

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

By Remote Conferencing
on Monday 19th April 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, Cllr B Price-Stephens (joined 8pm), D Willett (clerk), DDC Cllr O Richardson, KCC Cllr S Morris, Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden, River Jarvis PCSO, plus 4 members of the public.

1 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr C Shaw Item 8 Finance: Zoom Subscription, and West Langdon Green Mowing

2. **ABSENCES and APOLOGIES**

DDC Cllr M Bates Scrutiny Meeting

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 15th March 2021 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**

East Langdon Village Pond –The pond at Church Farm Mews remains silted, with low water level and no signs of the expected toad population as in previous years. Several village residents have expressed their concerns about the impact on local wildlife and general deterioration of this village asset. There is a willingness to help with any remedial works. The pond is owned collectively by the Church Farm Mews residents. Their representative, Martin Godden, is in discussion with KCC Highways surveyor to what might be done to improve the pond. The parish council chairman has agreed to meet again with Martin Godden and seek advice from the Kent Reptile and Amphibians Group (KRAG), the volunteer group who usually carry out a local toad survey of the pond.

Martin Mill Parking issues – Nothing to report.

Broadband Services in Langdon Cllr S Willett reported a final quote of £350K from OpenReach to connect all parish premises, (£1800 per household). Government grants via KCC are available (£1500 per household, £3000 per business) to help meet the installation costs. Cllr S Morris will investigate the funding levels from KCC for this new financial year.

The Lantern Inn, Martin. See item 9 planning

Parish Council Website hosting – The parish council's new website www.langdonpc.org.uk will go live in May, the current site at www.kentpc.kentparishes.gov.uk remaining active until then.

The two new parish council email addresses which will be Government compliant will be clerk@langdonpc.org.uk and chair@langdon.org.uk. The KCC grant of £900 to fund most of the migration cost is expected very soon.

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

A project update meeting is set for May 11th at which the stakeholders will discuss progress.

DDC Draft Local Plan update – The parish council has received from DDC a validation receipt of the submitted comments. DDC is busy processing the large number of responses to the consultation. They will collated and published later this year for further public comment.

5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Speed watch No update. Speeding through villages may only be a perceived problem. A quote from KCC for a bump strip traffic survey in Martin Mill will be requested.

Defibrillator at East Langdon Parish Hall The external cabinet has been installed and an electrician will be approached to make the necessary electrical connections.

6 REPORTS

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Manion: Reported that Kent Trading Standards had been successful in foiling the illegal tobacco trade in the county. The County still shows low figures for Covid-19. Pot holes are still being repaired and residents are welcome to report any road issues via the KCC website or phone in if urgent..

Cllr O Richardson and Cllr M Bates - DDC has formulated a road map out of current Covid restrictions. New waste collection and recycling schedules has been put into operation.

Unfortunately, there has been a problem with leaflet distribution giving new dates.

The leisure centres are now open to the public. There is no update news on the proposed Inland Border Clearance facility at Guston. The DDC/KCC summer grant scheme is now available and Cllr Richardson encourages people to apply for any activities that will be happening this summer. Current Government legislation sets midnight May 6th when council virtual meetings must end unless a new order is proposed to continue the arrangement.

The decision to install a new dog waste bin at the top of Hollands Hill is awaited from DDC. All the street lamps in the parish are expected to be converted and repaired by the autumn.

Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden – Regular operational meetings are being held with PCSO River Jarvis. Following the attempted theft from the playing field donation box, this area will be kept under surveillance during routine patrols.

New Local PCSO River Jarvis – The chairman welcomed River Jarvis to the meeting and looked forward to a good working relationship. River introduced himself and agreed to prepare monthly reports for the parish. No crimes reported for Langdon apart from the above playing field incident.

Lengthman's Report – A damaged lamp on Holland Hill to be reported. Pot holes awaiting repair had been white-marked.

East Langdon Parish Hall – Post Office service as usual. It will be a polling station on May 6th..

West Langdon Parish Hall – Nothing to report.

Langdon Playing Field – The good weather has encouraged more visitors to use the site and as a consequence the litter bins get full very quickly; the weekly collection proving to be insufficient.

Local Plan Consultations - see Item 11.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Received

KCC Transition Update from Roger Gough & Michael Payne

KCC plans to cut carbon emissions receive £21 million funding boost.

KCC Largest ever survey of visitors to Kent's Household Waste Recycling Centers.

Kent County Council - Highways Forward Works Programme

NALC CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETIN

NALC ONLINE EVENTS

KALC CEO Bulletin - March 2021

KALC Government's Welcome Back Fund

South East Employers See Newsletter - March 2021

KALC Eco Green Communities offering environmental stations to tackle dog fouling and littering

PCSO March Monthly Update
 KALC Prevent Venue Hire Guidance
 NHW Messages - Dover District crime reported.
 NALC ONLINE EVENTS
 KALC Operation London Bridge
 KALC Local Government Bulletin 30 March
 KALC NEWS March 2021
 Parish Online Newsletter
 PKF Littlejohn KE0155 Langdon Parish Council - 2020/21 AGAR external auditor instructions

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 21-04/01

Chq No.

1206	Sean Ricketts Phone Box Painting	£ 76.00
1207	Trevor Oku – East Langdon Green grass cutting	£ 30.00.
1208	Zoom March Subscription payee CB Shaw	£ 14.39
1209	KALC Annual Subscription	£283.92
1210	West Langdon Green – Mowing fuel. (M Meadows) CB Shaw	£10.00

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr S Craft

Unanimously approved

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest	1 st March 2021 - 1 st April 2021	£0.25
Dover District Council Precept 2021/22		£14,770.00

Resolution 21-04/02

To receive and approve the End of Year Financial Statement April 2020 – March 2021

Bank reconciliation, Forecast v Actual Expenditure and VAT reports presented for discussion and approval. Expenditure well within budget due to lack of activity caused by Covid 19. The Parish Council Finances are in a healthy state.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Unanimously approved

9. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV 21/00123 to be decided between meetings.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Change of use of land and the erection of a Yurt, Romany caravan, shelter to rear, pizza oven building, fencing, chalet on stilts (retrospective)

Location: The Old Lantern, The Street Martin CT15 5JL

Langdon Parish Council has the following observations on this application:

Objects to the application as submitted:

The council's comments are:

The applicant has failed to appropriately demonstrate an understanding of the considerable environmental health impacts that the application has on the immediate local area. Most significantly this includes the air quality impact of the wood-fired pizza oven on the neighbouring properties, and the additional noise generated by the operation of separate accommodation within the garden of the pub. We would urge the applicant to undertake more thorough surveys (particularly air quality/ventilation/extract, noise and lighting) and put in place any necessary mitigation works to offset the potential impacts on the privacy and quality of amenity for neighbouring residents.

We would also seek clarification on the need for the expanded operation, given the proximity of Hawthorn Farm Holiday Park in Martin Mill. An Economic Statement, setting out the extent of current and proposed uses, should be required to ensure an informed planning decision can be made. Alongside this, the applicant should provide full details of how the garden accommodation is to be served eg. Are they reliant on the main pub building for WC/wash facilities?

The Heritage Impact Assessment appears to be poorly constructed and not prepared by an appropriate conservation/historic building specialist. Accordingly, we are not convinced that the impact of the proposed yurt/caravan has been sufficiently considered; both are out-of-keeping with the wider Conservation Area, but appear to have limited visibility from the wider public realm. We are also concerned that unapproved works to the boundary trees has been undertaken, which may further impact the character of the Conservation Area.

The parish council also notes that there is an airstream caravan in the car park, the purpose of which is unclear. Customer parking at the Lantern Inn is limited and its availability is reduced by the siting of the caravan.

We are overall supportive of local business and keen to see further economic activity in the Parish, but this must not come at the cost of neighbouring amenity or the quality and unique character of the Martin Conservation Area. In its current form, the Parish Council objects to this application, and would urge Officers to seek further clarity on the points noted above.

DOV20/00838

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Siting of static home VH (retrospective)

Location: Midgard, Guston Road, East Langdon Dover Kent CT15 5JE

Langdon Parish Council has the following observations on this application.

No objections:

The Council's comments are:

Recommend the reinstatement of the hedgerow adjacent the lane but allowing for safety sight lines onto lane.

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Permission: Granted

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

Permission: Prior Approval Approved - Change of Use

10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

On hold waiting DDC response

11 DDC DRAFT DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

The parish council have sent formal response to Reg 18 to DDC. We have received a response as valid document. At present DDC very busy processing all responses and we await further information.

12. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

Nothing to report. General awareness of ongoing scams.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Revised December Parish Meeting moved to Monday 13th December to avoid proximity to Christmas.

14. NEXT MEETING

The annual Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 17th May 2021 at 7.30pm** by Zoom virtual session unless Covid-19 restriction are relaxed sufficiently to allow a physical meeting in East Langdon Parish Hall.. 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 17th May at 8pm is being explored before a meeting date is confirmed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Signed...Chris Shaw..... Date.....17th May 2021