

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
East Langdon Parish Hall
on Monday 17th May 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw (chair), Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr J Watson, Cllr S Craft, D Willett (clerk), DDC Cllr M Bates, KCC Cllr S Manion, KCC Cllr O Richardson, Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden, plus 4 members of the public.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw Item 10 Finance: Zoom Subscription,

2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr C Shaw

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Unanimously approved

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr A Minns

Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Unanimously approved

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

Parish Hall Committee

Proposed: Cllr C Shaw

Langdon Playing Field

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

KALC

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

3 UPDATE OF COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillors reminded to check and update their personal information as held by DDC.

4. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr Barbara Price Stephens - Family commitment

Cllr S Willett- Work Commitments

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 19th April 2021 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the chairman.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

East Langdon Village Pond –The pond at Church Farm Mews remains silted, with low water level. The management committee of Church Farm Mews will be taking advice.

Broadband Services in Langdon NALC survey to be filled in.

Parish Council Website hosting – An accessibly-compliant but reduced version of the website will go live on 20th May at www.langdonpc.org.uk.

Defibrillator at East Langdon Parish Hall About to go live. Cllr C Shaw will send information to NHS 999 First Responder Unit. The regular monitoring of the defibrillator unit could be done by a local resident or by a maintenance contract business.

Speed watch. KCC to provide a quote for a bump strip traffic survey in Martin.

Revised Refuse Collections

Chaotic start and serious disruption to published collection schedule. See appendices report from Cllr M Bates

7. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Nothing to report

8. REPORTS

County and District Councillors

Cllr S Manion: Reported that new KCC Cabinet members have been elected. Illegal workers have been found and appropriate action is being taken. KCC are tackling tobacco smuggling crimes. Both these initiatives are being multi agency coordinated.

Pot holes are still being repaired and residents are welcome to report any road issues via the KCC website or phone if urgent.

Cllr O Richardson and Cllr M Bates – see appendices section

Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden – Not many calls from our ward to report.

Community Wardens have been assisting the recent murder incident investigations at Aylesham. There is now a phased exit strategy so that normal patrols can resume in the dover area.

PCSO River Jarvis – Incident report for April received and apologies for not attending this meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Received

KCC Weekly Pothole Update

Local Road closures

DDC Community Grant Scheme - Summer Round - Still Open!

KALC DCMS Rural Broadband Consultation

KALC NEWS - APRIL 2021

NALC Newsletter

Chief executive's bulletin May 2021

On-line Events

NHW Dover District Crime report

RURAL KENT Online Newsletter

Kent Coast Volunteering: Supporting Communities - Helping to Keep People Safe and Well

Norma Powell, Martin - email to report graffiti on the bridge at Lucerne Lane.

10. FINANCE**Proposal Resolution 21-05/01**

To accept the Zurich Insurance quotation of **£231.44**, including Insurance Premium Tax for policy renewal 2021-2022

Proposed: Cllr J Watson

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

Unanimously approved

Approval of payments Resolution 21-05/02**Chq No.**

1213	Zurich Insurance Policy renewal 2021-2022	£231.44
1214	KCC EIS Remote Backup Service	£17.40
1215	Zoom April Subscription payee CB Shaw	£14.39

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

Unanimously approved

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest	1 st April 2021 – 30 th April 2021	£ 0.29
Kent Association of Local Councils	Web site development Contribution	£900.00

Proposal: Resolution 21-05/03

To complete a Certificate of Exemption certifying the parish council as exempt from a limited assurance review for the accounting period 2020-2021.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr C Shaw

Unanimously approved

Proposal: Resolution 21-05/04

To appoint Lionel Robbins as the Internal Auditor for audit 2020-21

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Unanimously approved

11 REVIEW and APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S POLICIES FOR:

- a) Standing Orders** (previously circulated) **Resolution 21-05/05 approved**
Revised with Covid References Re Dates suspended
- b) Financial Regulations Resolution 21-05/06 approved**
Revised Covid References Re Dates suspended
- c) Risk Assessment Resolution 21-05/07 approved**
Update with Covid References in Appendix
- d) Assets and Land Inventory as of March 2021 Resolution 21-05/08 approved**

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

12. PLANNING
PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received to date

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

CON/20/00430/A

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Materials

Location: Mill House Station Road Martin Mill Dover Kent CT15 5JX 3

Permission: Condition Approved

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

Permission: Granted

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr S Willett to update at next meeting

14. DDC DRAFT DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

Over 7000 Public consultation responses now being collated by DDC. Next update expected in early autumn.

15. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

Nothing to report but a reminder that on-line scams are becoming more sophisticated and devious.

16. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Lengthman's Report – nothing to report.

East Langdon Parish Hall – The Post Office service is open as usual. The polling station on May 6th ran smoothly with well-defined Covid-19 measures. Interest has been expressed for restarting coffee mornings on Tuesdays. Dog Training sessions are likely to restart in June.

West Langdon Parish Hall – Nothing to report.

Langdon Playing Field – The good weather has encouraged more visitors to use the site. The picnic tables are being rebuilt as part of the on-going maintenance programme.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Possible Queen's Platinum celebrations in summer 2022. Langdon to plan for community event. Martin residents organised a litter-picking event on the May 3rd Bank Holiday

18. NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council ordinary meeting will be on **Monday 21st June 2021 at 7.30pm** East Langdon Parish Hall. The public are welcome to attend. Covid-19 restrictions will apply.

The Annual Parish Meeting - will be on **Monday 24th May at 7.30pm** in the parish hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed.



Date...21 June 2021...

Appendices

1. VACCINATION UPDATE

In addition to the usual vulnerable groups the vaccine is also now being given to people who are aged 40 or over or will turn 40 before 1 July 2021

2. LOCKDOWN MEASURES AS FROM TODAY 17TH MAY

Gathering limits will be eased. Outdoor gatherings will be limited to 30 people and indoor gatherings will be limited to 6 people or 2 households.

New guidance on meeting friends and family will emphasise personal responsibility rather than government rules. Instead of instructing you to stay 2m apart from anyone you don't live with, you will be encouraged to exercise caution and consider the guidance on risks associated with COVID-19 and actions you can take to help keep you and your loved ones safe

- Indoor entertainment and attractions such as cinemas, theatres, concert halls, bowling alleys, casinos, amusement arcades, museums and children's indoor play areas will be permitted to open with COVID-secure measures in place
- People will be able to attend indoor and outdoor events, including live performances, sporting events and business events. Attendance at these events will be capped according to venue type, and attendees should follow the COVID-secure measures set out by those venues
- Indoor hospitality venues such as restaurants, pubs, bars and cafes can reopen
- Organised indoor sport will be able to take place for all (this includes gym classes). This must be organised by a business, charity or public body and the organiser must take reasonable measures to reduce the risk of transmission
- All holiday accommodation will be open (including hotels and B&Bs). This can be used by groups of up to 6 or 2 households (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible)
- Funeral attendance will no longer be limited to 30 people, but will be determined by how many people the COVID-secure venue can safely accommodate with social distancing. Limits at weddings, wakes and other commemorative events will be increased to 30 people.
- The rules for care home residents visiting out and receiving visitors will change, allowing up to five named visitors (two at any one time), provided visitors test negative for COVID-19
- All higher education students will be able to access in-person teaching
- Support groups and parent and child group gathering limits will increase to 30 people (not including under 5s)
- There will no longer be a legal restriction or permitted reason required to travel internationally. There will be a traffic light system for international travel, and you must follow the rules when returning to England depending on whether you return from a red, amber or green list country.

3. CHANGES TO RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS

I think that it would be an understatement to say that the changes made by Veolia to the waste collection did not go without incident and, judging by the number of emails we received in our in boxes the problems had been endemic throughout our ward.

The new schedules introduced by Veolia from April 12th are intended to ensure a more even spread of properties between collection days and by more efficient routing to provide a more

environmentally friendly and sustainable service and thus reduce vehicle emissions. The new routes are longer in that they have more properties but involve less backtracking than the previous arrangements and should ensure a better balance between the size of rounds which have been affected by housing growth over the years so they should be more efficient once the new arrangements have settled down.

DDC did work hard to get things back on track. On Friday 10th April the Leader of the Council, Trevor Bartlett, met with Pascal Hauret, the Managing Director of Veolia. The local teams were boosted with 5 additional rounds out that day. On the Saturday they mobilised resources from their contracts in London to support the Dover operations and continued to work on Bank Holiday Monday as usual. During that week both Ollie and I received a number of emails and telephone calls from frustrated residents; namely in St Margaret's, Kingsdown and Guston. We established a liaison point via the Head of Waste Services and his new manager. Any complaints we received were passed direct to them so that they could arrange for missed collections to be picked up. The feedback that I received indicated that those complainants had their bins collected the following day. We received one complaint from a resident in Ripple who contacted us via our Facebook page. I routed his complaint via the same chain of command, and he responded within the hour to say that his bins had been emptied.

Since last week it appears that collections have now returned to a normal service.

LOCAL ISSUES

1). Dog Fouling

There remains an outstanding bid from you for a bin in Holland Rd. As per our previous update we had hoped to receive more concrete information in April. Nothing yet and I forwarded a chaser on 14th May to which I am awaiting a reply.

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 will happen. DDC are currently pushing them as hard as they can to get them replaced by the summer. A recent meeting with Martin Leggatt indicated that they are hoping to have all 270 junction boxes upgraded by October this year and the backlog of outstanding works to be completed at the same time. He is submitting a report to Cabinet for approval in June and a review of the issue will be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the same month.

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. On 19th April Callum confirmed that the landowner had submitted details of his proposed development under application number DOV/20/00838. The details provided in the last two weeks were added to the original planning application thus making it valid. The application is now under consideration and I believe you forwarded the PC's comments to DDC last month.

4). The Lantern

A planning application was submitted on the 25/01/2020 for The Lantern but was not made valid because further information was required from the agent. Development Management then allowed until 22nd February for the additional information to be submitted. A retrospective application was subsequently submitted under DOV/21/00123. I note that there are already 23 comments on the website so I would imagine that this is likely to come to us on the Planning Committee.