

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
West Langdon Village Hall
18 May 2015

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr A Minns, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, District Cllr K Morris and five members of the public.

The meeting being non-quorate, no action could be taken on agenda items 2, 3, 6, 11 and 12.

1. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND UNDERTAKINGS**
 Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Undertakings together with statements of financial interests were completed by: Cllr C Shaw and Cllr A Minns.
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN & REPRESENTATIVES**
3. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**
4. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.
5. **APOLOGIES** There were apologies from Cllr Craft (holiday), District Cllr Watkins, PCSO Skirrow and Community Warden Guillou-King.
6. **MINUTES**
7. **MATTERS ARISING**
Church Lane West Langdon County Cllr Manion is awaiting a report back following discussions with Mr Richard Heaps.
Allotments Mr Hyde reported that the allotments are now operational following an extensive clearing programme during which the assistance of Mr Miller and his tractor proved invaluable. The trees in the community orchard are all in bud and the adjacent area has been seeded to provide a seating area. The water supply is scheduled to be connected on 20 May.
Defibrillator A member of the public has enquired about training in the use of the defibrillator. Cllr Minns advised that a video could be made available
Playing Field The new equipment continues to be a popular attraction. There have been two unpleasant incidents that have been reported to the police.
Emergency First Aid at Work Cllr Minns reported on the course held at The Guildhall Sandwich and advised of a future change in legislation to adopt a "Good Samaritan Act" that will require all citizens to give assistance to those seen to be in need in a public place.
8. **REPORTS**
District Cllr K Morris reported that the first District Council meeting following the election will take place on Wednesday 20 May. The new chairman of DDC is Cllr Sue Chandler.
PCSO K Skirrow reported two calls relating to loose dogs on Hollands Hill. Enquiries are ongoing into two off road bikes that were being ridden around the

playing field. The driver of the hired vehicle used to transport the bikes has been identified.

Community Warden G Guillou-King reported that highway issues are up to date. A reported potential encampment at a property on Hollands Hill will be investigated shortly.

9. **TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL ALLOWANCES** The East Kent Joint Parish Independent Remuneration Panel has published its Quadrennial Review. In summary there are two recommended allowances relevant to Langdon Parish Council: i) a maximum of £300 as the chairman's allowance and ii) the HMRC approved mileage allowance of 45p per mile for travel outside the parish.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

KCC A Parish Guide to Drainage has been produced in response to suggestions from delegates at a series of Highways, Transportation and Waste seminars. It is noted that there are two types of maintenance namely i) Planned maintenance on main roads and some 250 known vulnerable locations and ii) Targeted maintenance in response to local reports. Parishes are encouraged to report sites of particular concern and to encourage residents to do the same as the number of reports reflects the level of disruption and helps trigger the appropriate response.

KALC –

- i) A Pilot Local Warden Support Officer (LWSO) Scheme is being launched following the 2014 consultation on community Wardens that drew over 100 responses from local councils. The LWSO Scheme is a voluntary role that is not intended to replace Community Wardens but to be the “ears and eyes” of the community. Up to 12 Pilot Councils are being sought across the County with the aim of a September start.
- ii) Parish News has been received and circulated.

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT The newsletter has been received.

KPFA Notice has been received of the AGM to be held on 21 May.

11. **FINANCE**

Redemption of Consolidated Stock A 2½% Consolidated Stock Certificate issued in November 1963 for fifty one pounds ten shillings and four pence is to be redeemed on 5 July 2015.

12. **PLANNING**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV/15/00433

Proposal: Erection of a double garage

Location: Lantern Cottage, The Street, Martin CT15 5JR

There was general discussion of the application pending a decision at a future quorate meeting.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV/15/00254

Proposal: Erection of shed

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

Permission refused

13. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's report In the absence of the lengthman it was noted that KHS had cut the verges at the crossroads in the Parish thus minimising the sight issues that had been a problem in recent years. Solton Lane will be resurfaced on Monday 1 June and it was agreed that the information be shared with Velcourt and Ledger.

Playing Field Committee Cllr Shaw reported that one goal post is in need of remedial treatment having rotted through at ground level. The official opening of the new play area has been arranged for 4.30pm on Friday 5 June.

Village Hall Committee The new cleaning arrangements for the hall are working well. The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 May.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Waterworks Hill Crossroads Mrs Miller expressed concern that the high hedge at the junction approaching from the direction of West Langdon obstructs the sight line and creates a hazardous exit. The matter will be reported to KHS.

Local Maps Mr Miller suggested that a project be undertaken to agree and standardise road names around the parish.

15. NEXT MEETING An additional meeting to consider the outstanding agenda items will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27 May in West Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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