

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
West Langdon Village Hall
21 September 2015

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr B Price-Stephens, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, PCSO Skirrow and 4 members of the public

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Minns (business commitment), Cllr J Dyer (holiday), Cllr J Watson, District Cllr P Watkins and Community Warden L Kidd.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meetings held on 17 August 2015 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens
Seconded: Cllr C Shaw

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Martin Mill Station Project Mr Mick Phillips, Passenger Experience Community Manager, is awaiting the outcome of a visit to price the refurbishment of the waiting room and toilets.

Public Rights of Way The update on the section of the Byway between Church Farm and Napchester that was reported following the August meeting has been added to the issue log.

Applause Autumn Programme It was agreed that it would be preferable to book a band for February rather than December.

Church Lane West Langdon A site meeting was held on 17 September at which it was proposed that bollards be used instead of kerb stones to deter large vehicles from driving over the grass area. The damage to the bank under the West Langdon sign was also inspected and SITA drivers will be contacted by DDC.

Cosy Nook District Cllr Morris investigated the reason for the refusal of the planning application. The previous owner had been advised that a small adjustment to the inside of the carpark using existing brickwork instead of sleepers would bring about a positive outcome. The property was subsequently sold, the planning application had been outsourced and since there had been no response for three months it was automatically refused. The current owner is interested in creating a parking area and reassurance has been given that a new application that includes the above amendment will succeed.

Drinks cans – West Langdon PCSO Skirrow has patrolled the area and Mrs Miller reported that the drinks cans are no longer in the lay-by.

Land at Roman Road The Enforcement Officer has been asked to visit the site where a mobile home has been erected and there are clear signs of occupation. There is a connection to mains water, calor gas tanks are visible and there is a large domestic oil tank at the rear of the building. Two vehicles are regularly seen parked outside and it is believed that they are there overnight. A considerable amount of rubble containing items of broken furniture has been deposited behind the building.

DDC monitoring information for Langdon The clerk has submitted updated details to DDC as requested but the data held on file includes confusing information on bus routes that need to be checked.

Litter at Archer's Court Road Whitfield Parish Council will refer the suggestion to their Recreation and Amenities Committee that a joint letter be sent to KFC and Macdonalds.

5. REPORTS

County Cllr Manion reported that speed monitoring is underway near the village green in East Langdon. A letter has been sent from KCC to the Secretary of State for Transport expressing dissatisfaction both with the recent arrangements for Operation Stack and with the proposed use of Manston Airport as a lorry park.

PCSO Skirrow reported that a youth has been arrested for criminal damage and trespass at Martin Mill station. British Transport Police are dealing with the case. There has been a report of bad driving and a traffic call concerning people walking on the A258.

Community Warden Kidd had submitted a report advising that there had been no significant matters arising.

6. HEALTH AND SAFETY The chairman advised that this will be an agenda item at all future meetings.

7. SOLAR FARMS The chairman reported on the DDC Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 17 September when the Engine Shed application was refused unanimously.

8. OPERATION STACK Opinion was mixed on the use of Manston as a lorry park. Areas of concern expressed included the long stretch of single lane road on the A256 that would cause great inconvenience during peak travel times and also the impact of large numbers of lorries on the dangerous slip road from the A256 to the A2. One suggestion was that the lorries should only move at night. It was agreed that a response to KALC will be formulated after the meeting at DDC on Monday 28 September that will be attended by Cllr Minns and Mr Hyde.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

DDC – The Licensing Team will no longer be sending email notifications regarding applications for new licences under the Licensing Act 2003 in response to legal advice.

KCC – Notification has been received of changes to the Kent Permit Scheme.

KALC – Parish News has been received and circulated.

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT – The newsletter has been received.

CAME & COMPANY – Council Matters has been received.

DOVER & DISTRICT VOLUNTEERING CENTRE – Notice has been received of the AGM to be held on 30 September.

KHS –

i) Arrangements have been received for the supply and/or topping up of salt bags.

ii) The next Parish and Town Council Seminar will be held on 5 November.

10. FINANCE

Report from External Auditor The External Auditor's Report for the year ending 31 March 2015 has been received. There were no matters highlighted for attention. The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the clerk.

Approval of payments

Chq no.

920	Clerk's salary (July – September)	£561.67
	Clerk's expenses (July - September)	£ 82.41
921	Post Office (PAYE)	£140.40
922	St Augustine's church – graveyard strimming	£ 25.00
923	Craigdene Ltd (Inspection of play areas and outdoor gym)	£210.00
924	Langdon Newsletter printing (Chris Shaw)	£ 29.16

Receipts

Bank interest	£ 1.23
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Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Quarterly Financial Report The report was circulated and discussed.

11. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV/15/00837

Proposal: Variation of condition 10 of planning permission DOV/14/01133 (Construction of 9.47 hectare pv solar farm for the production of electricity comprising solar panels set on fixed frames with associated infrastructure, landscaping and temporary access from Dover Road) to clarify permission is for an operational period of 25 years

Location: Land at Guston Court Farm, Hangmans Lane, Guston CT15

The council has no objections

DOV/15/00878

Proposal: Reserved matters application pursuant to outline permission DOV/10/01010 relating to the appearance, layout and landscaping of 94no. dwellings together with garages and parking including all highway related details, sub phase 1A, phase 1, (Light Hill) Whitfield Urban Expansion

Location: Phase 1 & 1A, Whitfield Urban Extension (land South East of), Archers Court Road, Whitfield

The Council has no objections but comments: “Langdon Parish Council has noted that the dwellings do not appear to include solar panels. Given the recent interest in solar energy in the District, the council considers this to be a wasted opportunity.”

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV/15/00450

Location: Site at Eastside Farm, The Street, East Langdon, Dover CT15 5JF

Proposal: Conversion of barn to residential dwelling

Permission granted

12. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman The lengthman reported erosion to the edges of roads in West Langdon and Waldershare Lane together with the breaking up of road markings at the Sutton Road / Waldershare Lane crossroads. Recent heavy rain has caused flooding and thick mud in Lucerne Lane and East Langdon Road at Bowesfield Kennels has been blocked. Attempts to report the faults have been thwarted by the KCC website.

Playing Field Committee Cllr Shaw reported that the company that installed the play equipment will be carrying out essential remedial earthwork around the seat area of the zip wire.

Village Hall Committee The cooker hob needs to be replaced.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Street lighting Roman Road Martin Mill It was agreed that Mr Roger Walton will be contacted again about the replacement of the light that was removed in 2013.

Agricultural Odours Cllr Minns has lodged a complaint with DDC Environmental Health concerning the unacceptable odours from muck spreading in the area especially on 8 September. Mr Pater Davidson has replied that, provided farmers comply with the guidelines, he is unable to intervene. Mr Hyde advised that some farmers are using “perfumery” to mask the odour and that the industry needs to show greater consideration to the surrounding public and avoid times such as bank holidays. The use of organic waste and the yield generated is preferable to chemicals but it is important that farmers are seen to work in co-operation with the local community if they are to avoid a potential future ban like that of burning straw. It was agreed that the concerns will be shared with KALC.

14. NEXT MEETING Monday 19 October 7.30pm at East Langdon.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm.

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