

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
West Langdon Village Hall
19 September 2016

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr D Jarvis, Cllr A Minns, Cllr B Price-Stephens, Cllr J Watson, The Clerk, County Cllr S Manion, and six members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** Cllr Minns declared an interest in agenda item 8, Finance.
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 15 August 2016 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns
Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
Street lighting in Martin Mill Cllr Minns reported that the light at the station is now working but those at Hollands Hill and The Holt remain out of order.
Resilience plan Cllr Minns has contacted respondees.
Applause Autumn Programme Cllr Shaw advised that Saturday matinee puppet shows are available on either 28 November or 3 December.
Walking Bus It is hoped that a report will be available for the October meeting.
Affordable Housing Cllr Shaw reported that Tessa O'Sullivan will give a 20 minute presentation at the meeting on 17 October.
20 mph zone The zone is now in place at no cost to the parish council; the works have yet to be inspected. The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to County Cllr Manion for funding the works in their entirety.
5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY** There were no matters arising.
6. **REPORTS**
County Cllr S Manion reported that the County's Financial Plan is to be reviewed in October with the likelihood of a need for further savings. Negotiations are underway with the government regarding the management of asylum seeking children.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
DDC The Planning Enforcement Officer has advised that, since there is no progress with building works on the land at Roman Road, the caravan is not required and must be removed by 4 October 2016.
KENT & MEDWAY NHS SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP TRUST a large NHS organisation dealing with mental health throughout Kent and Medway, is offering a talk on the services available. It was agreed that a representative be invited to the November meeting.

CLERKS AND COUNCILS DIRECT The newsletter has been received.

SOUTHERN WATER A detailed study of national water resource availability has been undertaken looking ahead over a 50 year period. Droughts will be more frequent with the South East of England particularly at risk.

KCC –

i) Cllr Minns agreed to complete the annual tracker survey on the delivery of highways and transportation services in Kent.

ii) Cllr Shaw will attend the Parish and Town Council Seminar to be held on Friday 21 October at Spitfire Cricket Ground, Canterbury.

KALC A consultation on council tax referendum principles has been received. It was agreed that the relevant section of the document will form an agenda item at the October meeting in order that a response can be prepared.

CARBON SMART Notification has been received of funding available to parish councils to conduct renewable energy feasibility studies.

FOUR WINDS Concern has been expressed that falling branches and rubble from the bank is creating a narrowing of the lane. Mr Heaps will be asked to investigate.

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments

Chq no.

969	Clerk's salary and expenses – July – September	£597.53
970	Post Office – PAYE July - September	£146.40
971	St Augustine's church – graveyard strimming	£ 50
972	Mr A Minns – Resilience Meeting Maidstone mileage	£ 48.15

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr S Craft

Receipt

Bank interest £ 1.48

Quarterly financial statement The report was circulated and discussed

External Auditor Report The External Auditor's Report for the year ending 31 March 2016 has been received. There were no matters highlighted for attention. The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the clerk.

9. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV/16/01034

Proposal: Erection of a detached dwelling and creation of vehicular access

Location: Land adjacent to 36 Westside, East Langdon, CT15 5JG

Following consideration of the application, a vote was taken.

In favour: 3

Against: 4

The Council objects to the proposal and comments: The design of the building is incongruous within the setting of Westside. There continue to be concerns about access and on-street parking.

DOV/16/00968

Proposal: Erection of 10 dwellings (2 with car barns) creation of vehicular access, parking and associated landscaping

Location: Land at Westside, Westside, East Langdon CT15 5JG

Following a preliminary discussion of the proposal, it was agreed that details be circulated to parishioners in Westside and that a decision be deferred to an Extraordinary Meeting of the parish council on Wednesday 28 September.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**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

Permission refused

A letter from the applicant was read to the meeting and the contents noted.

10. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's Report A number of signposts are leaning but there is no indication from Kent Highways that they will be rectified. Resurfacing work is being undertaken. Cllr Craft expressed concern that traffic is eroding the village green due to overhanging hedges on two properties.

Playing Field Cllr Shaw reported a claim is threatened following an accident on the IXO climbing frame when a four year old boy broke his arm. The equipment is in good order and notices advise the age of children for whom it is suitable.

Village Hall An application has been made to Awards for All for a grant towards the cost of the repair of the roof and associated structural works.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Roman Road has now been resurfaced and is in excellent order.

12. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 17 October 2016 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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