

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
By Remote Conferencing
on Monday 15th February 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw (chair), Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr J Watson, Cllr B Price-Stephens, Cllr S Craft, Cllr S Willett, D Willett (clerk), DDC Cllr O Richardson, DDC Cllr M Bates, KCC Cllr S Morris, plus four members of the public.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw Item 8 Finance: Zoom Subscription
 Cllr A Minns Item 8 Finance: Grant Funding

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

PCSO River Jarvis

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th January 2021 were accepted as a true record and will signed by the chairman at a later date.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

West Langdon Village Green –nothing to report.

East Langdon Village Pond and Highways Flooding – Work scheduled by KCC to start Monday 22nd February for a 4 week period. The road will be closed under highways emergency powers.

Martin Mill Parking issues – Nothing to report.

Broadband Services in Langdon Cllr S Willett reported that project is underway.

The Lantern Inn, Martin Cllr O Richardson reported Mr G Lear had experienced problem with location of the pizza oven. Application submitted but not validated waiting further information to be supplied.

Parish Council Website hosting – The parish council's website will be transferred to a commercial hosting service as recommended by KALC who are offering grants to offset the migration and setup costs. The deadline is 31st March.

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

The parish council is in contact with the affected parties. DDC has decided to support the project. See Cllr M Bates report under Appendix A

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Speed watch Cllr A Minns reported he had looked into costs and received quotes around £6000. Doubts were expressed whether or not the high costs would deliver the speed reduction desired. The cost of a getting a traffic count to get data was suggested but this not the right time of the year to do this while Covid-19 travel restrictions are in place. Cllr A Minns will sent round the quotes for the councillor's information. Cllr M Bates explained how Eythorne village operated their system, with the cameras moved every 2 weeks to different locations.

Street Lamps – Work in progress. UK Power Networks to check all poles.

Salt Bin Provision - Several residents had asked if more salt/grit bins could be provided in the Martin area. The recent snow and icy road conditions highlighted the problem of road treatment..

6. REPORTS

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Manion: Reported that to date Kent had zero traffic fatalities and was working towards maintaining this. Fly tipping was a problem and has now become part of organised crime gangs' activities. Budget meeting resulted in 5% increase 2% +3% Adult social care.

Cllr O Richardson and Cllr M Bates See attachment. Appendix A

Lengthman's Report – More Pot holes have now appeared due to bad weather. Keep reporting to KCC using their portal. The villages have not been gritted and it was discussed placing salt bins in Martin. The A2 surface is now breaking up but it is the responsibility of Highways England to address.

East Langdon Parish Hall – Nothing to report. Post Office closed for bad weather. Defibrillator now been delivered ready for installation

West Langdon Parish Hall – Nothing to report.

Langdon Playing Field – Annual inspection now completed. Few low priority issues to address. Repair to picnic table to completed using local Parish Council grant. A personal injury claim had been received for an incident involving a fall from the Zip wire in August 2019. The playing field's insurance company has been sent the claim dozier for consideration.

Local Plan Consultations - see item 11

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Received

KCC Weekly Pothole/Patching data - Week ending 31.1.21

KCC Newsletter - COVID-19 Update

NALC CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN

NHW Messages - Dover District crime reported

DDC - Local Green Spaces: targeted call for sites exercises

Heritage Watch - Essex Heritage and Faith Watch Weekly Report

NALC ONLINE EVENTS

KALC Section 137 limit for 2021/22

NALC CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Parish Online Newsletter - Welcome Back

Rural Kent Rural Housing Protocol event

KALC - NEWS JANUARY 2021

DFT Proposed site for an Inland Border Facility on the White Cliffs Business Park – comments sent

PCSO Tyler Harris – January Crime Report and introducing new PCSO River Jarvis

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 21-02/02

Chq No.

1194	London Hearts – Defibrillator and Cabinet	£1729.20
1195	Wicksteed Playing Field Annual Inspection	254.40
1196	C B Shaw Zoom Subscription January	£14.39
1197	CB Shaw Replacement Zip wire seat	£ 78.00
1198	Langdon Playing Field grant - renovation of picnic tables	£200.00

Proposed: Cllr S Willett

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Resolution carried

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest 31st December 2020 -1st February 2021 £0.24

Grants to local organisations – to consider grant applications received:

Resolution 21-02/01 Grant request for £200 by Langdon Playing Field Association to replace the top wooden slats of the picnic tables.

Proposed: Cllr S Willett
Seconded: Cllr B Price-Stephens,
Resolution carried

9. PLANNING
PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV 21/00090**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)**

Proposal: Erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking

Location: Bluebell Meadows East Langdon Road Martin Langdon CT15 5J

Comments: Recommend approval

Parish Council had no objections and considered the development is in keeping with the rural location.

DOV 20/01530**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 North East of Roman Road North of Pineham Whitfield.

Comments: Majority decision to approve

Parish Council has no objections now the eave height of barn has been lowered to better suit its rural location.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – received and considered between meetings**DOV 21/00175****Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)**

Proposal: Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building into a dwelling

Location: The Calf House Solton Manor Farmhouse Deal Road East Langdon Kent

Comments: The parish council has no objections.

DOV 21/00192**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)**

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey side extension and front porch (existing garage to be demolished)

Location: 1 Barley Close Martin Mill CT15 5LD

Comments: Parish Council has no objections but noted that the off-street parking should be retained.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

None received to date

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Planning Enforcement Complaint ENF/20/00104 See Cllr M Bates attachment. Appendix A

Proposed Solar Farm – Dover Solar Farm, Guston - Langdon boundary

No further progress or information available

10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Quotations are invited from three consultants for help in developing the plan.

11 DDC DRAFT DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

Further information has been published which has reduced the number of houses from 65 down to 40. The parish council will invite comments from residents by on-line Zoom discussions on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th March starting at 7.30pm before making a formal response to DDC. The parish clerk will provide the Zoom meeting joining instructions.

12. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

Nothing to report.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Commonwealth Day. March 8th. There will be no public event this year but the Commonwealth Flag will be raised on the day.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next parish council meeting will be held by Zoom meeting commencing at 7.30 pm on **Monday 15th March 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 9.55 pm

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

Appendix A

Cllr M Bates Report

MEETING REPORT FOR EAST LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ON 15TH FEBRUARY 2021

1). COVID

Vaccinations update

Vaccination centres are run by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust. For more information, please see the Kent CHFT website. On Tuesday last week, doors opened at the first large-scale Covid-19 vaccination centre in Kent, at the former Debenhams building in Folkestone. The Folkestone centre is the first of a number for Kent and Medway.

Please could you advise people not to visit the centres without an appointment. They will receive a letter from the NHS inviting them when it's their turn. If anyone has already received a jab elsewhere or would prefer to wait to be invited to GP service, they can simply ignore the letter.

GP led service

There are now active vaccination services covering all 200 GP practices across Kent and Medway. GP teams are working together to provide vaccine services through 42 Primary Care Networks. In Sandwich, Deal and Dover, patients' vaccinations are being delivered from the Dover Health Centre. In addition, in Sandwich, over 900 residents were vaccinated on Wednesday from a clinic in Broadstairs. Residents from the Sandwich area will also continue to be invited to the Dover based vaccination site. In Deal, a vaccination clinic for the most frail and vulnerable and those unable to access the Dover site will be run from the Balmoral surgery in Walmer.

Asymptomatic testing

As set out on the Kent County Council website, everyone without symptoms should get tested every 2 weeks, especially if they are leaving the house for a necessary reason, such as going to work or shopping for essentials. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms, so please advise people to get tested regularly to make sure they are not unknowingly spreading the virus. Appointments can be booked at any of the 24 sites across Kent, including the Dover Discovery Centre and the Sandwich Guildhall.

These sites are in addition to the regional and local testing sites for people who have symptoms. If anyone has symptoms they should NOT attend one of the symptom-free testing sites but book a PCR test at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

2). LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

You have already held an extraordinary meeting to discuss this so you wseeem to be well ahead in terms of local consultation and I look forward to listening in to the ZOOM meeting that you are planning to arrange for the local residents.

Just in case any residents would like to exam the document then I attach a link to this report which I will forward to you.

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

I think that it is worth pointing out that the report contains so much more than the HELAA allocations and deals deep into future policies about housing design, sites for commercial development, environmental protection, etc. It will form the basis on which all planning applications will be decided once the new plan is formally adopted in 2023 so it is worth taking a closer look at it.

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 :

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

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. The position now is that the engagement process commenced on 10th February.

An Extraordinary Council Meeting took place on 9th February when the DDC's response to the SDO proposals were discussed. The Council voted to welcome the economic benefits which would derive from the introduction of the IBF but documented a comprehensive list of recommendations amongst which were:

- a. a mitigation package of highway improvements to reduce congestion and improve safety at the Whitfield Roundabout and Duke of York Roundabout was included with the submission.
- b. that a robust sensitivity analysis was to be carried out for ferry arrivals at the Port of Dover, where two or more ferries arrive close together, in respect of the resultant HGV movements and highway impacts to inform the off-site highway improvements identified at a above.
- c. that a fully detailed proposed LED lighting scheme (including lux plot) was included, so landscape and visual impacts of the proposed IBF can be properly considered.
- e. that a 3m high landscaped bund to the west of the houses on Dover Road/ St Martin's Road was created to ensure the proposed IBF is fully screened from the outlook of those residents;
- f. that a 2m security fence is re-positioned to inside the bund so it is not visible to nearby residents and users of the realigned North Downs Way National Trail.
- g. that an acoustic fence is positioned along the eastern edge of the HGV parking area, to help attenuate any noise from that area.

h. that the HGV parking area is managed so vehicles are sequentially parked as from the nearest house as possible.

g. that the HGV parking area is only lit in areas where vehicles are parked and only where and when it is necessary to do so

The intention remains to have the site up and running by 1st July. The submission of the SDO to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government is likely to happen in early March and the leader of DDC is seeking an urgent meeting with him ahead of that date so that he can emphasise the views of the council particularly around the traffic issues and those environmental concerns expressed by the residents.

LOCAL ISSUES

1). Dog Fouling

There remains an outstanding bid from you for a bin in Holland Rd. I chased this with DDC in December and was told that the review deadline had been extended until the beginning of the new year when the new waste contract will come into force.

I checked for an update today and was told that the request was on file but that several projects were delayed last year because of the sad untimely death of Mandy Pile. They do now have a new waste manager who is due to be installed in March. They hope that bin requests will be one of the projects he will look at first and they hope to give me more concrete information in April.

2). Streetlamp in Waterworks Lane

Two streetlamps in Waterworks Lane have been prioritised for repair. We do not as yet have a date when this will happen.

3). The Meadow

We reported last month that I was told by DDC on 15th December 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. Having heard nothing since I chased the officer today and was told there had been no further contact with the owner of the site and that they were now considering formal enforcement action.

4). The Lantern

I received the following update from DDC: "A planning application was submitted on the 25/01/2020 for The Lantern. Unfortunately, the application has not yet been made valid as further information is required from the agent. Development Management have allowed until 22nd February for the additional information to be submitted. "