

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
By Remote Conferencing
on Monday 21st September at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr A Minns (chair), Cllr S Willett, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr B Price-Stephens, Cllr J Watson, D Willett (clerk), KCC Cllr S Manion, DDC Cllr O Richardson.
 2 Members of the public

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr S Craft – Holiday
 Cllr C Shaw - Holiday

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 17th August 2020 were accepted as a true record and will signed by the chairman at a later date.

Proposed: Cllr J Watson

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Solton Manor – The situation has been monitored although recently granted planning permission conditions have yet to be met. DDC Planning area aware. Cllr M Bates reported that they have until 18th October to respond and comply with conditions issued. Cllr O Richardson reported that Solton Manor is now a high priority case. Cllr A Minns (acting chairman) was absent from this discussion for part of the discussion due to Zoom disconnection.

West Langdon Village Green –Evidence for village green registration still being gathered.

East Langdon Village Pond and Highways Flooding – KCC have been involved with clearing the soakaway and this should stop the flooding across the farm entrance. The removal of the sediment from the pond is now being considered by the residents.

Martin Mill Parking issues –Monitoring until situation returns to normal re number of people and cars using the station. Nothing further to report. Cllr A Minns will recontact George Patterson from South eastern Railway to press for a site meeting when the situation normalises.

Development at The Meadow land, East Langdon – DCC enforcement is continuing to gather information. The owner of the recently-installed mobile home “Midgard, Guston Road“ is expected to submit a planning application.

Broadband Services in Langdon: Langdon residents will be asked to email their broadband speeds to the parish clerk to enable the parish council to formulate the next stage. The parish council is working with KCC on their broadband voucher scheme. Cllr S Willett has spoken to KCC and received positive information and help to help achieve our aims.

Notice Boards - Martin & Village Hall - Awaiting signs to be fitted before installation.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The speed limits in the villages are still not being observed by some drivers. A local Martin Mill resident has reported regular speeding vehicles along Station Road. Cllr J Watson has suggested setting up a speed watch outside her house. There has been an incident of dangerous driving on the A258. Cllr A Minns has written to the Kent Police supplying dash cam video. Cllr A Minns is at present continuing to pursue this as the original response was rather dismissive.

6. REPORTS

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Manion: KCC has drawn up a revised emergency budget and all grants have been removed. There is road closure due to work on railway bridge at Hollands Hill. Speeding through many villages is now become a problem but more police support is needed. A new cycle lane was created in Dover but this has created a problem with local traffic. KCC is asking Government to review the housing allocation for the Dover area.

Cllr O Richardson and Cllr M Bates

COVID 19 - DDC continues to offer support to local businesses through its dedicated Back to Business Hub. The council is also helping independent traders get back to business with an online search application so that residents and visitors can find local businesses that are open near to them. The map-based app is available on the DDC website and can be searched by location or postcode

DOVER FAST TRACK – This project continues to gain momentum with a consultation process shortly to be completed. Within our ward Guston PC is the one most directly affected and there is a meeting with residents who live in the Dover Rd opposite Bourgoyne Heights on 23rd September. Both Cllr O Richardson and Cllr M Bates have been invited to attend.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT RIPPLE – A traffic collision at the Ripple-Mongeham Road junction on occurred on 23rd August. A young driver with allegedly with no insurance, road tax or driver's licence who was reported as overtaking another vehicle on the corner when he hit the innocent motorcyclist and drove over him as he was going too fast to stop. The results of a coroner's inquest are awaited and Ripple PC are considering forming a Speedwatch Group.

PLANNING – Contrary to current perceptions the Planning Department of DDC was actually working constantly during the COVID outbreak and the volume of new applications they received increased by about 60 a month. Most officers worked from home producing reports and recommendations but backlogs were created following a temporary cessation of Planning Committee sittings and with resources being diverted to the Community Hub. As a consequence, the frequency of Planning meetings has now increased from every four to every three weeks. The length of meetings has also increased in order that more applications can be considered in one sitting. On average Cllr O Richardson and Cllr M Bates are in attendance from 3.30 to 09.30pm when these meetings are in session; as are all the relevant planning officers. The Enforcement Team did suffer because social distancing requirements meant that they could not undertake site visits to complete their investigations. These have now resumed.

LOCAL ISSUES

Dog Fouling There remains an outstanding bid from Parish Council for a bin in Holland Rd. Allocation of any new bins are awaiting the result of a budget review which is due to be completed this month. Cllr M Bates will chase that and report back next month.

Street lamp in Waterworks Lane Still awaiting the result of the ongoing dispute between UKPN and DDC as to who is to pay for the replacement of a considerable number of relay boxes attached to each lamp post. DDC do not have the funding and this is affecting all replacement requests. DDC have now referred the dispute to OfGen and they are now awaiting their determination.

Telephone Pole on The Green DDC Planning wrote to BT on 3rd outlining our objections and to date have received no response. They sent a chaser on 3rd September. The officer involved is currently on leave and Cllr M Bates will seek a further update from her when she returns to work next week.

Solton Manor DDC Enforcement Officer wrote to Cllr M Bates on 19th August confirming that Solton are currently in breach of 5 conditions and have 8 weeks to submit their proposals or face further action. They are not permitted to conduct weddings in the farm building and only one

event is planned up until December. We will await the deadline of 18th October before requesting feedback and Cllr M Bates will advise us of the outcome at the next meeting.

The Meadow Having read the minutes Cllr M Bates has contacted DDC Enforcement to request an update on investigation of the complaint.

Lengthman's Report – There are as many as 6 streetlights not working in the Parish. Cllr A Minns has collated a list and sent it to DDC.

East Langdon Parish Hall – New cleaner has been appointed and carried out a thorough deep clean.

West Langdon Parish Hall - Nothing to report.

Langdon Playing Field – The Hip Hop has a new seat and some bench slats have been replaced.

Local Plan Consultations –. See item 11.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr M Bates – PCSO organogram

KCC – Motoring Offences Survey

KCC – Member Newsletter – Waste Update September 2020

KALC Upcoming training Events

KALC Planning white paper summaries and reports

KALC – Policing and road safety

KALC – Kent Police Latest Rural 3 months report

KCC Weekly Pothole/Patching Data

KCC Newsletter - COVID-19 Update

NALC CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN

CPRE Deregulating planning

NHW Messages - Dover District crime reported

Email - Langdon Primary School Re Parking Issues

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 20-10/01

Chq No.

1174	D Willett Clerk salary £524.60 and expenses £89.92	£614.52
1175	D Willett Clerk PAYE	£131.20

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Resolution carried

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest	31st July 2020 -1 st September 2020	£ 0.27
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Clerks Salary Revised NALC Salary agreement 2020-21

Proposal: Resolution 20-10/02: To increase the Clerk's salary hourly rate to £10.65 per hour (SPC 8) backdated from 1st April 2020 in line with the revised NALC salary scales 2020-21

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Resolution unanimously carried

Notification of audit Certificate of Exemption status 2020 received from PKF Littlejohn

9. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV 20/00461

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Erection of a detached barn for storage of machinery and animal feed for equine use, incorporating welfare facilities

Location: Land at Roman Road, North of Pineham, Whitfield, CT15 5HB

Comments: Application to be discussed by Planning Committee. Our previous comments send are still current and still applicable.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

None received to date

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Planning Enforcement Complaint ENF/20/00104

DDC monitoring situation and ongoing development on the plot at The Meadow, East Langdon.

THE LANTERN INN - MARTIN

Local residents had raised concerns with DDC Planning that several themed structures had been erected in the rear garden, with possible accommodation potential as seen on the Internet. The site is within the Martin Conservation Area yet no planning application appears to have been submitted to DDC planning for this activity. DDC Planning will be contacted. It was agreed that the parish council write to DDC to highlight the issues at hand. Clerk to draft letter for approval

10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Proposal: **Resolution 20-10/03** To formally constitute a Neighbourhood Plan committee, up to 12 members comprising representatives of the parish council and the local community. This committee will report to the full parish council at monthly meetings. Ref LPC Standing Orders 2020 Section 4.

Proposed: Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Resolution unanimously carried

11 DDC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Awaiting DDC timings for release of further information and consultation dates. A separate forum will be arranged with the parish council and the local residents to consider the proposed plan. Any comments on the published draft plan are welcome and should be emailed to the clerk.

12. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

A review of the current policy is continuing to include GDPR issues.

Proposal: **Resolution 20-10/04:** Unless otherwise advised, it is **proposed** to display on any Track and Trace register operating within the Parish that the data shall be destroyed after 21 days unless there a mandatory reason for extending that provision.

Proposed by Cllr. A Minns
Seconded by Cllr J Dyer
Resolution unanimously carried

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

HGV lorries still trying to negotiate narrow lanes within the parish. A recent incident resulted in a wall being damaged. Reported to KCC Local Highways Manager with a view to the posting of pictogram lorry signs. A suggestion was made to start a lorry watch scheme within the parish.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next parish council meeting will be held by Zoom meeting commencing at 7.30 pm on **Monday 19th October 2020** unless Government Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed. The public are welcome to attend, please contact the Clerk for details as regard Covid-19 measures.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed.....

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