

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
East Langdon Parish Hall
November 18th 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw (Chairman), Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr J Watson, Cllr B Price-Stephens, Clerk (D Willett), KCC Dover Cllr S Manion, DDC Cllr O Richardson and 7 members of the public.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr A Minns – Item 8 Finances: Travelling Expenses
 Cllr C Shaw - Item 8 Finances: Cheque for equipment

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr S Craft – no apology
 Cllr S Willett -Work commitments

3. MINUTES

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

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer
Seconded: Cllr A Minns

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Solton Manor – As a new planning application DOV 19/01060 had been submitted to Dover District Council it was agreed to take the opportunity to review the past and current activities at the site before making a detailed response. See Item 10. Planning for further discussion and comments that the parish council should ask for an extension to the 21 days allowed for submitting our comments. This would allow more time to study the previous applications in relation to the new application and arrange a site visit with the agent. A request will be extended to the Planning case officer to attend.

East Langdon and West Langdon village greens East Langdon Green had been cut by a contractor for the Sunday Remembrance service. Mr Peter Berkeley has been added to the Parish Council volunteers register to provide public liability cover for any future grass cutting. West Langdon village green – KCC has advised that more detailed evidence is required before the application to register the remaining section of the green as a village green can be considered. The parish council will work with local residents to gather more supporting statements.

East Langdon Village Pond – Following the recent heavy rainfall, the pond is now completely full and flooding across the road, KCC highways have been informed once again and their response is awaited.

Litter Picking - The equipment to support volunteers of the “Langdon Loathes Litter” campaign has been purchased and available from the Clerk for loan to local residents.

Parish Councillors Pecuniary Interest Declarations - Dover District Council Electoral Services have issued a final reminder to parish councillors to submit any undeclared DPI forms.

Martin Mill Parking issues Cllr A Minns attended a stakeholders meeting in London with southeastern railway where he was able to raise the unresolved problems of train commuters avoiding station car parking fees by parking in nearby residential streets. Southeastern is likely to review the cost effectiveness of station car parks now that their franchise has been renewed.

West Langdon Village Green Tree Risk Assessment - A risk assessment and advice has been commissioned from an independent arboricultural practice. The recommendations will be used

to update and manage the tree stock at the green. been carried out and a report is being written.

Re-painting of Roadside Residential Entrance Marking – Cllr Shaw had discovered that “Dog Bone” parking lines could be reported via the KCC Highways on-line portal. The lines at Martin Mill had been re-marked by KCC within 4 days of logging the request.

Flooding in Lucerne Lane – The deep flooding as reported by Mrs N Powell of Martin had been logged on the KCC Highways portal and was being investigated.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Due to road closures and traffic incidents on the A258 the volume of redirected traffic through the local villages has caused traffic blockages in the narrow lanes. Langdon will join with other neighbouring parishes to lobby KCC Highways and the Police.

6. REPORTS

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Manion: Reported Roger Gough is the new KCC Leader and Michael Payne is now in charge of highways. Other KCC priorities include Inter-Faith Week, Knife Crime in Kent, Climate Change Emergency, extra PCSO recruiting.

The Kent County Council Budgets will be published on line Monday 25 November.

Cllr O Richardson: Reported that the new Dover District Council leader is Trevor Bartlett. The A local by-election will be held on December 12th to elect a councillor for our ward area. The Local Plan is due for the public consultation in January or February. Cllr Richardson again stated he is now the cabinet member for the Energy and climate change emergency. He again said he will represent our views at all meetings that might have direct effect on our Parish. There is going to free parking zone in Dover over the Christmas period. The new Dover area police superintendent has committed to involve the local PCSO officers with a higher profile and expects them to appear at local meetings

Other External Agencies -None

Parish Risk Reports – Risk assessment at West Langdon Village Green

Manston Airspace report - Cllr A Minns attended a meeting and reported that the flight paths surrounding the airport was discussed in detail. It said most locals were in favour of the airport as they saw local employment opportunities.

KALC Transport conference - Cllr A Minns reported that the A257 was discussed in detail regarding the volume of traffic. HGV traffic was discussed and the impact of “A” road diversions onto country lanes. Cycle routes were also on the agenda

KCC Highways seminar - Cllr Shaw and Minns reported the maintenance of the roads were discussed including the new plans for the winter salting of the roads.by”Smart” monitoring the temperatures more accurately. KCC Road Safety campaigns had brought an 8% decline in accidents. A budget of £5M over the next 3 years has been agreed to solve the county road drainage problems. Parish councils are encouraged to create a local parish traffic plan to accompany their Neighbourhood Plans. KCC consider public rights of way to be an important recreational feature and more may be created for local communities to enjoy.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC Weekly Pothole Update

Local Road closures

Brexit Update

Rural Crime Report

Monthly bus services report for October 2019

DDC RE: Parish Facilities Monitoring - Langdon

	Outstanding DPI Forms – Rebecca Brough
	DDC Council election expenses
	Planning Application consultation on 19/00906
	Election Publicity Guidance from the Monitoring Officer
KALC	Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) Parish Partner Pack
	KALC Autumn Events 2019
	KALC AGM - Saturday 30 November 2019
	DYNAMIC COUNCILLOR - 23RD NOVEMBER 2019
	KCC Highways Parish Seminars
	KALC NEWS October 2019
	Kent Police - Latest Rural Task Force report
NALC	Newsletter
	Chief executive's bulletin
	Election survey deadline extended to December
NHW	Crime reports
	Heritage Watch Event: Heritage Watch - NATIONAL CSSC Green Message - UK
	Protect bulletin 04/11

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 19-11/01

Chq No.

1127	Commercial Services Grounds Maintenance	£ 577.60
1128	West Langdon St Marys Grass Cutting	£ 250.00
1129	DDC Council election expenses	£ 81.51
1130	East Langdon Green mowing Trevor Oku	£ 30.00
1131	Tony Minns travel expenses for meetings	£ 39.60
1132	C Shaw-4x litter pickers	£ 27.60

Receipts Proposed: Cllr J Watson

Seconded: Cllr B Price Stephens

Resolution carried

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest	£ 4.93
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Carols on the Green: Proposal 19/11-02: Request for a small grant up to £30 towards event refreshments

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

Resolution carried

Budget proposals for 2020/2021 Cllr Shaw has circulated for comments to be discussed at the December meeting

9. COUNCILLOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

An interim list has been published on the website on the council's policies page.

10. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV 19/01060**Planning Application consultation on 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

Comments.

It was decided as this is a complex application that we requested an extension to submit to the council our comments. A site visit is being organised with the planning agent.

DOV 19/01329

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension and formation of additional parking (retrospective)

Location: 8 Long Hill Lane, East Langdon, CT15 5FL,

Comments

No objection but the parish council felt that the design changes might have been anticipated earlier.

DOV 19/01047

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Erection of a detached dwelling (existing dwelling to be demolished)

Location: Roseacre, East Langdon Road, Martin, CT15 5JJ

Comments

No objection; positive improvement to the dwelling with better use of site.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**DOV 19/00927/A**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extension, insertion of window to side elevation, replacement windows and doors (existing extensions to be demolished) (amended description) (re-advertisement)

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

Decision: Permission Granted Materials 08-Nov-2019 COAPP

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr S Willett reported Sutton and St Margaret's have replied to his original email, and regret to report that they are not interested. Ripple, Guston, Ringwould-with-Kingsdown and Whitfield are yet to respond. An initial quote from South Downs National Park Authority to run a planning seminar had been received circa £465; other providers will be approached if there is interest from other local parishes to participate.

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

A 20mph repeater sign to be put up at Westside to remind local residents of speed limits in the village

East Langdon Parish Hall The roof leak in the gent's toilet still needs addressing. The hall will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 12th December for the local district and General Election voting.

Langdon Playing Field

The Annual Safety Inspection has been carried out by Wickstead and risk factors has been established as low. An action plan is being formulated. The Hip hop unit has been replaced under warranty and will be fitted soon.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Remembrance Sunday Service A gathering of 55 people attended the Sunday event at the war memorial on East Langdon green.

End of Year Newsletter requests for articles and other relevant information to Chris Shaw by 9th December.

The Orange Circus Band – Tickets available for this Langdon musical event on 23rd November.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary parish council meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 16th December East Langdon Parish Hall followed by seasonal refreshments.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed.....

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