

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
17 August 2015

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr B Price-Stephens (left at 8.30pm), The Clerk 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 S Craft (holiday), Cllr J Watson (holiday) and District Cllr P Watkins,
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meetings held on 20 July 2015 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer
Seconded: Cllr C Shaw

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Playing Field Cllr Shaw reported that there has been no further discussion with DDC regarding the provision and emptying of additional bins.

Local Maps Cllr Shaw advised that the free trial period with Parishonline has now ended and that he did not recommend taking up a subscription as the service offered is limited. The KCC gis unit that provides services to highways, emergency services and some parish councils could be a possibility.

Martin Mill Station Project The clerk reported on a visit to the facilities that could be made available. Public opinion will be sought through the newsletter.

Public Rights of Way The East Kent Area Manager has reopened the section of the Byway EE244 – ER73 north of the A2 and considers it safe for public use. The southern section remains closed but there is funding to carry out repairs. Mrs Miller reported that the section of the Byway between Church Farm and Napchester is in a dangerous state resulting from deep ruts caused by vehicles. This together with overgrown brambles constitutes the loss of an amenity to walkers. The Area manager will be advised.

Applause Autumn Programme It was agreed that enquiries will be made as to the availability of the Green Rock River Band on either December 4th or 5th.

5. **REPORTS** There were no reports.
6. **CHURCH LANE WEST LANGDON** A proposal to place a kerb around the damaged island and fill with topsoil at a cost of around £1300, the parish council to pay half, was discussed and agreed in principle pending a site visit to define the boundary of the island and agree the profile of the kerb.

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

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC –

- i) A period of consultation on the Statement of Licensing Policy is open until 19 October 2015.
- ii) An update on services and facilities in the district is being undertaken for the Authority Monitoring Report. Details of any local changes in

services within the parish have been requested. Members felt unable to respond to the request without information of the baseline at the start of the monitoring period in 2014.

KCC Consultation has opened on the revised Kent Environment Strategy.

KALC The 2015/16 National Council Tax statistics have been published. The average Band D council tax is £54.12 and the total tax to be collected on behalf of all parishes is £409 million. This represents 1.7% of the total council tax requirement for England of £24.7 billion.

CPRE Countryside Voice and Fieldwork have been received. *Given to Cllr Price-Stephens*

KPFA The newsletter contained details of the Ernest Virgo cricket award for young people that will be drawn to the attention of East Langdon Cricket Club.

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments

Chq no.

915	Commercial Services Trading Ltd – grounds maintenance	£794.65
916	First Rescue Training and Supplies Ltd – 3D steel defibrillator sign	£ 36.00
917	St Augustine’s church – graveyard strimming	£ 50.00
918	D Meadows – grass cutting East Langdon village green	£180.00
919	Langdon Playing Field Association – insurance	£382.50

Receipts

Bank interest	£ 1.26
Dividend	£ 0.32

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

9. PLANNING

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV/13/01085

Location: Cosy Nook, The Street, Martin, Dover CT15 5JP

Proposal: Construction of vehicular access and hardstanding and erection of gates.

Permission Refused

Members expressed their extreme disappointment at the decision having spent a great deal of time in negotiations with the interested parties. It was felt that the decision seemed to take scant account of the background of the case and that a formal response will be made pending further research.

Solar Farms It was noted with interest that BNRG Renewables have submitted a screening request for a solar farm at the former Snowdown Colliery. Conergy have submitted a screening request for a solar farm on 7ha of grade 3a and 3b land at Guston Court Farm south of Hangmans Lane.

10. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman The lengthman reported that some of the recently repaired roads are breaking up. The cutting of verges has continued and hedges have been cut but with insufficient clearance to provide safe passage to cyclists. A number of road signs have been obliterated. The lengthman requested that he be copied in to online reports.

Playing Field Committee A bench seat has been repaired. A damaged goalpost has been removed following the annual inspection of the play area. The insurance has been renewed through Came & co at a favourable price of £1282 with increased cover

Village Hall Committee Ten new chairs have been acquired free of charge.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Drinks cans Mrs Miller again reported large numbers of Carling Black Label drinks cans left at weekends in the pull-in on the back road at West Langdon. This will be drawn to the attention of the community warden.

Land at Roman Road Following the granting of permission to erect a stable block, DOV/14/00213, a mobile home has appeared on the site and a number of cars have been noted.

Archers Court Road There has been an increase in litter much of which emanates from MacDonaldis and KFC. Whitfield Parish Council will be consulted with a view to sending a joint letter to the companies.

12. NEXT MEETING Monday 21 September 7.30pm at West Langdon.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

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