

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
16 February 2015

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr B Price-Stephens, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk and 5 members of the public

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** Cllr Shaw declared interests in agenda item 7ii, grants, as a member of both the village hall and playing field committees and took no part in the decision.
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr P Watkins and PCSO K Skirrow.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2015 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens
Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Vacancy There have been no further expressions of interest.

Memorial Seat Mr Pay will move the seat during the first week of March.

Church Lane West Langdon A visit from County Cllr Manion is still awaited.

Allotments There was nothing new to report.

Metal Detecting Velcourt have confirmed that Mr and Mrs Fuller have not given permission for metal detecting on their land. A reply is awaited from Messrs Ledger.

Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities The Chairman and Clerk will attend a KALC workshop at Lenham on Thursday 26 February.

Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16 It has been confirmed that no Parish and town Councils have been made subject to the referendum threshold.

Annual Parish Meeting Guest Speaker Mr Colin Smith has accepted the invitation to be guest speaker.

Barn on west side of East Langdon Road The barn has been demolished.

Defibrillator The defibrillator has been received.

5. **REPORTS**

PCSO Kerry Skirrow reported the sighting of suspicious persons in the parish reported to be selling chainsaws and cheap generators. There have been a number of burglaries in surrounding villages and PCSO Skirrow advises parishioners to be vigilant about security at all times even when at home.

KALC Committee Meeting Cllr Shaw reported on the meeting held in Sandwich on 28 January when the guest speaker was the director of Age UK, Dover. A minibus service is available to take people from the villages to the Dover centre which offers a wide range of services and activities.

A representative from Dover Joint Transport Board advised that the subject of 20mph zones will be revisited at the next meeting.

Discussions continue on the future of Manston airport with the possibility that it could become a freight airfield.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

DDC –

i) The Land Allocations Local Plan has been adopted. The decisions affecting Langdon are:

- The land behind Westside (NE of the school) remains in the Land Allocation.
- The allotments (The Clerk's Garden) is designated as a protected open space.
- The land on which the Langdon school buildings sit is deleted from protected open space designation.
- In West Langdon, the area from the pond up to the track in front of the chapel houses is designated as a protected open space.
- In Martin Mill, the field at the end of Roman Road that is common land is deleted from protected open space designation.

ii) The timetable for the forthcoming Parish Council elections has been received. Nomination packs will be available from DDC following the posting of the election notice on 16 March. Completed nomination papers to be returned in person to DDC by 9 April.

KALC – Parish News alerted Councils to changes in pension administration. It was noted that the new regulations will apply to Langdon w.e.f. 1 May 2017.

AFFORDABLE RURAL HOUSING A copy of the new practical guide for parish councils has been received. *Given to Cllr Price-Stephens*

SOUTHERN WATER have advised of a 6% reduction in the average combined water and wastewater bill for 2015/16. Further significant investment across the county will lead to reduced leakage, further maintenance of sewers and further improvement in water quality.

7. FINANCE

Approval of payments

Chq no.

890	KALC – Audit workshop fees x 2	£50
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Receipts

Bank interest		£ 3.80
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Dividend		£ 0.32
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Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr S Craft

Grants A grant of £240 was awarded to the Langdon Playing Field Association for the purchase of two replacement cradle swing seats. A grant of £150 was awarded to East Langdon Parish Hall for the purchase of a salt bin.

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer

Seconded: Cllr S Craft

Quotations for tree removal Two quotations were received for the felling of the diseased horse chestnut tree, removal of waste and grinding out of the stump.

i) Hart Lee tree surgery Ltd £426 inc VAT.

ii) Jordan's Tree Surgery £680

Following discussion it was proposed and agreed unanimously that the quotation from Hart Lee tree surgery be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr B Price-Stephens

8. PLANNING
PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV/15/00024

Proposal: Erection of a detached dwelling

Location: Land adjacent to 38 Westside, East Langdon, CT15 5JG

During discussion considerable concern was expressed about the current parking arrangements in Westside. A vote was taken the result of which was:

In favour : 3

Against : 2

Abstentions: 0

The Council positively supports the application but comments:

- There is concern that the application implies the need for on-street parking in an area that is already crowded.
- The congestion referred to above gives rise to concern about access for emergency vehicles.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: DOV/14/01186

Proposal: Erection of a combined uv water treatment and motor control building

Location: Martin Gorse WSW, West Langdon CT15 5JW

Permission granted.

9. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Playing Field Committee The final layout of the new play equipment will be discussed with the manager of Proludic at a meeting on 17 February 2015. Works could begin in mid March

Village Hall Committee A new cleaner is required.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Salt bin A replacement bin has been installed at the top of Solton Lane.

Meeting with DDC Planning A meeting has been arranged at 9.00am on Thursday 26 February for interested members to meet with District Cllrs Watkins and Morris together with three Planners to discuss a range of planning issues that have been raised.

Car parking Mr Hyde expressed concern about the regular use of the village green area for car parking.

- 11. NEXT MEETING** It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be changed to 7.30 pm on 23 March 2015 in East Langdon village hall to take account of holiday arrangements.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

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