

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
East Langdon Parish Hall
on Monday 21st February 2022 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw (chair), Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr S Craft, Cllr J Watson, D Willett (clerk). KCC Cllr S Manion, DDC Cllr M Bates, DDC Cllr O Richardson plus 3 Members of the Public, Greentech 3 representatives

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw Item 9, Finance: expenditure claim; Cllr A Minns Item 9 Playing Field Grant

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr B Price-Stephens (carer duties)
 Cllr S Willett (work commitment)
 Steve Nodding KCC Community Warden,
 River Jarvis – PCSO

3. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED SOLAR FARM - James Jenkinson of Greentech Energy gave a 30 minute outline presentation of a proposed solar PV farm on 62 acres of farmland running north-east from Hangman's Lane, Guston, towards Solton Manor, East Langdon. Most of the proposed site, known as Chalkpit Solar Farm, would lie within the parish of Langdon. Two public consultation exhibitions will be held for local residents in the afternoons of Tuesday 22nd March at Guston Village Hall (1pm -7pm) and then Wednesday 23rd March at East Langdon Parish Hall (1pm-4pm).

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 17th January 2021 were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

East Langdon Village Pond Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group (KRAG) volunteers are doing their annual toad survey but there have been very few sightings of amphibians so far this year. No further news to report on improvement schemes to the pond area..

Westside/School Lane unadopted section No further progress. The Primary School, has been emailed for comments. Cllr M Bates suggested to keep up pressure on KCC via Cllr S Manion.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – June 2nd – 5th An initial meeting on 22nd February has been called to gauge the interest in organising community events in June. Martin is planning a garden party event and it is likely that a Big Lunch parish event will be arranged for Sunday 5th June, preceded by an open-air thanksgiving service.

The Parish Council will support events and make funds available where appropriate but the planning must be by the wider community event. The parish council may finance and present a commemorative mug to children of the parish as was done for the Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Commonwealth Day 2022 14th March This annual event will be held at East Langdon village green starting at 9.45am. Open to all residents, it will last about 15 minutes. Also see under Any Other Business Item 16.

Blocked road drains through East Langdon, The Street. KCC Reference number 620933 Waiting for drains to be cleared.

6. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Neighbourhood Watch nothing to report as yet, awaiting on progress from Kent Police.
“Secured By Design”, the official police security initiative has advice for residential and business property owners. See <https://www.securedbydesign.com/>

7. REPORTS

KCC Cllr S Manion: KCC Highways will waive any fees associated with approved road closures for the Platinum Jubilee street events in June. Applications must be made by 31st March. In answer to a recent enquiry concerning the maintenance and clearance of road drains, the inspection is scheduled every 6 months by KCC Highways.

DDC Cllr M Bates: see Appendix section for full report

Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden see Appendix section for full report

River Jarvis PCSO.- Sent email saying he plans to attend further meetings.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC National Highways -A2 Dover Access scheme progress update, February 2022
 ref CRM:0001226

Members Newsletter - Waste Management Update January 2022

Local Government Bulletin 21 January

DDC The Dover Prevent Community Roundtable event - 31 March 2022

Dover District Council - Community-Led Housing and Shared Ownership Events

KALC Minutes Meeting

Chairmanship Networking Day

Annual Planning Conference taking place on 10 March

KALC Training - Improving Internal Council Communications

NALC CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BULLETINS

NALC policy Consultation Briefing - OFCOM Postal Regulation Consultation.

NALC Newsletter

Rural Kent - Parish Council Membership Renewal 2022-2023

Ambulance Staff Wellbeing Volunteer Recruitment

Kent Wildlife Trust Chough species Reintroduction Information

9. FINANCE

Resolution 22-02/01: Approval of payments

Chq No.

1262	Aubergine262 Ltd - Annual Website Domain fee	£ 36.00
1263	Wicksteed - Playing Field annual inspection	£144.00
1264	East Langdon PCC Church - Section 137 payment	£250.00
1265	West Langdon Village Hall - Grant Application	£250.00
1266	Langdon Playing Field - Grant Application	£250.00
1267	Microsoft Monthly Subscription charge – PC emails payee CB Shaw	£ 9.12

Proposed: Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Resolution carried

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest 1st January 2022 – 1st February 2022 £ 0.27

10. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOV/10/01010

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Reserved Matters application for the approval of layout, scale, landscaping, internal

access arrangements and appearance for 249 dwellings pursuant to outline planning Permission

Location: Phase 1C, Whitfield Urban Extension, Archers Court Road, Whitfield

No objection

Comment; Reinstate original 30mph speed limit in Archers Court Road from Richmond Way to the Church Whitfield bridge junction.

DOV/22/00197

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Replacement of damaged bricks & repoint brickwork to rear elevation.

Location: Langdon Abbey, Abbey Road, Langdon CT15 5HJ

No objection

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

None received to date

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

An initial scoping meeting and parish walkabout was held between the appointed NDP consultants and 3 parish councillors to discuss topics for inclusion in the planning policy.

A public questionnaire will be drawn up as the next stage in the consultation process for distribution to all households, businesses and other stakeholders in the parish. The results will help inform the Langdon's Neighbourhood Development Plan. A start-up grant application has been made to the national Government funding available to local councils.

12. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

Nothing to report.

13. CLIMATE CHANGE

Local councils are encouraged to develop a Climate Change policy with practical carbon-footprint reduction measures at local community level. The parish council has already taken on-board certain actions and seeks to identify a "Parish Champion". An article has recently been included in the February Langdon Newsletter to encourage more participation in local environmental and tree planting projects. The KALC website contains useful advice. KCC has launched a community EV charging point scheme which may be of interest to parishioners upgrading to EV CARS and may be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

14. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

Langdon Playing Field: Safety inspection has been completed and the report from Wicksteed Ltd to be sent through.

West Langdon Village Hall: Nothing to report

East Langdon Parish Hall: Training sessions for women self-defence classes now in progress 1st Tuesday of the month.

Lengthsman's Report: Reporting of pot holes still being reported. Several local lanes were obstructed by fallen trees during the recent storms. Residents trying to report road blockages via the KCC Highways portal experienced long telephone wait times because the reporting system treated a fallen tree as a potential emergency situation which could not be reported on the website.

15. PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION An amendment to the Standing Orders to allow this item on the meeting agenda will be discussed at the Annual Meeting of the parish council in May.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Commonwealth Day 2022 Monday March 14th. This annual community event at East Langdon green to be arranged with Langdon Primary School

Platinum Jubilee Commemoration: Specimen Tree Planting with a plaque and a commemoration bench were possible ways to mark the June 2022 national event.

17. NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 21st March 2022 at 7.30pm** in East Langdon Parish Hall. The public are welcome to attend.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm

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

Appendix 1

Monthly Report from DDC Cllr M Bates

MEETING REPORT FOR EAST LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ON 21TH FEBRUARY 2022

1). INTERNAL BORDER FACILITIES

The Special Development Order for the HMRC site at White Cliffs Business Park is now with the Secretary of State for LUHC and is expected to be signed off this week. A contractor, Galliford Try, has been appointed. Soft works on the site commenced on 7th February. More intensive work will begin once sign off is achieved.

The Special Development Order for the DEFRA site at Bastion Point in White Cliffs has now reached the engagement stage which will end at midnight tonight. Further information on the project has been posted on their website: [Dover SPS Border Control Post – Inland Border Facilities](#). A newsletter was forwarded to all key stakeholders, and I posted a copy on our Facebook page. The site is projected to commence operations on an escalating scale in July and will initially employ up to 200 newly recruited Port Health staff.

2). DOVER FAST TRACK

The contractor for this development has also been appointed and is COLAS. Construction will commence of the fast-track link road between the B&Q roundabout and Dover Rd outside Guston very shortly. It will initially provide access to the HMRC IBF site and both contractors are already working together closely on logistical planning.

3). DDC LOCAL PLAN

This is currently on track to commence the regulation 19 engagement process in March. An announcement of the official timescales for the process should be announced shortly.

LOCAL ISSUES

1). West Side unadopted road.

Still ongoing. I have written to my colleague in KCC to see whether he can try and he has told me that they will not take this on as they deny owning the land as does DDC. Chris will arrange a meeting with the headteacher of the primary school and see whether we can ask for her support particularly in relation to clearing the public footpath to the school. Next step would be to escalate this to the MP.

Appendix 2

Monthly Report from Steve Nodding - KCC Community Warden

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There was only one incident of note this month which was reported regarding a person using a firearm in the fields near the haystack. On attendance I found an employee of Ledger Farms who own the land and he was setting up his new sight on his gun before lawful use. I checked with the farm that all was in order. I have also received a phone call about the parents using the unadopted area in East Langdon to park when picking up their children. As this is an agenda item I will speak with Chris Shaw in due course to see the history of the situation and if there is anything that can be done to resolve the situation.

Any questions could you please let me know?

Kind Regards

Steve