

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
By Remote Conferencing
on Monday 18th May at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr A Minns, Cllr S Craft, Cllr S Willett, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr B Price-Stephens, Cllr J Watson, D Willett Clerk
 KCC Cllr S Manion, DDC Cllr M Bates, DDC Cllr O Richardson. No members of the public.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr S Willett – Item Planning 10
 Cllr C Shaw – Item Finance 9

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

None

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

Following government advice on the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and under new legislation which came into force on 4 April 2020, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council has been postponed. Under Regulation 4 of the new legislation, existing parish council appointments continue. Therefore the current 2019/20 Council structure will remain until an annual meeting of the Council is held (possibly next year). An annex to the Standing Orders will be added to record the above arrangement and brought to the June meeting for agreement.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20th April 2020 were accepted as a true record and will be signed by the chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Barbara Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Solton Manor – awaiting DDC planning process. Due to the number of public comments against the application, it is expected that the application will be considered at a full planning committee session. A gathering of 10 guests had been reported at the premises, contrary to Government Covid-19 directives. DDC Planning had been notified.

West Langdon Village Green - Cllr C Shaw met with residents at the village green to discuss grass cutting arrangements, future management ideas and progress on registering the other green area at The Fostall. Several local residents have traditionally mowed the grass areas over many years but some newer residents are interested in allowing an unmanaged wild grass area to develop. The future use of the grass area in front of the old chapel also mentioned since the building has recently been sold. The application process to register the eastern section of the green as Village Green is on-going but more evidence of use is required. The Open Spaces Society have been approached by Cllr C Shaw to give guidance and Cllr S Manion offered to discuss the application with KCC. Commons and Village Green Team.

East Langdon Green – being mowed by a local contractor at present.

East Langdon Village Pond and Highways Flooding – At a recent site meeting of a KCC Highways team it was decided that the first action will be to clear the rainwater sump and gullet leading into the pond. The possibility of removing the silt from the pond was also discussed.

Martin Mill Parking issues – No follow-up correspondence had been received from southeastern rail. Very little commuter parking occurs in the roads due to current Covid-19

travel restrictions.

Dog Fouling in Wheatsheafe Lane and Langdon Cricket Field It was observed that dog fouling had reduced in the East Langdon Cricket Club area. DDC Dog Warden team will visit the sites to observe the situation, including Martin. DDC has powers to enforce dog control measures even on private areas like the cricket ground if used by the public. Dog owners can use the DDC waste bin by the bus stop in Martin Mill to dispose of dog waste. Dog fouling is accumulation on the public footpath area at Hollands Hill. This may be a potential site for a new dog waste bin.

Fortnightly parishes conference call with Chief Executive of DDC

Langdon PC has regularly joined other councils in the on-line conference information sessions with DDC. Now that DDC's Covid-19 Community Hub and support is established, the on-line sessions will stop and all updates will appear on the DDC website.

Development at The Meadow, East Langdon – see item 10 Planning

6. HEALTH AND SAFETY

More non-local visitors (walkers and cyclists) have been seen passing through the parish even though Covid-19 restrictions are in place.

The 20mph speed limits are sometimes ignored by speeding cyclists. An effort is being made to identify the persistent motorists who still ignore the local speed limits.

7. REPORTS

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Manion : Kent County Council have been focused on Covid 19 and associated measures with estimated costs of £118million but have only received £60 million from the Government. This is creating Finance problems and some county and local authorities face the possibility of bankruptcy although KCC had the financial situation under control.

Cllr M Bates: Many DDC officers working from home. Planning Department will hold future planning meetings on-line using Microsoft Teams which will allow members of the public to follow the proceedings. The new Local Plan is still on track although draft plan consultations are likely to be delayed until late 2020. The final plan completion date is still set for 2022.

The regular Refuse Collections are still in place and working well. The KCC recycling centres are now open, but people must book time slots. The system is being administered by Medway Council.

Dover District Council has paid out £28.000 in Covid Community Support grants but there is still £38.000 to be allocated.

East Kent Housing stock and management will return to Dover District Council in September. Capital projects will again be starting soon; Tides Sports complex in Deal has been delayed but not cancelled.

The street light opposite “Maru” in Martin will be renewed but no funding is available

Cllr O Richardson: The Covid-19 measures were costing DDC £1.1M per month at present.

Lengthman's Report.

Report that the road edges are breaking up, and become potentially-dangerous hazards for cyclists and motor bike owners. Resident are asked to report highways faults on the KCC website..

East Langdon Parish Hall

The hall remains closed until further notice except for the Post Office services.

West Langdon Parish Hall - Nothing to report.

Langdon Playing Field

The field areas are open but all play equipment remains closed and the car park locked.

Parish Risk Reports - No new reports

Local Plan Consultations – Current progress and information can be found by searching New District Local Plan at www.dover.gov.uk. The parish council will post the draft plan for Langdon on the parish website for residents to view and make initial comments ahead of the DDC first consultation period.

Dover District Council are opening car parks on Friday 22nd May and collecting fees to stop people travelling from London to the coast.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Covid19 advice notices – also available at www.dover.gov.uk.

KE0155- 2019/20 AGAR PKF Littlejohn instructions for external audit and revised timetable for Annual Governance Compliance and Public Right to view parish council finances.

Zurich Insurance Renewal Invitation.

9. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 20-05/01

Chq No.

1158	C B Shaw – Zoom conferencing monthly subscription	£ 14.39
1159	Zurich Insurance Annual Premium	£231.44
1160	Trevor Aku Grass cutting East Langdon Village green	£ 30.00

Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Resolution carried

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest 1st April 2020 -1st May 2020 £ 4.98

Precept 2020 -2021

The precept payment has been received into Business Account £15,104.59

Resolution 20-05/02 To continue the Zoom Conferencing monthly subscription

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Unanimous carried

Resolution 20-05/03

To make a grant allocation of £100 under section 137 funding to The British Red Cross local division for Covid-19 community support.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Unanimous carried

Resolution 20-05/04

To make a grant allocation of £100 under section 137 funding to the Citizen's Advice Bureau Dover and Deal branch for Covid-19.

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

Unanimous carried

Resolution 20-05/05**To join The Open Spaces Society with an annual parish council membership of £45.00****Proposed:** Cllr C Shaw**Seconded:** Cllr A Minns**Unanimous carried****Resolution 20-05/06****To renew the Zurich Municipal Parish Council Insurance Policy for 2020-21 with an annual fee of £231.44.****Proposed:** Cllr B Price-Stephens**Seconded:** Cllr J Watson**Unanimous carried****Appointment of Internal Auditor**

Lionel Robbins has been contacted and is available for the internal audit. A date will be confirmed in June after the Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGAR) declarations have been completed.

**10. PLANNING
PLANNING APPLICATIONS****DOV 20/00430****Town and Country Planning Act (As amended)****Proposal:** Erection of two storey and single storey side extensions, front porch, double car-barn/store and alterations to driveway (existing garage and front porch to be demolished)**Location:** Mill House Station Road Martin Mill CT15 5JX**Objections:** None**Parish Council's comments:** a positive improvement to update and modernise this family home.**DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL****DOV 20/00174****Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)****Proposal:** Erection of an outbuilding for ancillary use**Location:** Eastside Farm, The Barn, The Street, East Langdon, CT15 5JF**Decision:** Approved**PLANNING ENFORCEMENT****Planning Enforcement Complaint ENF/20/00104**

Letter from DDC outlining response to information supplied ref: The Meadow

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr S Willett reported no recent progress. Trying to arrange date for online meeting with Ripple and Guston

12. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

No updates. Many scam reports available on the KCC and DDC websites.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VE 75 Celebrations: Flags were raised around the parish and bunting on the village greens.

VJ 75 Celebrations 15th August: Likely to be as for VE Day if Covid-19 restrictions continue.

NextDoor Community Forum: Enquiry about improving local Broadband speeds. A request from person regarding Broadband speeds. Cllr M Bates said the person to contact is George Chandler at KCC for information and improvement plans. The clerk to make contact.

14. NEXT MEETING

Under the Government's Covid public health measures the next parish council meeting will be conducted on-line held at commencing 7.30 pm on Monday 15th June 2020. The public are welcome to join the Zoom virtual meeting. Please contact the Clerk for details.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed.....

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