

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Village Hall**  
**20 April 2015**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, District Cllr P Watkins, District Cllr K Morris, PCSO K Skirrow, Community Warden G Guillou-King and 5 members of the public

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Watson and Cllr B Price-Stephens.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2015 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr J Dyer**  
**Seconded: Cllr C Shaw**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Church Lane West Langdon County Cllr Manion has met with Mr Richard Heaps of KHS who is considering the use of kerb stones and possibly bollards to prevent further erosion. Cllr Manion asked that joint funding with the Parish Council be considered.

Allotments A considerable amount of clearance has been undertaken.

Defibrillator The defibrillator is now on site and is security marked. A monthly inspection will be needed for which a schedule is provided. SE Coast Ambulance as the first responder will be advised of the location of the device.

Playing Field The new equipment was opened to the public on Thursday 9 April. It is already attracting a large number of people of all ages and feedback is very positive. A post installation inspection revealed a number of minor issues that need to be resolved.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC –

- i) The final report on Parish Council Allowances has been received and will form an agenda item at the next meeting.
- ii) In response to a letter sent by the Parish Council to DDC concerning litter in the verges, Mr David Broomfield has advised that Veolia will visit Langdon with their cleansing supervisor who will programme in the cleansing issues.

KCC –

- i) Notice has been received of a questionnaire that will inform future policy on the relationship between KCC and the voluntary and community sector (VCS).
- ii) The chairman and clerk met with Mr Mick Phillips, Passenger Experience Community Manager for South Eastern Rail, on 9 April to discuss possible community projects that would improve the appearance of Martin Mill station.

CPRE –

- i) Countryside Voice included an interesting article on The Future of Farming. *Given to Cllr Minns.*
- ii) Fieldwork contained an article on Affordable Housing. *Given to Cllr Shaw.*
- iii) Kent Voice has been received. *Given to Cllr Minns.*

KALC - Parish News has been received and circulated.

CAME & COMPANY – Spring Council Matters advised that the insurance Broker has added Ecclesiastical Insurance Group to their panel of insurers. Parish councils are therefore now able to fulfil standing orders and obtain three quotations for insurance.

## 6. FINANCE

### Approval of payments

#### Chq no.

897	KALC – Annual subscription	£ 219.91
898	ACRK – Annual subscription	£ 35.00
899	KPFA – subscription	£ 20.00
900	Hart Lee tree surgery Ltd – tree on village green	£ 426.00
901	Proludic Ltd – installation of play equipment	£80671.19
902	Craigdene Ltd – inspection of new play equipment	£ 354.00

#### Receipts

Precept	£12645.00
Bank interest	£ 4.00

**Proposed: Cllr A Minns**

**Seconded: Cllr J Dyer**

## 7. PLANNING

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### **DOV/15/00254**

**Proposal:** Erection of shed

**Location:** Land opposite Hollyhocks, Old Roman Road, Martin Mill, CT15 5JY

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

- 1) There is insufficient information in the application as to the intended use of the shed. It is unclear whether it is intended for private or business use.
- 2) The access from Old Roman Road onto Station Road is hazardous. A workshop could attract large vehicles into the area which would increase traffic risk and be unacceptable in this residential setting.
- 3) If the officer is mindful to agree to the application the Parish Council requests that permission be temporary and for a maximum of three years to mitigate against any long term business use.

#### **DOV/15/00314**

**Proposal:** Erection of a detached garage with office above

**Location:** 2 Waterworks Cottage, Waterworks Lane, Martin, CT15 5JW

**The Council has no objections.**

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Reports from PCSO and Community Warden

PCSO Skirrow reported the arrest of two males for the series of distraction burglaries highlighted at the March meeting. Local issues include two neighbour disputes, paint in a horse field on Guston Road and nuisance youths at Martin Mill railway station.

Community Warden Guillou-King reported two further fly-tipping incidents. Cllr Shaw advised that seventeen tyres had been dumped along Archers Court Road.

**9. NEXT MEETING** Monday 18 May at 7.30pm in West Langdon Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.31pm.

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