

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
18 July 2016

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

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** Cllr Shaw declared an interest in agenda item 8, approval of payments.
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Price-Stephens (family matters), Cllr S Craft (holiday), District Cllr P Watkins and Community Warden L Kidd.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2016 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer
Seconded: Cllr A Minns

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
Street lighting in Martin Mill Cllr Minns reported that the light in Roman Road has been replaced and repair to the light near the former Ugly Duckling is expected within the next two weeks. Following discussion, it was noted that the light at Abbey Road has not worked for a number of years and, since the rerouting of Sutton Road, it does not have a useful function. It was also noted that four lights, including the one at the Hollands Hill junction, are still out of order.

Cllr Shaw reported on the outcome of discussions regarding the inconsiderate parking outside Mr May's house. It has been confirmed that double yellow lines are not an option as road safety is not a priority at this location. The existing, faded, white line can be reinstated at the owner's expense.

Resilience plan Cllr Minns advised that some names have been received and a meeting with volunteers will be arranged. It has been confirmed that there will be no participation in resilience planning by members of the police force.

5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY** Cllr Minns expressed concern about road safety in East Langdon during the Wednesday walking bus sessions and the apparent lack of monitoring by school staff. It was agreed that the concerns be conveyed to the school together with a suggestion that they undertake a review of the arrangements.
6. **REPORTS**
District Cllr K Morris reported that the full council meeting on 20 July will address the further roll out of devolution. He advised that, in the light of Government directives, parishes might consider the powers that can be devolved down. In response to a question from the floor, District Cllr Morris confirmed that all official council meetings are open to the public.

County Cllr S Manion advised that KCC meetings are also open to the public and can be viewed online. Discussions are taking place to identify a further £80m of savings. An underspend of £1m last year is being used to fund a “Find and Fix” programme for the repair of potholes with the work being carried out by local companies. A further programme for access to super-fast broadband is being developed.

Community Warden Kidd reported bogus gardeners have been calling at the homes of elderly and vulnerable people in the St Margaret’s area. Work has been of a poor quality and over charged. The defective street lights in Martin Mill have been reported.

PCSO Skirrow has offered to report verbally to the clerk ahead of council meetings. There have been reports in East Langdon of a man on a bicycle calling at properties in The Street offering to sell fish but without any such produce. PCSO Skirrow carried out a search of the area but was unable to locate him.

Mrs Baker reported that beer cans are once again being left in the lay by on Vicarage Farm Road and it was agreed that PCSO Skirrow will be asked to check the area.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC -

- i) Applications can now be made for Community Grants between £500 - £1000. The closing date for applications is Friday 26 August.
- ii) A representative for the Dover North Neighbourhood Forum needs to be nominated by the parishes in the relevant Wards. During discussion it was agreed that enquiries need to be made as to the role of the representative and what the consequences for the parishes would be if there is no candidate forthcoming.

KCC -

- i) Notice has been received of the 20mph and 40mph speed limits amendment no. 7 Order 2012 (Proposed changes in Langdon). The closing date for comments by the public is Monday 25 July.
- ii) Kent County Council Waste Management is developing a ‘Waste Disposal Strategy’, which presents the overall ‘Ambition’ for KCC as the Waste Disposal Authority up to 2035, as well as a series of priorities and supporting objectives to help reach the ambition. Consultation is open until 2 October 2016.
- iii) The Secretary of State for Defra has approved Natural England’s proposals to improve coastal access between Camber, East Sussex and Ramsgate, Kent. Following this approval, and on behalf of Natural England, Kent County Council and East Sussex County Council have completed the necessary works on the ground to make the route accessible to the public from 19 July. In doing so it has worked closely and in partnership with owners and occupiers.

KALC The next committee meeting will be held on 27 July at the Phoenix Centre, Sandwich.

KPFA – The newsletter has been received

PRS – Consultation on a proposed new tariff for the performance of copyright music was noted.

VICTIM SUPPORT Acknowledgement has been received of the recent donation of £100 by Langdon Parish Council.

KENT, SURREY, SUSSEX AIR AMBULANCE Acknowledgement has been received of the recent donation of £100 by Langdon Parish Council.

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT A letter from Kidderminster Foreign Parish council warned of the pitfalls of development that can take place under the General Permitted Development Order (GPDO) that had led to permission being given for a solar park of some four acres without reference to the parish council.

It was agreed that a meeting with DDC planners should be requested in order to understand their interpretation of the GPDO guidelines.

APPLAUSE AUTUMN PROGRAMME includes a special “menu” for young children. Opinion is being canvassed as to the feasibility of offering one of the productions to the children in the parish in place of a Christmas party.

KENT TRUST FOR YOUTH SPORT is a small charity that aims to help young people in the County participate in sport. The information will be passed to the Cricket Club

NHS – A copy of Connect has been received. (*Given to Cllr Shaw*)

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments

Chq no.

962	TW Services Ltd – repair to car park	£504.00
963	St Augustine’s Church – churchyard strimming	£ 50.00
964	Mr C Shaw – LPFA gate fittings	£ 61.67
	- printing supplies	£ 38.28
	- village green strimming reimbursement	£ 30.00

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Receipt

Bank interest £ 1.45

9. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV/16/00567

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

Location: Site at the former Piggery, Vicarage Farm Road, West Langdon CT15 5HG

Langdon Parish Council strongly objects to the application and comments:

1) The proposal is based on an existing poor quality farm yard building (piggery) which is currently used as an occasional dwelling place.

2) The proposal is of poor design and purely functional. It does not contribute to or reflect the traditional construction and use of materials found in the range of dwellings of the West Langdon hamlet. The fact that the site is currently hidden from view does not excuse a low standard of design.

3) The Certificate of Lawful Use granted in February 2016 applies to the existing Piggery building. The application includes a substantial increase beyond the existing building footprint and defined certificated use. The expansion constitutes an undesirable development outside the confines of the hamlet in an isolated rural location which adversely affects the appearance and character of the area.

4) There appears to be confusion over the interpretation of the term "Occasional" in the Certificate of Lawful Use and is challenged by the applicant's agent in the Planning Statement document (Ref. paragraph 3.3)

5) The parish council request that the local planning authority refuse this application. Should the authority be mindful to grant permission, the parish council requests that a maximum number of days per year are specified to define the occasional use of residency.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV/16/00302

Proposal: Change of use of land for the creation of a ménage

Location: Site at Martin Vale Farm, Station Road, Martin Mill, Dover, CT15 5JX

Permission granted

10. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's Report Hedge and verge cutting takes place later each year. The work has now been done but is of a poor standard with unsupported weeds left hanging into the carriageway. Potholes have been reported.

Playing Field Two barbecues have been held on the field. The first fell victim to inclement weather but £101 was raised on the second occasion. Cllr Minns commended the work of the committee. Safety checks have been carried out. A usage survey is underway to provide evidence of support in the event of a future grant application. There is a warranty issue with the hip-hop equipment. The insurance is due for renewal at a cost of £1338.10.

Village Hall A second quotation is still awaited for work on the roof. The waste paper collection bin has now been removed from the car-park.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Lantern opened for the sale of drinks at the weekend and will hopefully be fully open in three weeks.

Village green The mound left behind after the removal of the chestnut tree is to be flattened and reseeded.

Gravel Mr Taylor queried a pile of gravel that has appeared at the junction of The Street and Church Lane. Investigations will be carried out.

- 12. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 15 August 2016 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.28 pm.

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