

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Village Hall**  
**20 February 2017**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr D Jarvis, Cllr A Minns, Cllr B Price-Stephens, The Clerk, District Cllr K Morris and seven members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Watson (indisposed), County Cllr S Manion, District Cllr P Watkins and Community Warden L Kidd.
3. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2017 were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed: Cllr S Craft**  
**Seconded: Cllr A Minns**

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Resilience plan carried forward to the next meeting.

Proposed development at Westside The application will be considered by DDC Planning Committee on Thursday 23 February. Cllr Shaw reported that the planning officer has not been willing to discuss an S106 agreement. Following discussion, during which the meeting heard of the extreme difficulties being experienced by lorries delivering building materials to the site adjoining no. 36, it was agreed that Cllr Shaw will request to speak at the meeting with the aim of securing a site meeting.

Jazz Evening Ticket sales are going well.

Date of Annual Meeting The meeting is confirmed for Monday 24 April at 7.30pm to be preceded by a parish council meeting at 7.00pm.

Commonwealth Day Cllr Minns confirmed that arrangements are in place for the event on 13 March.

Gritting of Archer's Court Road Highways have responded that it is not possible to alter the agreed primary salting route during the course of this winter. They acknowledge that the route from Deal and Mongeham to Whitfield is a well-used "rat-run" and will be the subject of a route review.

Hedge cutting in West Langdon Velcourt have expressed regret that road users have experienced puncture problems following hedge cutting and will review the clearing procedure.

Land at Roman Road An enforcement notice will be served on the owners of the land following their failure to remove the caravan. It was noted that a bonfire is being built containing a quantity of plastic material that could prove a health hazard if set alight. Environmental Health will be informed.

5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY** There were no items under this heading.
6. **HISTORIC VILLAGE SIGNS** Following discussion at the meeting on 16 January, it was proposed that the four Historic Village Signs be upgraded at a cost of £200 per panel.

**Proposed: Cllr A Minns**

**Seconded: Cllr S Craft**

**Agreed unanimously**

7. **REPORTS**  
District Cllr Morris reported on the progress in the development of a Business Case looking at the feasibility of creating a single East Kent Council combining Dover, Thanet, Shepway and Canterbury with a saving of £6m. Following a series of individual meetings on 22 March there will be a period of community engagement before a vote to dissolve the District Councils is taken in July. A positive result would lead to the councils ceasing to exist in April 2019 prior to a new council being created in May 2019.  
KALC Committee Meeting Cllrs Shaw and Minns reported on the meeting held on 25 January at which there was a presentation on the Volunteer Warden Scheme.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
DDC – The Business Case for a new single council for East Kent was dealt with under item 7.  
KCC – The Great British Spring Clean will take place between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March. Litter kits will be available from DDC for groups wishing to organise a tidy up.  
KALC – Information has been received from the Plunkett Foundation on their Rural Communities Co-operatives Programme.  
PROW – Following formal consultation in November 2016 on Proposed Traffic Regulation orders in the Dover District, further details have been received.  
BBC2 – A new BBC2 show is looking for sentimental items to be restored in their repair shop. It was suggested that the historic sign at West Langdon be considered.  
GREENBARNES – A useful product guide for noticeboards and poster cases has been received.  
IDVERDE – Details of grounds maintenance services have been received.  
SOUTHERN WATER – An update on annual charges has been received.  
PARISH CLERK – The Parish Clerk has tendered her resignation with effect from 31 May 2017. Members reluctantly accepted her decision and arrangements will be made to advertise the post.

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

985	East Langdon Parish Hall – post office rent support	£260
986	Mr C Shaw – chairman’s allowance	£100
987	KALC – Fees for Planning Conference and Dynamic Councillor Workshop	£144
988	St Augustine’s Church – allotment boundary tidying and hedge trimming	£250

**Proposed: Cllr A Minns****Seconded: Cllr B Price-Stephens****Receipt**

Bank interest £ 0.23

**Grants** A grant of £250 was made to St Augustine’s church, East Langdon towards the cost of materials for the manufacture of pew cushions.**Proposed: Cllr S Craft****Seconded: Cllr B Price-Stephens****10. PLANNING**

There were no further items under this heading.

**11. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES****Lengthman’s Report** A scaffold mounted advertising banner at the corner of Station Road was reported to KHS and has been removed. There continues to be one street light out of commission.**Village Hall Committee** A letter has been received from the Big Lottery offering a grant of £9,450 towards the replacement of the hall roof which will enable the work to go ahead.**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS****Sutton Road sign** The sign at the crossroads at the top of Rose Hill has been damaged and it was suggested that the name be changed to Abbey Top as used by Google and utility companies.**Lantern Inn licensing application** The application has been withdrawn and will be resubmitted following consultation with the local community.**Quiz night** The next quiz night will be held on Saturday 8 April.**Affordable Rural Housing** Following a talk at the October parish council meeting, an article was placed in the November and December 2016 Parish Newsletters to gauge interest. No responses have been received therefore the council assumes there is no local interest at present.**Toad Patrol** The annual toad patrol is underway.

- 13. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 20 March 2017 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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