

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Parish Hall**  
**February 18th 2019**

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr D Jarvis, Cllr J Watson, Cllr S Manion  
 Clerk (D Willett), and 6 members of the public.

**1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr C Shaw, Expenses claim Item 9. Finance  
 Cllr A Minns, Expenses claim Item 9. Finance

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cllr B Stephens-Price – personal  
 Cllr S Craft - Holiday

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2019 were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

**Proposed: Cllr D Jarvis**  
**Seconded: Cllr J Dyer**

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**World War One Events**

Sourcing of the sundial cap still being investigated.

**Martin Mill Station Parking**

Cllr Shaw spoke to George Patterson (southeastern railway Stakeholder Engagement Manager) who will suggest dates for meeting with Langdon and other local parish council representatives but there will be a major review of railway organisation, including the structure of franchises which may affect future discussions.

**Westside School Approach Lane**

Residents have expressed their gratitude for resolving the disputed hedge management.

**Crime Reports**

Cllr C Shaw has spoken to Lee Kidd (Community Warden) to establish contact and to ask to be kept informed of any relevant information to the parish. A contact number is in the newsletter.

**Road Safety in East Langdon**

Awaiting reports of follow-up investigations.

**Annual Parish Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Possible guest Speaker Mark Harrison Historic England. Cllr A Minns to liaise by email.

**5. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**Archers Court Road Traffic Incident 21/01/19:** Cllr A Minns has raised the traffic management problems following the incident. A lack of local knowledge by the police attending the scene led to traffic delays and re-routing along narrow rural lanes. A newsletter articles will be written advising drivers to take extra care when driving through our narrow lanes.

**6. REPORTS**

**County and District Councillor Cllr S Manion:**

The KCC Budget for 2019-2020 will mean a 2.99% increase in Band C council tax, plus 2% adult social care levy. KCC has conducted a consultation and review of county services. Some

services have been reduced rather than stop them; eg. library opening hours reduced in some areas and extended where demand is higher. Discretionary support funding is protected; Members community project funds have been reduced. KCC plans to offset its consumption of paper products by joining in a rainforest replanting scheme. Cllr Manion will investigate the apparent lack of coordination between Highways England and KCC Highways during recent M20 and A20 Ashford area overnight roadworks when long delays had occurred.

### **Other Agencies**

**KALC Dover Area Meeting-** (attended by Cllrs. Minns and Shaw). A speaker from Carers Support described the support available to carers who look after a relative or friend. School children caring for a parent are often under great stress in managing a family home and coping with school life. Information leaflets are in the parish hall. A motion for 20 mph speed limits being extended was passed at the annual KALC conference. More information was sought on the planned Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) provision linking Whitfield, Guston and Dover as outlined in the Whitfield Urban Expansion and Burgoyne Heights Guston housing schemes.

**Charity Law Workshop** (attended by Cllr Minns). Local organisations should review their procedures and meetings to comply with the Charities Acts.

**Heritage Watch** (attended by Cllr Minns). Possible initiative to include Langdon Parish in raising awareness of heritage sites (listed buildings, antiquities and local features) which could be stolen or damaged. The Country Eye project and supporting phone app is a useful tool.

**KALC Area Chairmen's Workshop** (attended by Cllr Minns). Useful forum for parish council issues and advice. Several councils reported issues of members not regularly attending meetings and thereby unable to effectively represent the community in local matters. It was suggested that all councils keep a formal attendance register for accountability to the local electorate.

**GDPR KALC Legal Briefing** (attended by Cllr Minns). Useful data protection information given by insurance company Came & Company; parish councils advised to review data handling policy including use of non-personal emails when corresponding on parish council business.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

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| <b>KCC</b>  | Monthly Crime Support Unit report figures - St Margaret's at Cliffe Ward<br>January 2019 monthly bus updates<br>Operational Impact Warning – UPDATE<br>Have your say on NHS urgent treatment centres in east Kent<br>Repair and improvement programme for Kent's footpaths<br>KCC introduces new bus feedback scheme<br>Weekly Pothole Update                |
| <b>DDC</b>  | Dover District Tourism & Visitor Strategy: Stakeholder Workshop Invite<br>RE: Green Infrastructure Strategy - Parish/Town Council Survey   |
| <b>KALC</b> | KALC TRAINING EVENT -safeguarding<br>NATIONAL CSSC Green Message - NCTPHQ Bulletin 23 January 2019<br>Ethical Standards in local government<br>SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM<br>NHS South Kent Coast CCG - first Engagement meeting Wednesday 13 February,<br>2pm-4pm<br>KALC - Save the date...Planning Conference, March 2019<br>KALC TRAINING EVENTS 2019 |
| <b>NALC</b> | Newsletter<br>Chief executive's bulletin<br>NALC Spring Conference 2019  |

**NHW** Dover District Crime reports

**CPRE** TAKE PART: Star Count 2019

Winter, women and wellbeing in the countryside

**Patricia Chambers-hall** Langdon resident thanks for hedge clearance, West Side.

**Lindsay** (Langdon Resident): email to Langdon Parish Council ref. paddock at Wheatsheaf Lane, Martin, Kent, CT15 5LN and new stables.

**Local Elections Polling May 2<sup>nd</sup>** DDC information evening 4<sup>th</sup> March

**8. East Langdon Parish Hall Ceiling Project:**

Final grant received from Kent County Council. Project completed.

**9. FINANCE**

**Approval of Payments: Resolution 19-02/01**

**Chq No.**

<b>1092</b>	Cleverley & Spencer War Memorial Deposit	£2474.64
<b>1093</b>	East Langdon Parish Hall PO rent support grant	£ 260.00
<b>1094</b>	Mr C Shaw - Chairman's Allowance	£ 100.00
<b>1095</b>	Mr A Minns – Travel Expenses 23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 6 <sup>th</sup> February	£ 52.20

**Receipts**

NatWest Bank Interest £ 4.38

**Proposed: Cllr J Dyer**

**Seconded: Cllr J Watson**

**Resolution approved unanimously**

Late payment request received from PKF Littlejohn for Audit. The cost to be recovered from DDC due to early payment of precept by DDC.

**Playing Field Grass Cutting Contract Renewal.**

**Proposal:** to consider the 3 quotes received in response to the tender for annual grass and strimming services at Langdon Playing Field.

Landscape Services KCC £ 2,406 + VAT

Box Green Horticulture £ 2,560 + VAT

Countrywide Grounds Maintenance £ 2,600 + VAT

**Resolution 19-02/02:** To accept the quotation from Landscape Services for grass and strimming works at Langdon Playing Field for 2019 at a cost of £2406 + VAT.

**Proposed: Cllr J Dyer**

**Seconded: Cllr A Minns**

**Resolution approved unanimously**

**Grants to local organisations.**

No applications had been received by the clerk.

**10. PLANNING**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received to date.

## **DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

None received to date.

### **11. COMMONWEALTH DAY 2019 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Langdon parish will celebrate this annual public event at 9.45am on East Langdon Village Green by “Raising The Flag”. Langdon Primary School will be invited to join the event by year 6 pupils reading the Affirmation and hoisting the flag. Cllr Minns will register Langdon’s participation in the international event and a newsletter article will be included to invite parishioners to come along.

### **12. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

Lengthman’s Report. The street light at the Holt is still out. This street light does not feature on the KCC “Report a Problem” website map. Pot holes on Guston Road have now been filled.

Langdon Playing Field. Nothing to report.

East Langdon Parish Hall. Estimates for decorating the kitchen are being sought. A new Step Aerobics class has started on Tuesday afternoons from 2-3pm.

### **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Parish Newsletter request for articles by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

A reminder to be sent to Cllr S Manion that KCC Highways are due to re-paint white lines at Millstone Bungalow, Martin Mill.

Using the DDC website to report Fly Tipping has become more difficult. Using the Country Eye phone app software which has direct GIS links may be a better alternative.

### **14. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 18th March 2019 in East Langdon Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

