

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Village Hall
19 June 2017

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr D Jarvis, Cllr J Watson,
 The Clerk and five members of the public.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.
2. **APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Price-Stephens (family matters), District Cllr P Watson, County Cllr S Manion and Community Warden L Kidd.
3. **MINUTES**
 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2017 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns
Seconded: Cllr D Jarvis
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
Resilience Plan It was agreed that the plan will be signed off at the next meeting and summary sheets placed at strategic points in the parish. It was suggested that copies of the summary sheet be circulated in a newsletter.
Historic Village Signs There were no further developments to report.
Village Hall Roof Work on the roof has commenced. The Macintyre family has made a generous donation in memory of Pamela Macintyre and in recognition of the contribution that she made to the parish and to the village hall. There are now sufficient funds available without the need for a loan.
Speedwatch Cllr Shaw reported that Kent Police encourage communities to monitor the speed of vehicles with appropriate equipment and training. Offenders are referred to the police for “education” and repeated offences can lead to prosecution. Schemes have been carried out in River and Alkham. It was suggested that an item be included in a newsletter to gauge the level of potential volunteers. Cllr Minns recorded his objection to the adoption of such a scheme and highlighted the difficulties that could arise.
5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY**
 Overgrown verges continue to be a hazard especially to pedestrians and cyclists.
6. **REPORTS**
County Cllr Manion’s report focussed on the issue of low wages for those who deliver adult social services. KCC is looking to see how extra funding in the budget can be used to improve conditions for the workers and ensure that the money goes to them and not into the profits of the operators.
The Community Warden reported a very low level of crime in the area. This statement had been challenged by the clerk following the theft of a car from Barley Close.
KALC Neighbourhood Development Plan Workshop Cllr Shaw reported on the event that was attended by four members of the council. A separate meeting will

be arranged to deal with the information and assess the implications for Langdon. It was noted that Worth is the nearest parish with a Neighbourhood Plan.

Dover Joint Transportation Board Cllr Minns reported that County Cllr Manion is the current chairman of the board. There are no schemes in place at present that require finance from the Combined Members Fund

7. **APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARISH CLERK**

It was proposed and agreed unanimously that, following a formal interview process, Mr David Willett be appointed as Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer with effect from 1 July 2017.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

8. **TRAINING POLICY**

Following the circulation of a draft document, a number of edits were added and the updated version will be taken to the July meeting for adoption.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

DDC - As part of a Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, DDC is undertaking a Call for Sites during the period 12 June – 7 August 2017.

KCC – Following a period of formal consultation, Seasonal, Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders have now been issued for Byways including ER51 between its junction with Roman Road and Byway EE244

KALC – The Parish News has been received and circulated.

KPFA – The newsletter has been received

RBLI – On Tuesday 22 August 2017 an information and advice day to support older military veterans will be held at Walmer and Kingsdown Golf Club.

SOUTHERN WATER - Consultation is open for public comment on future plans.

SEAFARERS UK – Merchant Navy Day is celebrated on 3 September and is the focus of a nationwide campaign to raise public awareness of our ongoing reliance on seafarers and shipping. Flag raising ceremonies are encouraged and following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Minns will obtain quotations for the purchase of a Red Ensign.

STAGECOACH – Plans for changes to bus routes have been circulated for consultation but the lack of information contained therein and the short period of time allocated for responses has attracted criticism notably from the Joint Transportation Board. There does not seem to be any proposed change to services in Langdon.

10. **FINANCE**

Approval of payments

Chq no.

1009	Clerk's salary June 2017	£ 197.33
	Clerk's expenses (April – June 2017)	£ 58.09
	Clerk's broadband costs (April – June 2017)	£ 45.00
1010	Post office – PAYE	£ 49.20
1011	Mr L Robbins (Internal audit fees)	£ 75.00
1012	East Langdon Parish Hall	£6500.00

Proposed: Cllr A Minns
Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Receipts

Bank interest £ 0.32

Quarterly financial statement The quarterly financial statement was circulated and discussed. It was noted that the training budget is overspent and it was agreed that provision for the funding of further training during the year be considered at the July meeting.

Playground equipment

In 2014 an opportunity arose to apply for a major grant from Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant by local representative Tracy Evans. The Parish Council led the project, working in partnership with the playing field committee to develop challenging play facilities to encourage integration, fitness and well-being. A grant of £69,950 was awarded following endorsements from Dover District Council and KCC. The new equipment was opened on 9th April 2015. Ownership rests with the Parish Council although the equipment is managed by Langdon Playing Field Association. During discussion it was agreed that any ambiguity about ownership needs to be resolved and a proposal was put to the meeting that;

“Langdon Parish Council formally donate to Langdon Playing Field Association the equipment purchased from the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant.”

Proposed: Cllr J Watson

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Agreed unanimously

11. PLANNING
PLANNING APPLICATIONS
DOV/17/00305

Proposal: Erection of a detached flat roof building for use as a leisure centre (Use Class D2, 5,700sqm internal floor area), together with two external 5-aside football pitches, and associated parking, external lighting and landscaping (additional highways information) (re-advertisement)

Location: Land to the south of, Honeywood Parkway, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, CT16 3FH

The Council continues to support the proposal but comments:

- Langdon Parish Council has no further comment to make on the additional material received.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV/16/01091

PROPOSAL: Variation of condition 5 of planning permission DOV/15/00449 to allow double glazing (section 73 application)

LOCATION: Site at Eastside Farm, The Street, East Langdon CT15 5JF

Permission granted

DOV/17/00427**Proposal:** Insertion of window to ground and first floor side elevation**Location:** April Cottage, The Street, East Langdon CT15 5JF**Permission granted****12. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Lengthman's Report As previously reported under item 5, hedges and verges are overgrown and signs are obscured by greenery. The co-operation of residents in cleaning road signs will be requested in the next newsletter.

Playing Field A group from Dover Skills Studio visited the field during which time a teenage girl became stuck in a cradle swing and had to be cut out by the fire brigade. A new seat has been fitted and the Skills Studio has agreed to pay. Following on from an offer made by Mr Colin Smith at the Annual Parish Meeting, a donation box has been made. A barbecue is planned for Saturday 24 June to help with fund raising and a donation of £250 has been received from Keat Farm.

Village Hall Cllr Shaw reported that, as part of the upgrading of the hall, the ladies toilets have been repainted. The roof work has highlighted the need for tree topping at the rear of the hall. The AGM will be held on Monday 26 June.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

East Langdon Village Green A quotation of £140 has been received from Green Thumb to treat the village green in order to eradicate the weeds and improve the quality of the grass. During discussion there was strong feeling that a need has to be established before any such programme is considered and that additional quotations would be required. It was agreed that the idea be revisited at a future date.

Bank opposite Enifer Farm The bank has not been restored despite assurances from Velcourt that it would be done before the field was drilled and cultivated.

14. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 17 July 2017 in East Langdon village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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