

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
East Langdon Parish Hall
June 17th 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr A Minns, Cllr S Willett, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr B Price-Stephenson, Cllr J Watson (co-opted), Clerk (D Willett), and 3 members of the public.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw: Item 11 Finance – expenditure claim.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr S Craft – Traffic Delay; Cllr S Manion- KCC meeting, Cllr O Richardson DDC meeting

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 5th May 2019 were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Proposed: Cllr S Willett

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

4. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

One application for the parish councillor vacancy had been received from Jane Watson.

Resolution 19-06/01: proposal that Jane Watson be co-opted as parish councillor.

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephenson

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

Resolution carried unanimously.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was completed by Cllr J Watson.

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration forms to be completed by all parish councillors and returned to DDC via the clerk.

6. COUNCILLOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Councillors will be encouraged to take on watching briefs for various community topics that they feel they are best suited to undertake. A list will be circulated ready for discussion at the next meeting and responsibilities assigned.

The KALC Dover Area Committee nominated members have been agreed as Cllr A Minns and Cllr C Shaw plus other councillors able to attend selected meetings.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ending of WW1 - centenary events memorial on the green. - The sundial will be shipped during week of 17th June and onward to the stone masons for fitting to the memorial top. Installation will in the near future and Cllr Shaw will co-ordinate the works and alignment of the sundial. A date for a public dedication ceremony is yet to be finalised.

Planning enforcement - 22 Westside East Langdon. DDC Planning is aware of the front porch construction but have decided not to take any further action.

Westside, East Langdon - Hedge and tree trimming discussion. The clerk will contact Velcourt Farms who manage the land to discuss possible tree and hedge management.

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Overgrown verges are still of concern. Cllr A Minns has again written to KCC outlining our concerns and is awaiting a response. The issue of cars speeding through the lanes has heightened due to the overgrown hedges. People walking the lanes and children going to school are at greater risk, often obscured by hedge growth and sometimes forced into the untrimmed stinging nettles and brambles to avoid passing cars.

9. REPORTS

County and District Councillors

No reports received

Other External Agencies

Community Warden Services for St Margaret's and Langdon parishes. Lee Kidd (area team leader) reported that a recently-recruited community warden will be allocated to our area in early July after training.

Area PCSO visibility - PCSO Oliver Parker explained that due to lack of team manpower and priority service responses he has been unable to attend parish meetings.

Joint Dover Transportation Board

Cllr A Minns reported on scheduled road closures on the A258, due to start 12/9/2019.

Each of the two projects will last over 2 days. In light of the major traffic hold-ups at the A258 works in Upper Walmer, the July and September works will be completed at night to reduce traffic delays and motorists using rat-run routes through the local villages. Future works are published at www.roadworks.org.

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10. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC	Weekly Pothole Update
	May bus monthly updates
	Local Road closures
DDC	Community-led Housing and Self Build – Conference 2019 18 th June
KALC	KALC TRAINING EVENTS 2019
	Communication and Social Media Conference - 22ND JUNE 2019
	NALC / LGRC Local Council EXPO
	Dover Area Committee - AGM and Ordinary Meeting Agendas
	Invitation to NHS workshop on hospital changes in east Kent
	COUNCILLORS CONFERENCE JULY 2019
	KALC WEBSITE SURVEY
	KEITH GOWLAND - PEN PICTURE
	DOVER AREA COMMITTEE - 26TH JUNE 2019
NALC	Newsletter
	Chief executive's bulletin May
	NALC Spring Conference 2019
NHW	Dover District Crime report
RURAL KENT	Online Newsletter

11. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 19-06/02

Chq No.

1108	Rural Kent Annual subscription	£ 52.00
1109	Anthony Hyde Newsletter	£ 48.00
1110	David Willett Clerks Salary £520.00, Broadband £45.00 and Expenses £39.22	£ 604.22

1111	HMRC Clerk PAYE	£ 130.00
1112	C B Shaw Sun Dial for Memorial - Final payment	£ 450.00
1113	Commercial Services- Playing Field grass cutting	£ 577.60

Receipts Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephenson
Seconded: Cllr A Minns
Resolution approved unanimously

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest £ 5.37

Quarterly Financial Statement - Circulated to councillors and accepted.

Internal Auditor Update – Lionel Robbins had conducted the internal audit on 13th June for the year ending 31st March 2019 and issued a satisfactory internal audit report.

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2018/19 – In the year of account ended 31 March 2019, the parish council gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000. A Certificate of Exemption was completed to notify the external auditor of exemption from a limited assurance review.

12. REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES

Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors – previously circulated to councillors.

Resolution 06-19/03: That the Code of Conduct as circulated be approved un-amended.

Proposed: Cllr J Watson
Seconded: Cllr B Price- Stephenson
Resolution approved unanimously

13 PLANNING PLANNING APPLICATIONS DOV 19/00621

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Erection of single storey front extension, porch, insertion of 3 no. roof lights to front roof slope and dormer window to rear roof slope to facilitate a loft conversion, alterations to windows and doors

Location: 6 Martin Dale Crescent, Martin Mill, CT15 5JU

Decision: No objection

Comments: Positive enhancement to existing layout and amenity.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL DOV 19/00407

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Erection of two storey front extension, removal of existing chimney (existing front dormer window to be reduced in size with new pitched roof.)

Location: White Gables Waterworks Lane Martin CT15 5JN

Decision: Permission Granted

14 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's Report. Issues raised under Item 9 Health and Safety.

Parish Hall A quote has been received for refurbishing the floor at a cost of £2700. A craft fair organised by Olive O'Dell on June 15th raised £100 for the hall funds.

Playing Field An accident occurred on May 25th when a boy of 9 years fell from the zip wire and broke his arm. An accident report has been filed and the insurers notified.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Finglesham Fields development proposal – a leaked submission to the DDC Local Plan review for a proposed major development of 3750 homes has galvanised the residents in the Northbourne-Eastry area to form an opposition campaign.

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of VE Day – 8 May, 2020. General discussion with view to formulating plans at a later date.

Langdon Newsletter – call for articles June issue

Martin Mill Station Car Parking issues – No further discussions with southeastern forthcoming. Another request for a local meeting to be sent.

White lines outside Martin Mill Bungalow – require re-painting. Responsibility now seems to with Dover District Council.

Solton Manor – DDC Planning and district councillors to be asked for updates on planning application status. It appears that the new owners are marketing the listed site as a wedding and hospitality venue as did the previous owners without the necessary planning consents.

16. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary parish council meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 15th July 2019 in East Langdon Parish Hall,

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed.....

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