

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
East Langdon Parish Hall
on Monday 16th August 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw (chair), Cllr J Dyer, Cllr A Minns, D Willett (clerk), DDC Cllr M Bates, KCC Cllr S Morris, plus 2 members of the public.

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw Item 8, Finance: expenditure claims

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr J Watson - Holiday

Cllr B Price-Stephens – Family commitment

Cllr S Craft – Holiday

Cllr S Willett – Work

Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden

A short discussion was had regarding Parish Council attendance.

3. MINUTES

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

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer

Seconded: Cllr A Minns

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

East Langdon Village Pond –The chairman of the Church Farm Mews management group had written to the Leader of KCC to highlight the on-going issues with the pond being silted up with road surface water run-off because the pond silt trap remains blocked. A reply is awaited. Contact had been made with the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) who can offer advice and support with the pond restoration.

Broadband Services in Langdon Waiting for update on the per-household KCC contribution fund and Government schedule.

Speedwatch. Application for traffic count at Martin Mill to be followed up. Clerk to forward details to Cllr A Minns

Westside/School Lane unadopted section The top section of road approaching the school entrance seems to have no registered title owner and therefore is not maintained. The road surface is pot-holed and the hedges are becoming overgrown. The bungalow properties bordering the road section are owned by DDC so the council may be responsible for the upkeep. DDC Cllr Bates will investigate. The public footpath ER44, (managed by KCC), traverses the lane.

Public Footpath – ER48 Old Roman Road, Martin Mill. Problems with refuse collection down the lane due to tight access and items restricting the turning space outside La Reveille.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Waste collections still a problem, with some scheduled bins collections for Friday being emptied on Saturday. Waste food bins are a higher priority and garden waste collections have been suspended.

Extra Salt/Grit Bins – a new 60 litre portable yellow bin is proposed to provide additional winter weather road grit at Martin.

6. REPORTS

KCC Cllr S Manion: Reported that the urgent issues of providing accommodation for unaccompanied asylum children is being discussed with the Government for more funding support and out-of-county places for them to stay.

DDC Cllr M Bates: see appendix section for full report.

Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden – The only reported issues that have arisen for the parish are the hawkers and a check up on a proposed event at the holiday park with a couple of live bands over the bank holiday weekend. Enquiries with the organisers and DDC Licensing were made to ensure the correct licences were in place and the findings fed back.

The bands are only playing for a couple of hours on Friday and Sunday evening and will be finished no later than 9 pm. They are local bands so unlikely to attract a large influx of visitors but if there are any complaints, they can be fed back to the organisers. If the complaints are such that enforcement action is required then the relevant enforcement authority will be alerted.

Local PCSO River Jarvis - Nothing to report.

Local Plan Consultations - see Item 11.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Received

- KCC** Weekly Pothole Update
Notice of the intention to make an Order to temporarily close Public Footpath EE429, Langdon
- DDC** Parish Councils - Dover District Council settlement confines consultation 2021
Dover District Council Community Grant Scheme Winter Round
- KALC** KALC NEWS JULY 2021
National Resilience Strategy Call For Evidence
KALC DEFIBRILLATORS AND ACCESSORIES
Kent Community Speedwatch - Invitation to online event on 1 September
- NHW** Dover District Crime reports
- EMAIL** Bernard Griffiths, The pond in East Langdon.

8. FINANCE

Approval of payments Resolution 21-07/01

Chq No.

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| 1230 | CB Shaw - Defib replacement electrodes pack | £ 94.74 |
| 1231 | Commercial Services – Grounds Maintenance | £1094.23 |
| 1232 | Microsoft Monthly Subscription charge – PC emails payee CB Shaw | £ 9.12 |
| 1233 | Anthony Hyde July Newsletter printing | £ 90.00 |

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

Receipts

9. PLANNING**PLANNING APPLICATIONS****DOV 21/00123****Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)**

Proposal: Change of use of land and the retention of a Yurt (holiday let), Romany caravan (used for ornamental purposes only), smoke shelter to rear, pizza oven building, fencing, detached outbuilding as staff office and accommodation (retrospective)

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

Langdon Parish Council has the following observations on this application:

The two additional plans documents of the garden area do not appear to add any more useful information. The parish council's original objection and submitted comments are still considered valid. DDC Planning has been asked to clarify the questions raised earlier.

DOV 21/01192**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)**

Proposal: Construction of an outdoor swimming pool, brick wall with iron gates, fencing with timber five bar gate and associated landscaping (existing block wall to be demolished)

Location: Eastside Farm, The Street, East Langdon, CT15 5JF

Langdon Parish Council has the following observations on this application

No objections

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**DOV 21/00703**

Proposal: Garage conversion to habitable accommodation, insertion of 2no. windows, widening of existing driveway

Location: Longwaite Station Road Martin Mill CT15 5JX

Decision Granted

CON/20/01171/E

Proposal: 16 - Construction management plan

Location: Land Known As Church Farm Vicarage Farm Road West Langdon Kent

Decision COAPP - - Condition Approved

CON/20/01171/B

Proposal: 12 - Surface water drainage

Location: Land Known As Church Farm Vicarage Farm Road West Langdon Kent

Decision COAPP - - Condition Approved

CON/20/01171/C

Proposal: 13 - Foul water drainage

Location: Land Known As Church Farm Vicarage Farm Road West Langdon Kent

Decision COAPP Condition Approved

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

No progress to report.

11. DDC DRAFT DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

Public comments as submitted on the first draft local plan consultation (Regulation 18) have been

published on the DDC portal. The next consultation (Regulation 19) on the revised local plan and maps is expected at the end of this year.

12. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

A further discussion to be had regarding use of personal computers/tablets for council business and to consider the purchase of tablet devices solely for parish councillor business.

13. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

East Langdon Parish Hall – Dog Training classes and Yoga sessions to start again in September. The upholstered seats have now been recovered and look very smart.

Langdon Playing Field – Zip wire still not working; the quote for replacing the safety surface being £4000. Two new picnic tables have been installed. A donation of £300 has been received from Keat Farm Caravan Park, Martin Mill.

West Langdon – nothing to report.

Lengthman's Report – Verges cut late June, some sight lines on road junction corners were cut earlier. A face to face meeting with KCC highways has been requested to discuss various issues with the parish roads and safety. Some KCC Highways road repair methods are considered short-term and therefore inadequate.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Community Celebration – End of Lockdown service and social activity on village green in September is considered too early and may be planned for later in the year.

DDC – Village Settlement Confines Consultation 2021. Parish Councils have been invited to comment on the proposed village boundary maps for East Langdon, Martin and Martin Mill as circulated by DDC. Copies of the maps have been posted on the parish council website and displayed in the parish hall. Details of the consultation are also on the parish notice boards. The parish council will respond to the consultation by the deadline of 10th September.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 20th September 2021 at 7.30pm** in East Langdon Parish Hall. The public are welcome to attend.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed.  Date 20 September 2021

Appendix

Monthly Report from DDC Cllr M Bates

BIN COLLECTIONS

The situation continues and, if anything, has deteriorated. Work to resolve the rescheduling issues will still take a few weeks yet to complete. Collection services are now, in addition, being severely affected by the well documented national shortage of HGV drivers and to a lesser extent the by the so called 'pingdemic' requiring staff to self-isolate.

DDC are doing all they can to maintain services but this is proving increasingly difficult for Veolia given their current staffing levels. DDC therefore agreed to their request to suspend garden waste collections for a short period, to provide them with some additional capacity to support the recycling collection services. We are in daily discussion with Veolia regarding their resourcing levels to determine whether we need to take any further steps to safeguard core services or when the full range of services can be resumed. At this stage, the message to those affected residents is that they should store their garden waste until their next scheduled collection. Should the suspension of the garden waste service extend beyond two weeks then they will look at arrangements to compensate customers by measures such as extending the subscription period or offering a rebate off next year's renewal.

As of 6th August daily collections had recovered to 90% of household refuse, 93% of food waste but had reduced to 76% of recycling. Veolia do have a recovery plan which sees a new system being put in place by the end of September. This was forwarded to you two weeks ago. As of now they claim that this remains on track.

The system for reporting missed collections to ward councillors remains in place. We will continue to keep you informed and are continuing to respond to the needs of individual residents as quickly as we can.

LOCAL ISSUES

1). 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. The latest was a reply I received from Alan Watson on 19th July which stated:

I can confirm we have commenced on site work as planned from the beginning of July. Currently up until today 84 new lights and brackets have been erected waiting for UKPN to transfer the power and make safe. We will be receiving an update independently from UKPN with how many out of the 84 are in operation. Due to the health and safety and time the transfer takes they'll be planning to do 5 per day each time they visit the district and we will put on the pressure if we fall behind our intended target date. We have been reliably informed they will increase their number of crews if this happens,

We were forwarded a copy of their spreadsheet and there are two streetlamps down for repairs in Waterworks Lane, Martin Mill. One is outside Westfield, the other by Holmbury. We don't have, as yet a schedule itemising date for the repairs and we have been promised an additional progress report by the end of August.

2). West Side unadopted road

A site meeting has been arranged between Chris Shaw and Cllr Bates to discuss the complaints made the residents of the bungalows at the top end of West Side/School Lane.