

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

**By Remote Conferencing
on Monday 20th April 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 Morris, DDC Cllr M Bates, DDC Cllr O Richardson. No members of the public.

1 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

2. **ABSENCES and APOLOGIES**

None

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16th March 2020 were accepted as a true record and will be signed by the chairman.

Proposed: Cllr S Willett

Seconded: Cllr S Craft

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Solton Manor -see item 9 Planning

East Langdon and West Langdon village greens Deferred

East Langdon Village Pond and Highways Flooding–Still waiting reports. Deferred

Martin Mill Parking issues – Cllr A Minns has produced a highly detailed report and a 3-page summary for circulation. Email received from South Eastern CEO with reasonable response.

Speeding Vehicles in East Langdon There has been less traffic due to Covid19 lock-down therefore less issues. Some residents have been flagging down speeding motorists to remind them of the 20mph speed limit.

5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Nothing to report

6. **REPORTS**

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Morris

Reported fly-tipping is now becoming a problem due to closure of local recycling sites.

KCC to put in place refuse collections for vulnerable people. Reported increases in nuisance bonfires being received by KCC services.

Cllr M Bates.

DDC services will be requested to provide a dog waste bin at Martin Mill. The siting of the bin in the Station Road area needs to be agreed. A similar issue of dog waste being left along Wheatsheafe Lane and on East Langdon Cricket Club at Martin had been reported. DDC will be asked to investigate possible Dog Control measures if the problem persists.

Cllr O Richardson.

DDC Draft Local Plan maps for all parishes are now available on the council's website. Public consultation is scheduled to start in June 2020 until July 2020 (mi 6 weeks) although Covid19 measures may affect the timetable. The reviewed and finalised Local Plan will continue between June 2020 and April 2021, with the final period of public consultation May 2021 – June 2021.

The adoption of the Local Plan is due April 2022 following the Local Plan Examination in January 2022.

Garden waste collection is preferred to the many bonfires that are now being reported. Veolia refuse collections are still doing well to continue following social distancing guidelines.

Lengthman's Report

Reminder to keep reporting potholes on KCC portal.

East Langdon Parish Hall

Annual electrical inspection has now been carried and completed.

West Langdon Parish Hall

Nothing to report.

Langdon Playing Field

All play equipment closed and car park gate locked. The field areas remain still open.

Parish Risk Reports – No new reports

The Kent Fire Service attended a large bonfire at the property Delranch. Guston road. It is believed the fire was related to a burning caravan.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

All mostly relating to Covid19 advice – The DDC website hosts many of the emailed linked being received for Covid19 support and information.

Local Electricity Suppliers – an invite to join a petition to ask the Government to change the legislation to allow community groups to become local energy suppliers.

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 20-03/01

Chq No.

1157

Trevor Aku - Grass cutting East Langdon Village Green £ 30.00

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Resolution carried

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest 28th Feb 2020 - 1st April 2020 £ 4.17

Precept

The precept payment is expected to be received on Friday 17th April.

To consider grant allocations to local organisations

Proposal to a grant Red Cross under section 137 funding. - to be discussed at the May meeting.

Appointment of Internal Auditor

Lionel Robbins to be contacted to arrange after AGAR forms completed signed and agreed.

9. 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

Recommendation: Unanimous decision that the application DOV 19/01060 should be refused.

Comments:

Langdon Parish Council considers that the recent amended Barn Venue document has added nothing to address the original objections submitted on 6th January 2020. The application is of insufficient detail in many aspects as identified in the correspondence and as endorsed by the KCC Highways Consultee. Several local residents have commented that the DDC Planning Notice which advertises the application has been poorly sited and does not relate closely to the property. As a result, additional public comment may not be forthcoming.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

None received to date

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

None

10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr S Willett reported no recent progress. The parish council will aim to keep residents informed about the emerging New Local Plan and its relationship to the parish Neighbourhood Plan.

11. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

No update

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dog Fouling in Wheatsheaf Lane and East Langdon Cricket Ground: The cricket club management is considering ways to stop local residents walking their dogs through the grounds if the dog-fouling continues. A similar problem exists along the unadopted access road Wheatsheaf Lane. Dover District Council may be able to advise as this is a public health issue. An open letter could be published in the next Langdon Newsletter.

Local businesses offering a home delivery service for food and meals. Several local business including The Lantern at Martin Mill and the Grape Vine shop at Martin Mill Camp Site operate home delivery and take-away services. More information is published on the Langdon Parish Council website, local parish noticeboards and several village Facebook groups.

Local Public Rights of Way: Cllr Shaw reported that all the local footpaths are in good condition.

13. 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 18th May 2020. The public are welcome to join the Zoom virtual meeting. Please contact the Clerk for details.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

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