

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING**  
**East Langdon Parish Hall**  
**on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30 pm**

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

**1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr C Shaw (Item 8), Microsoft monthly email fee, East Langdon Parish Hall and LPFA grants  
 Cllr A Minns (item 8) KALC AGM travel and booking fee expenses

**2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES**

Cllr B Price-Stephens - carer duties  
 Cllr S Craft - unwell  
 Cllr S Willett – unwell  
 DDC Cllr O Richardson – personal reasons

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21st November 2022 were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

**Proposed:** Cllr A Minns

**Seconded:** Cllr J Dyer

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Martin Mill Parking**

Cllr A Minns had written to George Patterson but no reply received as yet.

**Land at The Street, East Langdon (LAN003)**

Meeting with Gladman's Land Agent. To be arranged 2nd week January 14th

**Vegetation overhanging footpath at Westside East Langdon**

KCC have new Highways and footpath Manager which may produce a response.

**5. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**Pedestrian safety in the surrounding lanes:** Discussion to progress a Highway Improvement Plan including a blanket 30mph speed limit for the whole of Langdon's lanes will be investigated.

**Pavement Safety:** Leaves and mud in gutters making pavement edge difficult to see.

The portable salt bin in Martin had been used up during the icy weather. Extra grit-salt is stored at the parish hall car park for residents to refill the yellow bin at Martin as needed.

**6. REPORTS**

**DDC Cllr M Bates:**

**See Appendix section for the full report.**

**KALC report Cllr A Minns:** All motions agreed.

**Joint Transport Committee meeting** to discuss planned A258 road works at mid-March meeting

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>KCC</b>	Latest Scam Alerts ALERT! Charity Cold Callers Active in East Farleigh and Tonbridge
<b>DDC</b>	DDC Town and Parish Event District housing needs survey 2023

- KALC** KALC Events  
KALC TRAINING - BURIAL GROUNDS LAW AND MANAGEMENT - A WORKSHOP  
KALC News November  
Backpay and Universal Credit
- NALC -** Newsletter  
Events  
Chief executive's bulletin  
Parish Online Newsletter - November  
Kent Fire and Rescue Service - Free Fire Safety Talks
- Southern Water** Martin Gorse Another "lost" construction lorry  
**Our Community Store** by LocoSoco x Langdon Parish Council

## 8. FINANCE

### National Salary Award Pay Scales - Parish Clerk's Salary Review

**Proposal: 22-12/01:** To increase the Parish Clerk's SCP 8 hourly rate from £10.84 to £11.84 backdated from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

**Proposed** Cllr C Shaw; **Seconded:** Cllr A Minns  
**Resolution carried**

### Resolution 22-12/02: Approval of payments

#### Chq No.

<b>1334</b>	Microsoft monthly email service. Payee CB Shaw	£ 10.80
<b>1335</b>	KALC AGM 2022 Conference Travelling expenses Cllr A Minns	£ 43.20
<b>1336</b>	KALC AGM 2022 Eventbrite Conference Booking Fee Cllr A Minns	£ 5.00
<b>1337</b>	Replacement council laptop battery - payee CB Shaw	£ 27.99
<b>1338</b>	Clerk Salary £568.32 (Oct-Dec) Backpay £96.00+ expenses £75.42	£ 739.74
<b>1339</b>	HMRC Clerk PAYE (Oct – Dec)	£ 166.00
<b>1340</b>	West Langdon Green Strimming (December.) Payee David Meadows	£ 25.00
<b>1341</b>	Langdon Post Office Support Annual Grant. Payee East Langdon PH	£ 260.00
<b>1342</b>	Insurance Annual Grant. Payee Langdon Playing Field Association	£ 1700.00
<b>1343</b>	Parish Council Meetings Hire Oct–March 2023. Payee East Langdon	£ 120.00

**Proposed** Cllr J Watson; **Seconded:** Cllr J Dyer. **Resolution carried**

#### Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest	1st Nov 2022 – 31st November 2022	£ 22.43
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**To receive the Quarterly Financial Statement October – December 2022.** Approved.

**Grants to Parish Organisations Ref: Resolution: 22-11/02**– To invite applications from parish organisations for a grant up to £250 for projects benefiting the parish. Applications to be received by the Clerk no later than 6pm Monday 6th February 2023.  
Details and application form at [www.langdonpc.org.uk](http://www.langdonpc.org.uk) or from the clerk.

### Discussion of Draft Budget - Financial Year 2023 -2024

A recommended draft budget of £23060 was presented to councillors to be considered and approved at the January meeting together with the parish precept demand. The Formal Precept Demand Notice reflecting draft 2023/24 tax base figures is expected from DDC very soon.

**9. WEST LANGDON GREEN –**

None progress to report to date. The Chapel is to be sold by auction in December. The property has only pedestrian access rights across the green to the building.

**10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**None to Date**

**DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**DOV 22/00668**

**Proposal:** The erection of a solar farm with battery storage and associated infrastructure for a period of 40 years.

**Location:** Land North of Guston and The Lane Guston Court Farm Guston CT15 5EX

**Decision:** Granted

**Planning Enforcement Complaint ENF/22/00161**

**Location:** Land West of Deal Road and North Of, Solton Lane, East Langdon, Kent,

**Comment:** waiting report from DDC

**Planning Enforcement Complaint ENF/21/00396**

**Location:** Rainbows End, Langdon Parish

**Subject:** Removal of hedgerow along Footpath ER44 **ref: ENF/LAN/17/00060**

**Comment:** waiting report from DDC

**11. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

A total of 71 questionnaire responses had been received back from residents. The data will be processed and discussed at a community workshop event in early February.

**12. DDC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN –**

Langdon Parish Council's response to the Regulation 19 submission had been submitted.

**13. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

**East Langdon Parish Hall** Awaiting a replacement electricity meter by EDF meter. A very successful Christmas Wreath-Making workshop was run by Elaine Janaway on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Langdon Playing Field** – Annual Equipment Inspection booked for early January 2023.

**Lengthsman's Report** – Drain Sump in Lucerne Lane dug out recently

**14. DATA PROTECTION REPORT**

Nothing to report

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Carols on the Green** evening service Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 6.30pm East Langdon Green.

A December edition of the Langdon Parish Council newsletter will be distributed next week.

**16. NEXT MEETING**

The next parish council meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday January 16th 2023** in East Langdon Parish Hall.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm**

Signed.....Chris Shaw..... Date... 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Appendix

### Monthly Report from DDC Cllr M Bates

#### MEETING REPORT FOR LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 12.12.22

##### DOVER DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW REGULATION 19 SUBMISSION

The Dover District Council Regulation 19 Submission version of its Local Plan is now open for consultation.

This consultation opened on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and closed for receipt of comments at **5pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

##### RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND

DDC has received a grant of £400k. This is meant for the rural communities and is aimed at Business Development, Farm Business Diversification & Community Infrastructure. DCC Tourism & Infrastructure team will be contacting Parish Councils imminently.

##### FREE STREET DANCE SESSIONS IN DOVER AND DEAL

Girls aged eight and over in the district have been enjoying free street dance sessions organised by DDC. The project is funded by the charity, StreetGames, which aims to change lives and transform communities through the power of sport. The lessons have proved to be really successful in Dover and are now taking place in Deal. With teaching that includes learning various street dance moves and exercises that will strengthen joints and improve their flexibility, the participants are learning a street dance routine as part of a group too.

##### Deal sessions (until 4 January)

Wednesday evenings, 4.30pm-5.30pm, at Golf Road Centre, Deal

Thursday evenings, 4pm-5pm, at St Richards Church Centre, Deal

##### Supporting Communities - DDC Gives More Than £230k in Community Grant

Community groups in the district have been given a winter boost of over £110k in the latest round of Dover District Council's Community Grants scheme – meaning the scheme has allocated more than £230k to over 130 groups in the area this year. This week, the Appraisal Panel allocated over £110k to 66 groups in the winter round of the popular grants' initiative. Earlier this year, DDC announced payments of over £120k to 70 groups in the summer round.

##### Applications open for Community Transport Grant

Charities, resident groups and parish or town councils are now able to apply for funding from Kent County Council's (KCC) Community Transport Grant. This year £450,000 is available to go towards local schemes which provide invaluable services to residents who have difficulty accessing public transport.

The council has provided grants for community transport schemes for a number of years but this year has made additional funding available for groups to bid for to try to help communities impacted by changes to their bus service.

Applications are now open and should be submitted before the deadline on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 but we have asked KCC for an extension to this deadline.

Visit <https://www.kent.gov.uk/communitytransportgrant> to find out more about the Community Transport

Grant scheme and how to apply.

### Christmas in Dover District

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We've confirmed our [seasonal waste collections](#), with no collections on Monday 26 December and collections that week moved forward a day, (Monday moved to Tuesday, etc). Please see our [website](#) for the latest on Council services over Christmas/New Year.

And to help people to shop local, we've also introduced [free parking](#) in DDC-owned car parks on Saturdays throughout December.

There's a whole range of seasonal [events](#) in the district. Highlights from partners have already included Christmas light switch-ons.

The [festive fun](#) continued in Dover's Market Square on Saturday, 10 December, with a market, live music, and a visit from Santa!

We've also unveiled this year's Christmas tree on [Deal Pier](#).



- [More on Christmas arrangements](#)

### DDC Completes Land Assembly for Bench Street Redevelopment

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Dover District Council (DDC) has acquired the freehold of properties at 8, 10, 11 and 14 Bench Street in Dover, completing a programme of land assembly that brings the regeneration of the area a step closer. DDC already owns 15 Bench Street and the Bench Street car park.

Acquiring the properties is an important step in the council's bid to secure around £20m from the Government's Levelling-Up Fund for the 'Dover Beacon' project which will see the comprehensive redevelopment of the area. The proposals for Bench Street include:

- 2,000m<sup>2</sup> educational campus for the creative and digital industries
- 690m<sup>2</sup> facilities for small/medium businesses
- 800m<sup>2</sup> green space next to the River Dour
- Improving sustainable transport with additional electric bicycle hubs, as an expansion of the current Dover cycle hire scheme
- Retention of some of the current parking
- Potential for residential development on the western side of the site.

Bench Street is ideally situated as a thoroughfare between Dover waterfront, the St James retail and leisure development, and the recently remodelled Market Square leading to the town's traditional high street.

A decision on the council's bid to the Levelling-Up Fund is due by the end of this year.

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

### **1. West Side**

Resident reported a power outage because of overhanging branched becoming entangled with the power lines. I have reported this to Property Management Services. Still awaiting a response.

### **2. West Langdon streetlights**

Keith Watson confirmed that he will order the new lamps and arrange their installation.