

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
East Langdon Parish Hall
December 16th 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr S Craft, Cllr S Willett, Clerk (D Willett), DDC Cllr M Bates and 8 members of the public.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr A Minns – Item 8 Finances: Travelling Expenses
 Cllr C Shaw - Item 8 Finances: Cheque for equipment

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr J Watson – work
 Cllr B Price-Stephens -personal commitments
 KCC Cllr S Manion - meeting
 DDC Cllr O Richardson – DDC climate change meeting

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th November 2019 were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Solton Manor – See item 10. Planning and attached response to DDC Planning Department.

East Langdon and West Langdon village greens The maintenance arrangement of East Langdon Green will be reviewed in the Spring 2020.

West Langdon village green registration: evidence gathering continues.

East Langdon Village Pond –A meeting with a KCC Highways drainage engineer has been scheduled for Monday 13th January to discuss the flooding issues at the green.

Martin Mill Parking issues - Ongoing correspondence between Cllr Minns and southeastern. Several Martin Mill residents have emailed the parish council to express their frustration.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

KCC to paint 20mph roundels on the East Langdon approaches to the village.

6. REPORTS

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Manion: No report

Cllr O Richardson No report

Cllr M Bates introduced himself as our recently-elected DDC Ward Councillor. He had nothing to report as yet having just been elected but stressed his readiness to represent Langdon at DDC.

Other External Agencies -None

Parish Risk Reports – No new reports

7. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC Weekly Pothole Update
 Local Road closures
 Brexit Update

	Rural Crime Report
	Monthly bus services report for October 2019
DDC	Outstanding DPI Forms – Rebecca Brough
KALC	Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) Parish Partner Pack
	KALC Autumn Events 2019
	KALC NEWS November 2019
	SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR 2020-2021
	NATIONAL CSSC Green Message - UK National Protect Bulletin
	M20 Smart Motorways Update Week Commencing 09 December
NALC	Newsletter
	Chief executive's bulletin
NHW	Crime reports
POWER FOR PEOPLE	Request to support the Local Electricity Bill

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 19-12/01

Chq No.

1134	C Shaw Litter picking equipment	£ 15.98
1135	Parochial Church Council of E Langdon grass cutting	£ 120.00
1136	A Minns Travel expenses KALC AGM	£ 43.20
1137	Commercial Services Grounds Maintenance	£ 1113.95
1138	David Willett Clerk Salary, Broadband, Expenses	£ 609.09
1139	PAYE	£ 126.80
1140	A Hyde Newsletter printing	£ 48.00

Receipts Proposed: Cllr J Dyer

Seconded: Cllr S Willett

Resolution carried

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest	£ 4.59
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Budget proposals for 2020/2021 A draft budget had circulated for comments.

Resolution 19-12/02: That a budget of £18,200 be set for the financial year 2020-2021.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Resolution carried unanimously

A financial report showing the current budget variances will be circulated to Councillors before the next meeting and DCC will release the draft 2020/21 tax base figures in readiness for parishes to set the precept at the January parish council meetings.

Section 137 Expenditure Limit 2020-2021: The national figure of £8.32 per elector gives Langdon Parish with an electorate of 492, an upper limit of £4093 within the 2020-21 Budget.

Playing Field Grounds Maintenance – A quote from Commercial Services Trading Ltd for the grass maintenance at the playing field for 2020 had been received. Cllr C Shaw had compared the new quote of £2468.84 +VAT against last year's quotes from other contractors but Commercial Services still remained £300 lower.

Resolution 19-12/03: That the Commercial Services Trading Ltd annual quote of £2468.84 +VAT for works at the playing field be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr S Willett

Resolution carried unanimously

KCC – Parish Councils Web Hosting Services

The web hosting service which has been paid centrally by KCC is to end in April 2020. KCC has announced a new chargeable service which will ensure parish council websites conform to the The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 which comes into effect on 23rd September 2020. A quote from KCC Cantium Business Solutions indicates £995 per annum for the 1st year, dropping to £675 per annum for following years. Other quotes will be invited but as a contingency the new budget heading of Website Redesign and Hosting has been added with an allocation of £1000.

9. COUNCILLOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

No changes.

10. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV 19/01060

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Change of use to a wedding venue, replacement windows to barn and creation of additional parking (part retrospective)

Location: Solton Manor, Solton Lane, East Langdon, Dover

Comments. The Parish Council strongly objects to the application in its current form and recommends refusal. DDC should enforce the immediate cessation of ongoing unapproved uses at Solton Manor. The use of the property, as proposed in the application and business plan, has been ongoing albeit unapproved - for many years, but has recently been increasing in intensity to the frustration of the immediate neighbours and wider community. A decision on the change-of-use and associated works at Solton Manor can only be reached with the diligent review of the appropriate drawings, documents and reports - many of which are absent from this application despite being statutory requirements, and some which are locally important to this site and these proposals.

Received between meetings

Planning Application consultation on 19/01199

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Erection of a front porch extension

Location: The Old Stable, The Street, East Langdon. CT15 5JF

Comments: No objections. The works would enhance the existing building.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

None received.

DOV 19/01012

Proposal: Change of use of land from keeping of horses to residential garden land and the erection of detached annex (existing outbuilding to be demolished)

Location: Rainbows End, Wheatsheaf Lane, Martin, CT15 5LN

Status: Withdrawn

PLANNING INSPECTORATE

APP/X2220/C/18/3214670: Land on East Side of Roman Road, West Langdon

Decision: The appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld.

The requirements of the notice are:

1. Cease using the land for storage purposes and stationing of a caravan
2. Remove the caravan, demolish the steps and remove all paraphernalia including waste, rubbish and materials from the land.
3. Disconnect all services from the caravan and remove all associated connecting apparatus from the land.
4. Return the condition of the land to its former appearance and regrade with top soil followed by reseedling with grass.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Land at Rainbow End, Martin (LAN/17/00060 refers)

Re-planting of the hedge line adjacent to ER44 footpath between East Langdon and Martin.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Nothing to report.

11. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's Report.

Dover District Council will be taking over maintenance of their street lighting and converting to LED systems for cost savings.

East Langdon Parish Hall A £1000 grant application has been submitted to the National Lottery 25 years celebration communities project fund for new seating.

Langdon Playing Field

Nothing to report

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Orange Circus Band – a very enjoyable music evening on 23rd November.

Carols on the Green 18th December 6.30pm. Offers of two donations will enable a Christmas tree at the green to be purchased.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary parish council meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 20th January 2020 in East Langdon Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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