

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
15 June 2015

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr B Price-Stephens, The Clerk, District Cllr K Morris, and 3 members of the public

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr P Watkins, County Cllr S Manion, PCSO K Skirrow and Community Warden G Guillou-King.
3. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS** It was proposed and agreed unanimously that Ms Jane Watson be co-opted to fill a vacancy on the council.

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meetings held on 18 May 2015 and 27 May 2015 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr C Shaw

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

Playing Field The new play and exercise area was officially opened on Friday 5 June with representatives from the Gurkha regiment and the Deputy Chairman of DDC present. The final report on the use of the grant has now been completed and submitted. The popularity of the scheme has led to the existing litter bins being full to overflowing each weekend and Cllr Shaw will approach DDC to request their assistance with the provision and emptying of additional bins.

Local Maps It was agreed that work will begin on standardising road names in the parish. Cllr Shaw will look into the possibility of gaining access to mapping data currently being developed in a Christchurch University project.

6. **REPORTS**

District Councillor Keith Morris advised that matters are proceeding well and there are as yet no matters on which to report. County Cllr Manion sent a message indicating that there is no further progress with the West Langdon "island" issue as the KHS officer is on leave.

Cllr Minns questioned the apparent discrepancy between planning permission being given for the new KFC outlet and the granting of a licence. District Cllr Morris advised that the anomaly, which is not uncommon, was likely to have been a time scale issue and that the planning and licence applications had probably been submitted simultaneously.

Community Warden Guillou - There is nothing of significance to report. Fly-tipping issues have been dealt with and highway defects are up to date.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

DDC – The proposals for a Public Spaces Protection Order relating to dogs had been previously circulated and gave rise to some discussion. It was noted that the enclosed children’s play area on the playing field is shown as a dog exclusion area. It was also noted that parish councils will be approached for a contribution towards the cost of signs. District Cllr Morris advised that the proposals had been approved by the Cabinet subject to an amendment for Walmer Green.

KALC - Notice has been received of the consultation period on the draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Kent County Council. There is also a recommendation that the number of county councillors be reduced from 84 to 81. It was noted that the Dover North Ward is unaffected.

ACRK – A request for a donation towards funding the Annual Rural Retail Competition was noted.

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments

Chq no.

907	Clerk’s salary (April – June)	£561.67
	Clerk’s expenses (April – June)	£ 80.70
908	Post Office - PAYE	£140.40
909	KSS Air Ambulance – section 137 donation	£100.00
910	CPRE annual subscription	£ 36.00
911	St Augustine’s Church – graveyard strimming	£ 75.00
912	Anne Snoad – reissue of lost cheque no.887 (19/01/15)	£189.56

Receipts

Bank interest	£ 3.79
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Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr S Craft

Quarterly Finance Statement The quarterly financial statement was circulated and discussed. The sums available for the maintenance of the noticeboards and phone boxes were highlighted and suggestions were put forward for works that need to be carried out.

9. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV/13/01106

Proposal: Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays to generate electricity for export to the national grid together with transformer stations; internal access track; landscaping; fencing; access gate and associated ancillary infrastructure (Amended scheme - Reduction in site area from 22.7 hectares to 10 hectares)

Location: Old Engine Shed Field, Sutton Court Farm, (Land between Pineham & East Langdon

There was considerable discussion on the amended application during which it was noted that:

- The size of the site has been reduced but still extends to some 25 acres
- The site now includes an area that was excluded from the original application

- The design of hedge planting has been modified with additional hedging lower down on the slope but the contour of the land creates height differences of some 5 – 10m rendering screening ineffective. The installation would have an adverse impact on the landscape.
- The land, said to be grade 3a, is still Best and Most Versatile land and will almost certainly contain some grade 2 land.

Members were unanimous in their decision to continue their objection to the application.

10. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman The lengthman expressed concern that verge cutting seems to get later each year resulting in poor visibility. Trees are obstructing roads around the county suggesting that KHS is failing in its duty. It was suggested that the matter be raised at the next KALC meeting.

Playing Field Committee The AGM will be held on Wednesday 17 June 2015 at 7.30pm.

Village Hall Committee The committee members were re-elected at the AGM. A weekend of internal decoration for the hall is being planned.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Martin Mill Station Project There has been no further communication regarding the suggested painting of a mural. It was suggested that representatives from St Margaret's be invited to take part in any enhancement schemes as a number of residents are regularly using the station.

Website The clerk advised that new material had been posted on the website but that a detailed review is needed in the coming months.

12. NEXT MEETING Monday 20 July at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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