

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
15 August 2016

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, Cllr B Price-Stephens, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, and three 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 and Community Warden L Kidd.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 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 progress continues with the repair to street lights and that he is now in possession of a complete manifest of street lighting for the area.
Resilience plan Cllr Minns will contact the individuals who have indicated the ability to offer assistance in the event of an emergency.
Dover North Forum Representative Cllr Keith Morrison from Ripple Parish Council has offered to act as representative.
Applause Autumn Programme Cllr Shaw advised that he has canvassed opinion on the programme from a number of families but with disappointing limited response. Following discussion, it was agreed that availability of a Saturday matinee performance will be investigated.
5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY**
Walking bus The clerk advised that PCSO Skirrow and/or Community Warden Lee Kidd will monitor the safety issues raised at the July meeting before the matter is reported to the school. Mr Hyde expressed concern about the increase in the number of parked cars in East Langdon and asked that the impact of these be taken into account during the monitoring process.
6. **REPORTS**
County Cllr S Manion reported that the 20mph project for East Langdon is progressing. KCC has produced a Transport Plan for 2016 – 2031 and urged everyone to participate in the consultation.
Community Warden Kidd reported that he had cleared the rubbish in the lay-by on Vicarage Farm Road. Defective lighting on Hollands Hill and other locations in Martin Mill have been reported.
KALC Committee Meeting Cllr Shaw reported on a useful meeting held at The Phoenix Centre, Sandwich, on 27 July 2016.
 - Dover Joint Transport Board has asked KCC to review a recommendation under Sensible Street Lighting that lights on Whitfield Hill and Ash by-

pass be removed.

- Councillors are recommended to take advantage of KALC's training programme in order to become better informed ahead of devolution.
- The role of PCSOs could change in the event of them being required for traffic or counter-terrorism duties.
- The ACRK Rural Housing Enabler, Tessa O'Sullivan, gave a talk on Rural Housing projects and the advice and support that she can give to parishes.
- The Transparency Code requires Parish Councils to have their own, dedicated, computer system. Grants are available for the purchase of equipment.

Following the report, there was discussion on the potential for once again exploring an Affordable Housing Scheme in East Langdon and it was agreed that Tessa O'Sullivan be invited to give a presentation at the October meeting.

7. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Expressions of interest were received from Mr Darren Jarvis and Ms Sandra Rawlinson-Wallis thus necessitating a vote. Four members had previously expressed a preference for a secret ballot under Standing Orders 8 which resulted in a majority decision in favour of Mr Jarvis who was duly co-opted.

8. PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

The following policies, having been previously circulated, were adopted: Freedom of Information, Data Protection, Complaints, Press, Recording of Council Meetings, Record Retention.

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer
Seconded: Cllr A Minns
Carried unanimously

It was agreed that the policies will be reviewed annually. It was also agreed that a note will be added to future agendas advising that notice is required should members of the public wish to record a meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

KALC The newsletter contained a letter from the chairman, Ray Evison, strongly urging smaller parishes to prepare for devolution and to look to work with neighbouring parishes.

UK POWER NETWORKS A new national 105 number will be introduced on 6 September for customers to call to report or get information about a power cut in their area.

KCC A Local Transport Plan, Delivering Growth Without Gridlock 2016- 2031 is now open for consultation with a closing date of October 30 2016.

CPRE –

- i) Fieldwork has been received (*Given to Cllr Jarvis*)
- ii) Countryside Voice has been received (*Given to Cllr Price-Stephens*)

10. FINANCE**Approval of payments****Chq no.**

965	St Augustine's Church – churchyard strimming	£ 50.00
966	Pete Vogel Tree Surgery – trees on village green	£150
967	Commercial Services Trading Ltd – playing field maintenance first half year	£810.54
968	Anthony Hyde – newsletter printing	£ 59.28

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Receipt

Bank interest £ 1.32

11. PLANNING

There were no items under this heading

12. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's Report Markings on Lucerne Lane have yet to be replaced following resurfacing works. Grass verges have been cut but only to a width of 900mm. Cllr Minns expressed concern about the proliferation of ragwort and it was agreed that the topic be raised at the next KALC committee meeting.

Playing Field Cllr Shaw reported issues with the emptying of rubbish bins between the weekly DDC collections. Committee members are requesting donations from visitors towards the upkeep of the facilities. It has been necessary to lock the car park gate on a number of occasions following disturbances late at night. The safety inspection of the play equipment is imminent.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Lantern The meeting was given an update on the current opening hours.

14. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 19 September 2016 in West Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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