

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
20 June 2016

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, Community Warden L Kidd and seven members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** Cllr Shaw declared an interest in agenda item 10, approval of payments..
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Price-Stephens (family illness), District Cllr P Watson and County Cllr S Manion.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2016 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr C Shaw

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
Street lighting in Martin Mill Cllr Shaw advised that he had visited Mr May following receipt of an email concerning the inadequate lighting. There has been no further communication from DDC about repairs to the lighting and the Community Warden was asked to investigate further. Mr May also expressed concerns about cars blocking the entrance to his house and creating a dangerous situation for his visually impaired wife. Cllr Shaw will contact Richard Heaps to request that a single white line be reinstated.
5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY**
 Street lighting is an ongoing concern.
6. **REPORTS**
Community Warden Kidd reported that crime in the area has remained very low and there have been no reports of vandalism or graffiti in the villages. Potholes in East Langdon Road and Station Road have been reported together with overhanging trees in Lucerne Lane. The Community Warden updated the meeting on the changes in the number and roles of the wardens that have led both to a reduction in the number of days that he is in the area and a decrease in the time spent on visible patrols.
Dover Joint Transportation Board Cllr Minns reported on the recent meeting at which street lighting had been a topic for discussion together with road changes in Deal and measures for fining lorries parked in restricted areas. Concern was expressed about the neglect of byways and the topic will be referred to the next KALC meeting.
7. **RESILIENCE PLAN** Cllr Minns reported on the work that has been carried out to date and circulated a draft letter and form for distribution to parishioners in order to identify skills and resources that could be made available in the event of an emergency. Refuges exist in East and West Langdon but two further venues

are needed for Martin and Martin Mill. It will be necessary to purchase basic equipment and Cllr Minns requested that this be reflected in the next budget. The clerk advised that a contingency fund already exists and it was agreed that availability of the money for emergency equipment be considered at the next meeting. The Community Warden advised the meeting of his experience with resilience planning and offered an example of a template that is appropriate to a small parish council.

Cllr Shaw suggested that the council would be eligible for a 0300 phone number that would be of benefit to the parish and could include important numbers relevant to the Resilience Plan.

- 8. ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE** A proposed list, previously circulated, was discussed and it was suggested that the Cricket Club and Caravan Park be included.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

DDC A briefing note for Members and Officers in the run up to the European referendum has been received and noted.

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- i) Participation is invited in an Active Travel Strategy
- ii) The Highways and Transportation Tracker Survey Report has been published. In Dover District it shows general satisfaction with roads but a below average score has been reached in both street lighting and the clearance of drains and gullies.

KALC The latest edition of Parish News was too big to be sent as an email attachment and proved to be equally onerous to download from the website. The matter has been drawn to the attention of KALC.

EiS It has been confirmed that funding to provide web and email services to Parish and Town Councils will continue despite earlier concerns.

10. FINANCE

Approval of payments

Chq no.

954	Playdale – repairs to swings	£594.00
955	Clerk’s salary and expenses Apr – June	£665.48
956	Post office – PAYE	£147.80
957	Mr C Shaw – barrier gate for playing field	£456.65
958	CPRE – subscription	£ 36.00
959	St Augustine’s Church – churchyard strimming	£ 50.00
960	Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance – section 137 donation	£100.00
961	Victim Support – section 137 donation	£100.00

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Receipt

Bank interest £ 1.60

Quarterly Finance Statement The quarterly finance statement was circulated and discussed. It was noted that new pay scales for clerks have been agreed between NALC and SLCC and are back dated to 1 April 2016. Cllr Shaw advised that an invoice for £160 is likely following the recent tree works on East Langdon village green.

11. **PLANNING**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV/16/00576

Proposal: Outline application (with all matters reserved) for the erection of two detached dwellings and improvements to existing access

Location: Land adjacent and fronting Roseacre, East Langdon Road, Martin CT15 5JJ

The Council has no objections but comments:

The Council has reservations about the narrowness of the road at this location.

The Council is concerned about the speed of passing traffic on this road where the speed limit is 60mph.

DOV/16/00567

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension, conservatory and associated works

Location: Site at the former Piggery, Waterworks Hill, Martin CT15 5HG

Following discussion it was agreed that a decision could not be reached on the information available and clarification would be sought from the Planning Officer.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV/16/00323

Proposal: Erection of an extension and part change of use to shop (Use Class A1)

Location: The Old Lantern, The Street, Martin CT15 5JL

Permission granted

12. **REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Lengthman's Report The verges are once again overgrown resulting in dangerous narrowing of the lanes. The lengthman has raised the matter with Kent Highways on a number of occasions.

Playing Field Cllr Minns reported that the AGM has taken place. The carpark has been resurfaced and a barrier gate purchased.

Village Hall Cllr Shaw expressed thanks to Edward Griffiths for painting the inner doors of the hall and fitting kick plates.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Infrastructure Mr Hyde drew attention to the inadequacies of the local infrastructure when contemplating additional housing and the increase in the number of parked cars that will ensue. It was agreed that thought should be given as to how the infrastructure can be improved. Cllr Minns will refer the matter to KALC.

Sponsored Walk Cllr Shaw advised that a sponsored walk in aid of SANDS will take place on the playing field on 2 July. Members of the playing field committee will organise a barbecue to raise funds for the playing field.

14. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 18 July 2016 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.46 pm.

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