

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
East Langdon Parish Hall
August 19th 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, Clerk (D Willett), KCC Dover Cllr S Manion, Cllr O Richardson and 5 members of the public.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw: Item 8 Finance – expenditure claim.

Item 11 Planning – application

Cllr O Richardson – Item 11 Planning.

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr S Craft (no apology received)

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 15th July 2019 were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr B Price-Stephenson

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

War Memorial on the Green – at the dedication service on 28th July approximately 30 people attended including parishioners, guests and family members of those whose names were on memorial. After an introductory welcome by Chairman Cllr Chris Shaw, the Reverend Diana Fawcett conducted the dedication service. On behalf of the parish council the Chairman thanked the local organisations and individuals who made donation to the memorial fund.

Westside, East Langdon - Hedge and tree trimming. The parish council agreed to write to the land owner Mr Fuller supporting the residents.

Solton Manor – COH/18/00363 Solton Manor. No update has been received on the status of the above application and no fresh applications on behalf of the new owners have been seen. The point was raised regarding activities requiring licences, namely alcohol sales and marriage ceremonies. Cllrs Richardson and Manion will investigate and report back.

East Langdon and West Langdon village green status - East Langdon village green is in the ownership of KCC highways but has not been involved in its maintenance for a long time. Local volunteers have maintained and cut grass in the past with the knowledge and support of the parish council. Recently the issue of public liability cover for volunteers has been raised and could be covered by the parish council's policy. However the parish council is not the owner and therefore cannot legally give permission for works on the green. A request has been sent to KCC to open a discussion about the legal status of the green, what maintenance might be expected and authorisation for volunteers to improve the green's appearance

The western half of West Langdon green has village green status and is registered to the Parish Council. The remaining area has protected open space status. The parish council is keen ensure that these open communal spaces remain for the benefit of the inhabitants.

East Langdon Village Pond – Several parishioners had raised concern about the low water level and health of the pond area. Although the pond area is the collective responsibility of Church Farm Mews residents, it is used by KCC Highways as a surface water run-off with a silt trap. A request to KCC by the residents to get the silt cleared had stalled because any livestock in the

pond must first be removed before being drained and cleaned. The parish council has sent a letter to KCC Highways requesting a meeting to discuss the pond and the flooding issues around the village green. The blocked sump drain at Jossenblock Corner has been reported.

Langdon Parish Council Web site

The site is under review and more content being added.

Langdon Loathes Litter – volunteer litter-picking groups

Some local residents who litter-pick would like a small stock of equipment to support the voluntary work. Cllr S Manion said that the equipment required could be borrowed from Dover District Council and the supply of sacks which would be collected when full. If run as a council event there are safety guidelines which must be followed and only permitted on roads up to 30mph limits. It was agreed that the Parish Council could buy some equipment to make the organising of the collection teams easier. A map showing speed limits will be provided, as roads over 30mph are unsafe for volunteers.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Nothing to report

6. REPORTS

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Manion reported that KCC have achieved a 45% reduction in greenhouse gases to date but will continue to aim for lower targets. As part of the county's housing regeneration, KCC is considering the conversion of commercial properties for housing use.

Cllr O Richardson reported that overnight roadworks on the A258 Dover-Deal road is due to start in September. The road closures between 8pm and 5am will divert motorists along alternative rural routes causing potentially more danger to local road users and pedestrians.

Other External Agencies

The new Kent Community Warden Steve Noddings has been assigned to cover Langdon and adjoining parishes of Sutton, St Margaret's and Guston. He will endeavour to attend parish council meetings and the Tuesday Coffee Morning sessions.

Dover District Council Local Plan Review topic paper consultation

Cllr Chris Shaw and Cllr S Willett had attended a presentation led by Dover District Council's Planning Policy & Regeneration Team. A follow-up discussion paper by Cllr S Willett had been circulated to parish councillors for consideration.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC	Inside Track 259 Weekly Pothole Update July bus monthly updates Local Road closures
KALC	Community Resilience/Emergency Plan Questionnaire KALC CLERKS CONFERENCE – 17 th September 2019 FINANCE AND TRANSPORT CONFERENCE OCTOBER 2019 The Public Sector Bodies Web Accessibility Regulations 2018 KALC TRAINING EVENTS 2019
NALC	NALC - May 2019 Election Surveys Newsletter
NHW	Dover AGM

Dover Criminal Damage Reports
Have we got Rural News for you

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 19-08/01

Chq No.

1117	Newsletter printing (Anthony Hyde)	£ 90.00
1118	Commercial Services Playing Field maintenance	£ 701.36
1119	St Augustine's PCC grass cutting	£ 250.00
1120	Langdon Playground Equipment and materials (C.Shaw)	£ 60.00

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

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest £ 6.08

9. PARISH COUNCIL ASSETS

The annual review of the council's fixed assets was completed and the register updated.

10. COUNCILLOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A list of proposed responsibilities has been circulated and councillors had indicated areas of interest. The document will be published on the website.

11. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr A Minns took the chair for this application due to a declaration of interest by the Chairman.

DOV 19/00927

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension, insertion of window to side elevation, part pitched and part flat roofed, replacement timber windows and doors (existing side and part existing rear to no. 2 extensions to be demolished)

Location: Guildford Cottages, The Street, East Langdon, CT15 5JD

Comments: No comments

Decision: No objections to internal or external developments

Cllr Shaw rejoined the meeting as Chairman.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV18/00569

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

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

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

Permission granted

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 174

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Site Address: 400 Yds. From Pineham/Church Whitfield Junction, Archers Court Road.**Alleged Breach:** Appeal against**Appellant's name:** Miss Jane Smyth**Appeal reference:** APP/X2220/C/18/3214670**Appeal start date:** 19.07.2019**Enforcement Notice to re-plant hedgerow on footpath ER44**

The revised date for replanting the hedgerow is November 2019.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr S Willett explained the importance of developing a Neighbourhood Plan as a tool for responding to the DDC's new Local Plan. Cllr S Willett to approach other neighbouring parish councils as a way to share the workload when developing a plan.

13. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**Lengthman's Report.**

Potholes and lighting being monitored and reported.

East Langdon Parish Hall

Nothing to report

Langdon Playing Field

The zip wire has now been repaired and tested.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The field bank opposite Enifer Down Farm had been removed for harvest access.

Internet access and broadband speeds were discussed after the question was raised by local resident. Although there is a fibre link from the St Margaret's Exchange the "Green Cabinet" at Martin Mill station, the copper lines to individual houses limit the available speed.

The parish council will investigate the options with KCC and other parishes.

KALC Clerks Annual Conference – 17th September 2019. Clerk to book and attend

15. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary parish council meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 16th September 2019 in West Langdon Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Signed.....

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