

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
By Remote Conferencing
on Monday 15th March 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, DDC Cllr M Bates, KCC Cllr S Morris, Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden plus two members of the public.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw Item 8 Finance: Zoom Subscription

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr B Price-Stephens – career duties

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 15th February 2021 were accepted as a true record and will signed by the chairman at a later date.

Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

East Langdon Village Pond and Highways Flooding – Work completed ahead of scheduled and the green re-instated with care. The clerk will contact KCC Highways to ask if any regular maintenance inspection of the new silt traps are scheduled to keep the area flood-free. The pond at Church Farm Mews remains silted and is managed by the Mews residents. A news update from Kent Reptile and Amphibians Group (KRAG) announces that due to Covid-9 restrictions, the volunteer group will not be organising the annual toad count and rescue at the pond.

Martin Mill Parking issues – Nothing to report.

Broadband Services in Langdon Cllr S Willett reported waiting report and quote from BT. Openreach has been installing some cable and fibre sections in Martin Mill and East Langdon

The Lantern Inn, Martin. An application submitted to DDC for the garden installations and is expected to be advertised very soon.

Parish Council Website hosting – The parish council's website www.langdonpc.org.uk will be transferred to Aubergine 262 Ltd who will host new site by 31st March. The two new parish council email addresses which will be Government compliant will be clerk@langdonpc.org.uk and chair@langdon.org.uk pm. A KCC grant, managed by KALC, which is available to assist with the migration costs has been applied for.

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

The land has been purchased at Guston by The Government. Objections raised by Guston parish are under discussion with the Department for Transport. The site is now expected to be operational in the first quarter of 2022. Further details are in the report from Cllr M Bates under Appendix A.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Speed watch Various options for traffic management are being considered using the KCC Highways guideline publications. Measuring the traffic flow through the parish would be a starting point to gather evidence. KCC could install a rubber traffic strip for a week's monitoring for about £250. It was agreed to wait until Covid-19 restrictions were relaxed so that normal traffic flow could resume before monitoring was arranged.

Defibrillator at East Langdon Parish Hall Awaiting installation and commissioning.

6 REPORTS

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Manion: Reported that Kent had been monitoring speeds through the villages. Kent is achieving very high waste recycling targets, only 1.5% waste going to landfill sites. Kent Fire Service had received a very good report for their expanding range of emergency and community support. Walk-in Covid testing is available Dover Discovery Centre and residents are encouraged to take a test twice weekly.

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

Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden – He has regular meetings with PCSO River Jarvis to share information in our ward area and arrange joint patrols of local villages.

Lengthman's Report – Pot holes reported KCC are taking too long to respond. Urgent requirements should take 2 hrs but are taking 2 days plus.

East Langdon Parish Hall – Post Office service as usual, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

West Langdon Parish Hall – Nothing to report.

Langdon Playing Field –Generally getting busier with good weather and general maintenance ongoing. Repairs to picnic tables to be done, the timber has been purchased. Working party volunteers are requested to help.

Local Plan Consultations - see Item 11.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Received

KCC Pothole Blitz work starts across Kent

KCC Transition Update from Roger Gough & Michael Payne

NALC CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN

NHW Messages - Dover District crime reported

DDC - A2 Emergency Resurfacing Whitfield Roundabout to Coldred Lane

DDC EKJIRP Parish Quadrennial Review

NALC ONLINE EVENTS

KALC Operation London Bridge

KALC Local Government Bulletin 26 February

KALC NEWS FEBRUARY 2021

Parish Online Newsletter

Rural Kent Rural Housing Protocol event

KALC - NEWS February 2021

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

Email Update for Guston residents from Glynis Farthing, Parish Clerk.

KCC Highways Road Closure: The Street, East Langdon, 22-23 March. BT Fibre Install

DDC Parish Basic Allowance and Parish Chairman's Allowance – Quadrennial review

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 21-03/01

Chq No.

1199	Rural Kent Annual Membership	£ 55.00
1200	Commercial Services Grounds maintenance	£ 254.96
1201	Aubergine 262 Ltd Website migration	£1116.00
1202	D Willett Clerk salary £520.00 and expenses £55.12	£ 575.12
1203	PAYE - D Willett	£ 130.00
1204	Zoom February Subscription payee C B Shaw	£ 14.39
1205	Anthony Hyde Newsletter	£ 48.00

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Unanimous

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest 1st February 2021 - 1st March 2021 £0.22

Resolution 21-03/02 To receive the Quarterly Financial Statement December 2020 – 31st March 2021. (End of Year Statement to be presented at April Meeting)

Unanimously approved

9. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received to date.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

None received to date

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

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

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr S Willett has been in contact with Stewart Watson at DDC. Quotations are being prepared from three consultants for help in developing the plan.

11. DDC DRAFT DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

The parish council held on-line Zoom public discussions on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th March with local residents to get their views before making a formal response to DDC by Wednesday 17 March.

See Appendix B

12. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

Nothing to report. General awareness of ongoing scams.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

Timed Agenda Items. Cllr J Watson suggested that timings could be added to the agenda topics to give a better structure the council meetings. After a short discussion it was decided not to change the agenda structure as it allows flexibility in the amount of time that might be needed for controversial business items. Meetings are expected to last up to 2 hours, ending at 9.30pm as per the Standing Orders.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next parish council meeting will be conducted by Zoom virtual session commencing 7.30 pm on **Monday 19th April 2021**. The public are welcome to attend, please contact the Clerk for details as regard Zoom access log-in.

Annual Parish Meeting - Date to be confirmed between 17th May and 1st June provided current Covid-19 restrictions are lifted to allow physical public meetings (not remote sessions). The legality of having the Annual Parish Meeting by virtual Zoom session on Monday 19th April at 8pm is being explored before a meeting date is confirmed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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

Appendix A

Cllr M Bates Report

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

1). COVID UPDATE

ROAD MAP UPDATE

From 8 March, some of the rules on what you can and cannot do will be changing:

- You will be allowed to spend time in outdoor public spaces for recreation on your own, with one other person, or with your household or support bubble.
- Pupils and students in all schools and Further Education settings will be able to return to face-to-face education
- Wraparound childcare can reopen, and other children's activities can restart for all children where it is needed to enable parents to work, attend education, seek medical care or attend a support group.
- Students on practical Higher Education courses at English universities who have not already returned and would be unable to complete their courses if they did not return to take part in practical teaching, access specialist facilities or complete assessments will be able to return.
- There will continue to be restrictions on international travel. Holidays will not be a permitted reason to travel.
- Those seeking to leave the UK must complete an outbound declaration of travel form ahead of departure.
- The rules on visiting care homes will change to allow regular indoor visits for a single named visitor.

VACCINATIONS UPDATE

The NHS is now offering Covid19 vaccine appointments to people in 'cohorts' five and six. Cohort five is people aged 65 to 69. If you are in this group, you will receive a letter from the national booking service and you can book an appointment at one of the large vaccination sites or community pharmacy services.

People in cohort six, those aged 16 to 64 with underlying health conditions (considered clinically vulnerable), will be invited by their GP surgery for a vaccination appointment. Carers will be invited either by the national booking system or by their GP for a vaccination appointment. To be invited for a vaccination as a carer of someone who is clinically vulnerable, you will need to be registered as a carer with your local authority (council) or on your GP record.

2). LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Just a reminder that the current period of consultation will end on or around 20th March.

3). COUNCIL TAX

Council Tax levels for 2021/22 were confirmed at a meeting of Full Council last night. Dover District Council confirmed the district council part of the bill for 2021/22 for a Band D property will be £197.19,

an increase of 2.57%. The average total Council Tax bill for Band D properties in the district will be £1,986, an increase of 4.84%.

The 2021/22 budget incorporates a fully funded capital programme and a balanced Housing Revenue Account. Housing projects include an ongoing programme to build up to 500 new affordable homes across the district, including interim housing to help those facing homelessness.

Forthcoming projects include a range of work to protect the environment, following DDC's declaration of a climate emergency and our aim for DDC to become a net zero carbon emitter by 2030. Projects include new EV charging points, reduced emissions from our new waste collection contract, and decarbonisation initiatives at DDC's Whitfield offices and Dover Museum.

The general fund budget for 2021/22 forecasts a deficit of around £500K and if required, some of the Council's reserves will be used to absorb the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on income and expenditure.

INTERNAL BORDER FACILITY – WHITE CLIFFS PARK

The project is progressing. The land has been purchased. The engagement process ended on 9th February and an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council was held the previous day which passed a resolution welcoming the creation of the employment opportunities provided by the border zone but also insisting that the conditions attached to the Planning Department's reply to the engagement process are implemented. At the monthly Update for Councillor's meeting on 3rd March the Project Team produced the latest site layout which provided a buffer zone that had been extended to create a space of 140 metres from the nearest homes to the nearest operating area of the site. The site adjacent to the residences will be concealed by a 4-metre-high bund and the land between will be landscaped with a view to enhancing the biodiversity of the area. There will also be sound buffers included on the site and all means will be made to reduce light pollution. The North Downs Way will be rerouted to run alongside the houses in St Martins and Dover Rd exiting as now on to the Dover Rd. However, discussions concerning its final configuration are still ongoing.

The timescales have slipped. The Special Development Order is unlikely to be presented for approval until mid-April. Construction will commence almost immediately thereafter but the site will not become operational until the first quarter of next year.

Roadside cleansing planned for the A256 and the A2/A20

Dover District Council is taking action to address the amount of remaining litter on our main routes in and around Dover - with a number of additional clean-ups set to start.

Working with partner agencies, the plans will ensure that the litter can be cleared efficiently, whilst causing the least disruption to traffic flows on these key routes, and most importantly, ensuring the safety of any operatives undertaking this work.

The two-week traffic management plan for this has now been costed and agreed, and the cleansing of both lanes along the entire 11-mile length of the A256 will commence this week.

The Council has written to National Government to request further financial support for the additional impact that the UK leaving the EU has had on the district's roads.

The A2 and A20 will also be cleansed in the next few weeks by another contract firm, working at night to minimise disruption. Highways England is responsible for this route and it requires an emergency order for managing traffic flow.

LOCAL ISSUES

1). **Dog Fouling**

There remains an outstanding bid from you for a bin in Holland Rd. As per our previous update we hope to receive more concrete information in April.

2). **Streetlamp in Waterworks Lane**

Two streetlamps in Waterworks Lane have been prioritised for repair. We are still awaiting a date as to when this we are will happen. I have requested an update from Keith Watson. He came back this evening to say that they remain part of the 260 streetlights being investigated by UKPN. DDC are currently pushing them as hard as they can to get them replaced by the summer.

3). **The Meadow**

Callum Caggiano received a response from the owner on 09/03 saying that he was a traveller and wished to make a planning application for the caravan to become his permanent home and to build a day room on to it. CC has forwarded him a Human Rights form to investigate his claim and he has three weeks to respond.

4). **The Lantern**

I received the following update from DDC: 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. They are still awaiting a response from the architect who has asked them to put an application in to regularise the position in relation to the pizza oven, yurt and day office.