

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
By Remote Conferencing
on Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw (chair), Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr J Watson, Cllr S Craft, Cllr S Willett, D Willett (clerk), DDC Cllr O Richardson, KCC Community Warden Steve Nodding, 3 members of the public

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw Item 8 Finance: Zoom Subscription

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr B Price-Stephens – Unwell	DDC Cllr M Bates - DDC meeting;
KCC Cllr S Manion - DDC meeting	PCSO Tyler Harris - Previous engagement

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14th December 2020 were accepted as a true record and will signed by the chairman at a later date.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

West Langdon Village Green –No progress to report on registration process.

East Langdon Village Pond and Highways Flooding – KCC Highways - no firm date of drainage works to be started but likely to be in January.

Martin Mill Parking issues – The impact of Covid-19 restrictions on people's work patterns and reduction in rail travel is being studied by southeastern to inform possible changes to ticket and parking charges. A meeting with South-Eastern management is likely after the review.

Broadband Services in Langdon Cllr S Willett reported that when a project cost for fibre broadband across the parish has been confirmed by BT, the parish council will need to discuss with KCC the uptake of the Government grant funding.

The Lantern Inn, Martin See Cllr O Richardson's attached report.

Parish Council Website hosting – KALC are managing the KCC migration grant for moving the website hosting to a new commercial service provider. Cllr C Shaw will follow up.

KCC Proposed site for an Inland Border Facility on the White Cliffs Business Park

See Cllr O Richardson's detailed report attached. The parish council is in contact with the affected parties and will submit further comments.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Speedwatch Cllrs A Minns and Shaw will investigate the costs and functionality of various portable speed indicators. A system that includes data collection for analysis was agreed in principle. A proposal to be presented at next meeting for approval.

Street Lamps - Conversion to LED, repairs and updating to the street lighting in the Dover district still in progress despite dispute with UK Power Network. There are still 291 lamps not LED in the district which need to be checked by UK Power Networks before changing power supply in posts. An overhead power pole at East Langdon allotments which had cracked at its base was replaced by UK Power Networks within 4 hours of being reported. The emergency team were thanked for their prompt action and no break in electricity supply

6. REPORTS

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Manion: See attachment

Cllr O Richardson and Cllr M Bates See attachment.

Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden – No incidents to report. Fly tipping on the increase. Please report any incidents.

Lengthman's Report – Pot holes some have been repaired but bad weather has not been helping as the patches soon disintegrate again. Lucerne Lane HGV signs still waiting to be put up.

East Langdon Parish Hall – An abandoned car had been removed from the car park. The outside car park lights need maintenance due to ingress of water.

West Langdon Parish Hall – Nothing to report.

Langdon Playing Field – Outdoor gym equipment to be closed in line with Tier 4 Government directive; the field and play areas to remain open for now but may be reviewed.

Local Plan Consultations - see item 11

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Received

DDC Precept Demand Forms 2021/22

KCC Weekly Pothole/Patching Data

KCC Newsletter - COVID-19 Update

NALC CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN

NHW Messages - Dover District crime reported

KALC December News

KALC Parish Council websites - KCC grant

Greentech Letter to residents explaining the intention to submit an application for a solar farm on fields south west of Solton Manor (Langdon Parish).

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 21-01/01

Chq No.

1189	Ewart Clough Farms - Christmas tree for village green	£66.00
1190	Darren Jarvis - Defib battery pack replacement	£150.00
1191	CB Shaw Zoom subscriptions November, December	£29.78
1192	Langdon PCC allotment community maintenance	£ 60.00
1193	Langdon PCC churchyard maintenance grant	£ 50.00

Proposed: Cllr J Watson

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

Resolution carried

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest	1 st December -31th December 2020	£0.27
HMRC VAT refund	Period April 2019 -2020	£1296.01

Budget proposals for 2021/2022 To agree the Budget for 2021-2022 and Precept Demand. A draft budget had circulated for comments. See appendices for Budget 2021-22 details.

Resolution 21-01/02: That a budget of £21,950 be set for the financial year 2021-2022.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Resolution carried unanimously

Resolution 21-01/03: To set the precept demand at £14,770 for financial year 2021-2022, (Band D equivalent Council Tax rate £62.21). **Note:** This is a 0% Council Tax increase on 2020-21. The shortfall (£21,950 - £14,770) will be met from expected income and reserves.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Resolution carried unanimously

Purchase of Defibrillator and Cabinet to be sited at East Langdon Parish Hall

Agreed in principle at December 2020 meeting. Estimated spend £1800.

The parish hall committee have agreed to the siting of the cabinet by the main entrance. London Hearts.org has offered a grant of £200 towards the purchase of a defibrillator and stainless-steel external lockable cabinet, the quote being £1,425.00 plus VAT. Installation costs and night light of about £400 would be funded by the parish council.

Resolution 21-01/04: To approve the purchase of a defibrillator and stainless-steel external lockable cabinet at £1,729.20, (£1,425.00 plus P&P and VAT) from London Hearts.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr C Shaw

Resolution carried unanimously

Grants to local organisations – Requests for grant assistance up to £250 for projects benefiting the parish to be received by the Clerk no later than 6pm Monday 8th February. Notices to be placed in Parish Notice Boards and website.

9.

PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATION

None received to date

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – received and considered between meetings

None received to date

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV 20/01261

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension, first floor front extension, replacement roof to front porch, existing gas tank to be installed underground and widening of hard standing (existing conservatory, front first floor dormer window and front garden wall to be demolished)

Location: Longwaite, Station Road, Martin Mill, CT15 5JX

Decision: granted

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

ENF/20/00104

Planning Enforcement Complaint - Development adjacent to The Meadow

See attachment Cllr O Richardson's Report.

THE LANTERN INN – MARTIN -

Reported under **Item 4 Matters Arising**.

10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr S Willett is preparing a funding bid. He will talk to external advisors and report at next meeting. An allocation has been made in the 2021/2022 budget.

11 DDC DRAFT DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

The 8-week public consultation starts January 20th until 17th March 2021 and residents are encouraged to participate. Two hard copies of the published Draft Local Plan have been sent to the Parish Council plus posters. The parish council will gather comments from residents by on-line Zoom discussions before making a formal response to DDC.

12. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

Nothing to report.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Carols on the Green. Enjoyed by those who joined in the carol singing. A sum of £90 was collected for donation to the Demelza House charity

Commonwealth Day. March 8th. Covid-19 restrictions are likely to prevent a public event to at the village green but the Commonwealth Flag will be flown as in previous years.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next parish council meeting will be held by Zoom meeting commencing at 7.30 pm on **Monday 15th February 2021**. The public are welcome to attend; please contact the Clerk for details joining details or visit the parish council website.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed..... Date.....

Appendices

Appendix A

Langdon Parish Council Budget and Precept 2021-22

Approved 18th January 2021 Resolution 21-01/02

<u>Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>		
Clerks Salary	2800		
Clerk Expenses	200		
Clerk Broadband	180		
Computer back up service	70		
KALC Subscription	250		
Subscriptions			
ARCK/KPFA/CPRE/Open Spaces	160		
Insurance	260		
Chairman's Allowance	100		
Audit	150		
Newsletter	450		
Training Course Fees	700		
Training Course Travel	200		
Conference Fees	200		
Conference Travel	100		
Playing Field Insurance	1600		
Playing Field Inspection	250		
Playing Field maintenance	2500		
E/L Village green works	400		
Post Office Support	260		
Community orchard maintenance	250		
Graveyard strimming E.L.	250		
Graveyard mowing W.L	250		
Village signs	250		
Grants Village Organisations	500		
Devolved Contingencies	500		
Phone boxes enhancement	200		
Village halls fund	500		
Noticeboard maintenance	800		
Community projects	300		
Community Celebrations	500		
		<u>Allocated Reserves Headings 2021-22</u>	
		Additional Maintenance	1500
		Parish Celebrations	800
		Neighbourhood Plan	1000
		Village Hall Fund	2200
		Community Support Fund	1000
		Youth Project	300
		East Langdon Plant Donation	309
		West Langdon Green Works	500
		Climate Change	500
		Tree Planting	200
		War Memorial Project	0
		Play Area grant residual	802
		Allocated Reserves Subtotal	9111

Traffic Management	2500
Section 137 Payments	200
Election Fees	0
Council Meeting Premises hire	120
Defibrillator Maintenance	100
West Langdon Village Green mngt	1000
Parish Benches (5)	300
Website Redesign and Hosting	400
War Memorial Maintenance	200
E/L Green Tree Memorial Seat	1000
Neighbourhood Plan	1000
TOTAL	21950

<u>Precept Calculation</u>	
Tax Base (No. Band "D" equivs)	237.42
Band D CT Charge	62.21
Precept Raised	14770
<u>Income Sources</u>	
VAT and Interest income (estimated)	980
Reserves top-up	6200
Precept Required	14770
Income Total 2021-22	21950

Appendix B

KCC January 2021 report

Pandemic

Again we face lockdown to control the virus. Statistics that I see seem to indicate that levels are falling across the district. Despite this there still seems to be high levels.

As part of the control there is a testing site starting last Thursday; I have undertaken the symptomless testing and received my negative result in about 30 minutes.

Brexit transition

Allied to this is the recent HGV crisis. Although the vehicles have mostly gone KCC is working with DDC to clean up the roadside rubbish. KCC collected some 1400 bags of rubbish from the M20.

Budget for 21/22

Still many pressures arising from pandemic, squeezed from both sides.

Rising prices and rising demand, falling incomes. Just under 2% rise with additional 3% earmarked for Adult Social care to assist the most vulnerable members of our community.

Regular updates are being sent out on both the pandemic and Brexit transition as I know that these are priority areas of interest.

I am forwarding these on to parishes as I receive them.

KCC Cllr Steve Manion

Appendix C

DDC Ward Councillors Monthly Report

1). COVID

As you are all aware, we went in to a third period of lockdown as from 5th January and the restrictions are expected to last until the middle of February if the situation in hospitals improve. We have sought to publicise this as much as possible and are providing you with regular updates on our Facebook page. On a brighter note the council published the plans for the vaccine rollout on 11th January and we have also placed a copy of these on our Facebook page. Vaccinations are taking place at 13 GP Centres throughout the District. Details of these have also been circulated on our Facebook page. All vaccinations are arranged in advance through invitation. They will be based on the national priority groups so can you please ask people to wait to be contacted for when they can get the vaccine. Rapid-result coronavirus (COVID-19) testing for people who don't have symptoms has also started in Kent. The first testing centre in the district is now open at the Dover Discovery Centre, York Street, Dover, CT16 1PH. Anyone who does NOT have symptoms and lives or works in Kent can book a test.

2). LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

The proposed consultation on the draft Local Plan (regulation 18) that was agreed at Cabinet on 7th December will commence on 20th January 2021 for a period of 8 weeks. You should have all received correspondence from DDC about the process to be undertaken. If you can assist in making your communities aware of the consultation that would be greatly appreciated.

All residents will have the opportunity to submit their views online so could I ask you to encourage them to sign up to the consultation portal. I have a link which I have included within this report which I will forward to you. Those who sign on will be notified when the consultation commences.

https://dover-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/?q:sortMode=title_asc&q:advanced=false&q:folderId=19736&pageSize=20

Please get in touch if you would like copies of posters and postcards to distribute in your ward. The DDC contact is Corinne Bengé

As well as the online tutorial events that DDC will hold for the Town and Parish Councils, they will also be holding online consultation events which will provide information about the contents of the draft Local Plan and a Q&S session for attendees.

These will be held for the following groups, with more details and dates to be confirmed in January:

- Town and Parishes
- Community Groups and Societies
- Businesses and commercial interests
- General Public

3). BREXIT

We finally departed the EU at 23.00hrs on 31st December. Prior to that Dover experienced a possible taste of the problems to come when the French decided to close the borders before Christmas resulting in 1000s of stranded vehicles on our roads within Kent. This resulted in the contingency arrangements of Operation Brock, Stack and TAP being implemented in full with a mobilisation of the army to effect a large scale testing programme to enable

the beleaguered drivers to continue their journeys. It also resulted in an unprecedented continuation of services at the Port of Dover during Christmas Day. There was undoubtedly massive congestion throughout the District in the days leading up to Christmas but by Boxing Day most of the vehicles had been cleared allowing the traffic levels to return to normal.

4). WHITE CLIFFS PARK BORDER CONTROL DEVELOPMENT

The present situation is that Guston Parish Council remain adamantly opposed to the development and are fighting to have the decision reversed. In the meantime, the Department of Transport are determined to proceed. They have now purchased the land and have commenced ground and archaeological testing on the site. We are now heavily involved in relaying the concerns of the residents to the DfT and are working in close conjunction with Natalie Elphicke. There have been a range of meetings over the past month which culminated in a discussion with the Minister, Rachel Maclean on 18th December, The position now is that a formal three week period of engagement commenced on 13th January. The residents have received a letter informing them, along with a hardcopy of the engagement brochure which will provide an indicative plan of the proposed development. A website has been set up by the DfT where residents will also be able to see the plans and submit their comments. If you would like to submit your comments then I would encourage you to do so via the following link:

https://inlandborderfacilities.uk/?fbclid=IwAR1HJ0-9iyj2_x8_057zL4HmOaDLXa741_V-ddC3nld0OyxFVhMUuW8XZ0ET

The intention remain to have the site up and running by 1st July.

LOCAL ISSUES

1). Dog Fouling

There remains an outstanding bid from you 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. I chased this with DDC and have been told that the review deadline had been extended until the beginning of the new year when the new waste contract will come into force. **Suggest we chase this up for next meeting.**

2).Streetlamp 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 OfGem and they are now awaiting their determination. There is no change to this. **At the last count Keith Watson had suggested that you meet with him and Martin Leggatt to ascertain how the outstanding repairs will be prioritised.**

4).Solton ManorThe Enforcement Officer wrote to us on 19th August confirming that the business is currently in breach of 5 conditions and that they 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. On 18th October the enforcement officer dealing with the case said that no submissions had been received and he will therefore be visiting the site later that week. Following that visit details pursuant to those conditions was submitted on 10th November. He was now awaiting the outcome from DDC Planning. I forwarded a chaser to him on 15/12 and received no response. Forwarded a further one yesterday and received a reply to say that all the details pursuant to those conditions have been approved by the Development Management Team.

5). The Meadow

I wrote to DDC Enforcement on 23rd September requesting an update. The officer replied and confirmed that he has visited the site and invited the owner to make a planning application. The applicant was granted an extension of time until 9th October to enable him to do so. I forwarded a chaser for information over the weekend. The

officer is currently on leave, but he has checked and can find no application having been submitted. He was returning from leave on 3rd November and would chase it up then. I eventually received a response on 15th December to say that they had been in contact with the owner of the site and his position had changed. He was no longer using the caravan as his personal residence and would not be submitting a planning application for its use for permanent residential occupation. The proposed use was now as ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling on the land. As the position had changed, further investigation was required. He promised to update us when this has been done.

I have heard nothing since.

6). The Lantern

The enforcement officer visited the site on 25/09/2020 and looked at the unauthorised development at the Lantern Inn. There was nobody available to speak he managed to view the recently constructed out building which houses the pizza oven.

He eventually managed to discuss the site with the owner on 08/10/2020. He provided details of his architect and planning agent who are currently working on a full planning application for the outbuilding housing the oven and all other operational development on the site. He was asked to submit his application 19/10/2020.

On 16/11/20 the enforcement confirmed he spoke to the Architect this morning and was advised that he would be applying in the next two days. Nothing further was heard so I chased enforcement on 14/12/20. The following day I received a reply to say that the landlord has promised to apply imminently. However, the deadline had expired on 19/11 so I asked them when they proposed to commence enforcement action. The reply I received was as follows:

“ I understand your concerns. The architect working on behalf of the owner has apologised for the delay. Whilst there is still contact and a willingness to regularise the development, negotiation is better than formal enforcement action. Although there are several things that require planning permission at this site. In my opinion, none cause immediate ‘significant harm’. Notwithstanding the above, I will ensure that an application is submitted, and the investigation case remains open.

I have heard nothing further since.

DDC Ward Cllrs Martin Bates, Oliver Richardson