The detailed breakdown of works carried out shows additional strimming around the car park area resulting from the prolonged grass growing season in 2014. The sum of £3000 had previously been added from reserves to the Actual v Forecast figures in anticipation of the purchase of a defibrillator. It was noted that the sum of £300 is available under the Youth Project heading which could be considered for a contribution towards a community mural project at Martin Mill station that was featured at the You Decide Event. There are sufficient funds available to cover the initial VAT costs for the Playing Field Project. A suggestion was put forward that the remaining plant donation money could be used for the new community orchard with the donor's consent.

**Maintenance of playing field** Quotations for Grounds maintenance have been received from Landscape Services and Countrywide Ground Maintenance. It was agreed that the lower quotation from Landscape Services be accepted.

**Proposed: Cllr S Craft**

**Seconded: Cllr J Dyer**

**Grants** Applications for grants by local organisations will close on Friday 13 February 2015.

## 9. PLANNING

### **DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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

**Proposal:** Construction of a vehicular access

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

**Permission granted**

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

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

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

**Permission granted**

#### **Planning issues:**

**DOV/12/00691** A member of the public has drawn attention to the site on the West Side of East Langdon Road where the new barn has been built but the old barn has not been demolished. A planning condition states:

*“Prior to the first use of the buildings hereby permitted all of the existing buildings on site shall be demolished, the materials removed from the land and the site made good.*

*Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and the wider aims of sustainable Development.”*

It was agreed that the chairman will speak to the owners.

**Church Farm** Members were pleased to note that the barn is now being reroofed.

## 10. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

**Lengthman's report** The lengthman reported that the potholes along Forge Lane have been filled. It was noted that lights are not working at Hollands Hill, the Lantern, Waterworks Lane and on the village green. A “right turn” sign at Maxton Hole is obscured by the hedgerow and the toad signs in East Langdon need to have relevant dates attached.

**Playing Field Committee** The order for the new equipment has been placed with

Proludic Ltd. The insurance company has been contacted about the new equipment and the questions arising have been passed to the contractors.

Village Hall Committee The asbestos survey has been carried out at a lower price than previously quoted. Small amounts of non-dangerous asbestos have been detected in the floor tiles of the toilets and kitchen. The asbestos in the roof was already known about and quotations will now be invited for the removal of the roof.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Street light in Roman Road, Martin Mill In response to a query concerning the survey of street lighting, District Cllr Watkins has advised that there should now be an opportunity to replace the light in Roman Road.

**12. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 19 January 2015 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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