

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
By Remote Conferencing
on Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw, Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr B Price-Stephens,
 Cllr S Craft, D Willett (clerk), KCC Cllr S Manion, DDC Cllr O Richardson,

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw Item 8 Finance: Zoom Subscription and Chairman Allowance

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr S Willett –Work; Cllr J Watson -Unwell

DDC Cllr M Bates - Previous meeting; KCC Community Warden Steve Nodding - Leave
 PCSO Tyler Harris - Previous engagement

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16th November were accepted as a true record and will signed by the chairman at a later date.

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer

Seconded: Cllr S Craft

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

West Langdon Village Green –No progress to report on registration process. The mowing of the green has been previously undertaken by Mr Jim Miller who now wishes to stand down. A letter of thanks for his long service will be sent on behalf of the Parish Council. Local West Langdon resident, Mark Meadows, has volunteered to take over the grass cutting. The parish council will cover the fuel costs and include Mr Meadows on the Council's volunteer register. Cllr S Craft will oversee the work and agree the grass areas to be cut.

East Langdon Village Pond and Highways Flooding – KCC Highways have identified the final position of the two soakaways on the NE edge of the green, away from the trees. An early start in 2021 is expected. The village pond has now refilled due to the recent heavy rainfalls.

Martin Mill Parking issues – No further update due to lockdown. A meeting with South-Eastern management still to be arranged in 2021.

Broadband Services in Langdon A Fibre Optic service has now been run through East Langdon to Mutley Plant Hire at Langdon Abbey. Cllr S Willett to report at next meeting.

Solton Manor – See item 9 Planning

The Lantern Inn, Martin – DDC still waiting for a planning application to be submitted.

Parish Council Website hosting – Revised site expected go live April, managed by Cantium Business solutions (KCC) in partnership with KALC funding support.

KCC Proposed site for an Inland Border Facility on the White Cliffs Business Park

A letter outlining the Parish Council's concerns has been sent to DFT and all other interested parties. Of immediate concern was the start of exploratory archaeological and survey works even though no planning application had been published or commencement of public consultation (expected for 14 days from 4th January 2021). This kind of fast-track development using a Special Development Order procedure is a serious risk to local democratic engagement.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Speedwatch -The non-compliance of local village speed limits is an on-going issue and the use of digital speed devices would assist in evidence-gathering. The parish council will consider the

practicalities of starting a speed-watch type project, its aims and management. Cllr A Minns will investigate the costs and functionality of various portable speed indicators so that the implications for the 2021 -22 budget can be assessed.

Street Lamps - Conversion to LED, repairs and updating to the street lighting in the Dover district appears to now be making progress. There are still 291 lamps not LED in the district. There is £150,000 in budget therefore in early 2021 a priority of lamps will be identified and work carried out. Cllr Minns will provide a report of lamp functionality in the parish to DDC.

British Horse Society – A supportive reply had been received from the British Horse Society in response to Cllr Minns open letter which raised safety concerns for road users, including horse riders, on our narrow lanes. The parish council will encourage all road users to share space with the many riders in the area. A newsletter article will be included in the next issue.

Waterworks Hill, West Langdon– A West Langdon resident had reported that the planting of a new hedgerow along the lane very close to edge of road would effectively narrow the road width, making it more difficult for passing vehicles. Clarification would be sought from Kent Highways as to the legal width of a roadside verge and the hedge planting.

6. REPORTS

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Manion: Reported that the KCC's finances are still in difficulties with uncertainties for expenditures on HGV parking controls, Brexit impacts, COVID-19 and unaccompanied migrant children in Kent's care.

Cllr O Richardson and Cllr M Bates

The issue of Port parking relating to Brexit, Cllr M Bates is working closely with Guston Parish Council who has set up a good dialogue with our Local MP and other affected partners.

Local Plan – First consultation in January announced. Reports from DDC enforcement still awaiting for The Lantern Inn and the mobile home at The Meadow site, East Langdon.

Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden – please email any issues to him.

Lengthman's Report – Pot holes still being reported. Some have been repaired. The edges of some road in parish are breaking up. Residents can report road issues on the KCC website.

East Langdon Parish Hall – An abandoned car had been reported to DDC and a notice of removal had been placed on the vehicle.

West Langdon Parish Hall – Nothing to report.

Langdon Playing Field – The annual inspection has been booked for early 2021. Cllrs Minns and Shaw to attend the inspection. The rubber seat on the zip wire has been damaged, possibly by chewing (fox or dog). A replacement will be ordered.

Local Plan Consultations –. See item 11.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Received

KCC Weekly Pothole/Patching Data

KCC Newsletter - COVID-19 Update

NALC CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN

NALC What will the future of play look like beyond COVID-19?

NHW Messages - Dover District crime reported

KALC November News

KALC KRF Press Release - End of EU transition contingency plans.

British Horse Society – Email correspondence previously circulate to Councillors

Greentech Proposed Solar Farm across the Guston-East Langdon boundary . An information letter had been received by some residents in Solton Lane, Guston Road and Mill Lane.

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 20-11/01

Chq No.		
1182	Zoom October Subscription payee C B Shaw	£ 14.39
1183	KCC EIS remote Computer Backup service	£ 64.80
1184	D Willett Clerk salary £520.00 and expenses £60.39	£580.39
1185	D Willett Clerk PAYE	£130.00
1186	Chairman's Annual Allowance	£100.00
1187	East Langdon Parish Hall Post Office support grant.	£260.00
1188	Langdon Playing Field Insurance annual grant	£1450.00

Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

Resolution carried

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest	1 st November -30th November 2020	£0.29
Donation Received from Mr P Pound – village green Christmas tree		£65.00

To receive the Quarterly Financial Statement October – December 2020

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Resolution carried

Budget Preparation for 2020-2021 – draft budget circulated.

It was agreed a separate meeting be held to discuss in detail before finalising

VAT Claim submitted but not received. Clerk to chase up

9. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATION

None received to date

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – received and considered between meetings

None received to date

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

CON/19/01060/E

Solton Manor Solton Lane East Langdon Dover Kent CT15 5JB

9 – New plant details 27-Nov-2020

Decision: Condition Approved

CON/19/01060/B

Solton Manor Solton Lane East Langdon Dover Kent CT15 5JB

6 - Parking 27-Nov-2020

Decision: Condition Approved

CON/19/01060/A

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5 - Travel Plan 27-Nov-2020

Decision: Condition Approved

The Noise Control report and its consideration is still awaited.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

ENF/20/00104

Planning Enforcement Complaint - Development adjacent to The Meadow

Waiting report from DDC enforcement with reference to the mobile home “Midgard, Guston Road”.

THE LANTERN INN – MARTIN -

Reported under **Item 4 Matters Arising**.

10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr S Willett working on correspondence to highlight our requirements for funding bid.

11 DDC DRAFT DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

DDC announced the first public consultation in January 20th 2021 and residents are encouraged to participate. The parish council plans to gather comments from residents by on-line Zoom discussions before making a formal response to DDC.

12. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

Nothing to report.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Carols on the Green. Wednesday 16th December for the communal carols event on East Langdon Green starting at 6.30pm, observing Covid19 compliance. The Christmas tree has been put up and lights to be turned on.

Toad report received from Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group.

KALC AGM - Litter tracking data from local take-aways was discussed for monitoring purposes
Defibrillator Equipment – A reduced pricing offer to parish councils to purchase Defib units had been received. A proposal to purchase one for siting at East Langdon Parish Hall was agreed in principle. Cllr Shaw will discuss with the hall committee for their approval.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next parish council meeting will be held by Zoom meeting commencing at 7.30 pm on **Monday 18th January 2021**. The public are welcome to attend; please contact the Clerk for details joining details or visit the parish council website.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed..... Date.....