

**MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING**  
**East Langdon Parish Hall**  
**on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30 pm**

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

**1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr C Shaw (Item 8), Microsoft monthly email fee, Chairman's allowance

**2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES**

Cllr B Price-Stephens - carer duties  
 KCC Cllr S Manion – Report sent

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12th December 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 has received a reply from George Paterson (southeastern rail) stating that following a review of station facilities, a full response will be made.

**Land at The Street, East Langdon** (LAN003/SAP46) awaiting possible dates from Gladman's land agent.

**Vegetation overhanging footpath at Westside East Langdon**

Awaiting for owner to cut the garden hedge.

**Salt/Grit bins in parish**

The portable bin at Martin has been used on several occasions and refilled by residents from the grit store at the parish hall car park. The parish council will monitor usage.

**Planning Enforcement Complaint ENF/22/00161** (see item 10)

**Defibrillator Request from Martin.** A request from The Lantern raised the need for a defibrillator local to Martin rather than having to access one from at Martin Mill or East Langdon in an emergency. The parish council had obtained a quote from London Hearts charity at £1235 for unit and external case. A government national scheme is being launched in the Spring which will fund units in a £1M scheme. The best location was suggested as The Lantern (availability of electrical power and a well-known central location). More discussion is required.

**5. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**Highways Improvement Plan (HIP).** Pedestrian safety in Langdon. As part of improving road safety, the application of a 30mph parish-wide zone on all approach routes is being considered. A feasibility exercise and map will be prepared as part of a parish HIP proposal.

**Pavement Safety** – leaves and mud in gutters DDC Cllr M Bates to investigate street-cleansing schedules.

**6. REPORTS**

**DDC Cllr M Bates:**

**See Appendix section for the full report. . Important items:** Voters will need Photo ID when voting in the May elections. DDC is inviting district residents to complete a **Housing Needs**

survey between 10 January 2023 until 7 March 2023.

**KCC Cllr S Manion**

See Appendix section for the full report

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

**KCC** Speak Up, Stay Safe

**DDC** Platinum Jubilee Fund - Supporting renovations for Village Halls  
Bus Fare Cap Grant - £2 Fare Cap Scheme (1)  
DDC Town and Parish Event - Thursday 16 February 2023

**KALC** Gallagher Insurance for Coronation information  
Elections Bulletin issue 1  
KALC Training Winter  
Cost of Living Campaign - WEEK ONE ASSETS  
KALC News December

**NALC** Flood Warden Training - 17th January 2023  
Local leadership through challenging times  
Local councils and community engagement  
Chief executive's bulletin

Parish Online Newsletter – December

**Greentech Energy Solar Farm** - . email proposing a community contribution scheme from electricity sales. See Item 15. AOB and Appendix C.

## 8. FINANCE

### **Playing Field Grass Cutting Contract.**

An invitation to tender for the annual contract will be sent to local contractors. Details from the Parish Clerk, closing date 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### **Resolution 23-01/01: Approval of payments**

#### **Chq No.**

<b>1344</b>	Anthony Hyde Newsletter November 2022	£ 48.00
<b>1345</b>	Alison Eardley. Local plan Advice	£ 428.40
<b>1346</b>	Aubergine Annual domain fee	£ 36.00
<b>1347</b>	Microsoft Monthly email charge (payee C Shaw)	£ 10.80
<b>1348</b>	Payment cancelled	
<b>1349</b>	Chairman's Annual Allowance	£ 100.00

**Proposed Cllr S Craft;**  
**Seconded: Cllr J Watson.**  
**Resolution carried**

### **Receipts**

NatWest Bank Interest	1st Dec 2022 – 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	£ 23.85
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**Grants to Parish Organisations Ref: Resolution: 22-11/02–Reminder** 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.

**Budget 2023-2024** To approve the annual budget for 2023-2024 and Precept Demand.

**Proposal 23-01/02:** To set the council budget at £23,060 for financial year 2023-2024

**Proposed** Cllr C Shaw  
**Seconded:** Cllr S Willett  
**Resolution unanimously carried**

**Proposal 23-01/03:** To set the precept at £16,000, Band D Council Tax rate £66.15 for 2023-2024.

(This is a 0.12% increase of the parish council tax contribution on last year's band D property, approximately £0.08 in the year)

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

9. **WEST LANGDON GREEN –**  
 None progress to report to date. The chapel has been sold by auction.

10. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
**DOV 22/01661**

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)**

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) for amendments to the design and layout of planning permission DOV/21/00993 (S73) (retrospective) Change of use of land and erection of ion exchange building and associated works, temporary welfare, office and storage units

**Location:** Land To North-East Of Martin Gorse Water Supply Works, Waterworks Hill, West Langdon, CT15 5JW

**No Objection. Comment:** none

**DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**None to Date**

**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**

Community Visioning Workshop planned for 21<sup>st</sup> February 7pm in East Langdon Parish Hall.

12. **DDC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN –**

Langdon Parish Council's response to the Regulation 19 submission had been submitted and verified. The final draft Local Plan submission (Regulation 22) is expected to be submitted by DDC to the Secretary of State Planning Inspectorate later this year for examination and scrutiny.

13. **REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

**West Langdon Parish Hall** Nothing to report

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**Langdon Playing Field** – Annual Inspection report received. Some action and repair items.

**Lengthsman's Report** – Wet and icy weather has opened up more potholes. Residents reminded to report potholes and other highways defects via Kent Highways on-line portal.

#### 14. **DATA PROTECTION REPORT**

Nothing to report

#### 15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Green Lane, Martin Mill** – Residents' complaints of erection of new panel fencing and "Private Property – No Parking" notice by La Reveille owner at the bottom turning circle area  
**Carols on the Green** Successful evening attended by about 40 people. A review of the venue and timing to be considered for next year's event to encourage more attendance.

**Commonwealth Day** Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Minns to liaise with Langdon Primary School.

**Road traffic Accidents** – Three vehicles have slid off the road having misjudged speed on road conditions during icy weather by the North Downs Way -Abbey Road crossing. A request to grit this section is to be made to Kent Highways.

**Invitation for Speakers at parish council meetings** – local topics to be suggested.

**Solar Farm Energy site in Langdon – Guston parishes.** Email from James Jenkison of **Greentech Energy** outlining a community contribution scheme for parish projects. The parish council welcomed the opportunity to discuss the proposal in more detail. See Appendices C.

#### 16. **NEXT MEETING**

The next parish council meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday February 20th 2023 in East Langdon Parish Hall.**

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm**

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

## Appendix A

### Monthly Report from DDC Cllr M Bates

#### MEETING REPORT FOR LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 16.01.23

Firstly, we both hope that you all enjoyed an enjoyable rest during the Christmas break and would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

#### HOUSING SURVEY

Dover District Council is launching a district-wide housing needs survey and is asking all residents to take part. This is the first time the council has directly consulted with residents in this way. This survey will ask residents, and members of their households, about their current and future housing requirements. The results will help the council shape its 2023-2028 Affordable Housing Strategy, which is designed to ensure the affordable homes which are required for local people are delivered, either by DDC or by other registered providers, such as housing associations.

The survey will be open for public response from Tuesday, January 10, to Tuesday, March 7.

#### New user-friendly housing register system to be rolled out

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A new housing system and website is being rolled out across Kent to create a more user-friendly service for people on the housing register. The system, which will be run by provider Huume, will go live in July 2023 and have a new look, be more streamlined and easier to navigate, while still providing the same service. Once launched, applicants will continue to log into their accounts and be able to view and bid on properties in the Dover district as and when they become available, the same as they do now.

To move from the current system to the new one, however, it is essential that any new applications to the housing register are suspended for a month while outstanding ones are completed and data moved over. This will happen from **June 1, 2023**, and Dover District Council is suggesting applicants wanting to apply to the register put in new applications well before this date. The register will resume on **July 1, 2023**.

The process for people who find themselves unexpectedly homeless or requiring housing options advice during that month will still be in place. For anyone that needs to apply urgently during June, DDC will provide a telephone service to enable this and the number will be published on the council's website.

For more information about the housing register or to submit an application go to [www.dover.gov.uk/housing/home.aspx](http://www.dover.gov.uk/housing/home.aspx)

#### LOCAL ISSUES

##### 1. West Side

Property Management Services wrote to the primary school and KCC on 13<sup>th</sup> December concerning the need for the owner of the trees to cut them back and will also be chasing the dioceses to fulfil their responsibilities. Nothing has been heard to date from either party and Property Services are now trying to confer with the diocese direct.

##### 2. West Langdon streetlights

Yes, both lanterns have been erected and new connections transferred into the new lights by UKPN. However unfortunately before the light connections were carried out the new light and pole box

## **Appendix B**

### **Monthly Report from KCC Cllr S Manion**

#### **MEETING REPORT FOR LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 16.01.23**

happy new year

please pass on my apologies for this evening as I am unable to attend

please convey my new year wishes

#### **here is part of New Year statement by Roger Gough outlining pressures and goals for 2023**

The return of war to Europe through Putin's invasion of Ukraine has had a most dramatic effect. People in Kent have responded to this in an extraordinary way; we remain the part of the country which hosts the largest number of Ukrainian guests under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. KCC and our partners have worked to support this, most recently by introducing – ahead of many councils and of any national policy – higher rates of support for hosts. I hope that this move will not only reassure current hosts in these financially challenging times, but also encourage more people in the county to sign up to the scheme. More Ukrainian guests are still arriving every day, and more homes are desperately needed.

The economic havoc unleashed by the invasion of Ukraine has exacerbated already serious pressures on the cost of living. With funding from government, we have sought through our Helping Hands and Financial Hardship programmes to provide help to those most in need, through holiday Free School Meal programmes, support with energy and water bills, financial help and advice and much more. We continue to work with our public sector partners and with the voluntary and community sector to do everything we can to help those most in need – once more building on the spirit and actions of Kent Together that were brought forward during the pandemic. We will maintain this support into 2023.

Economic disruption from the aftermath of the pandemic and from the Ukraine war, the highest inflation in 40 years and severe labour shortages have had a massive impact on the council's services and finances. This will remain a huge challenge for us in 2023.

In the short term, the government's Autumn Statement was a real help. It was particularly welcome to see local government, and social care in particular, being given higher priority. But what we face in local government – and this was the point of the letter that the Leader of Hampshire County Council, Rob Humby, and I wrote to ministers in October – is the lasting crisis of an unsustainable model.

To meet this challenge, and to do more than just struggle to get through the next crisis, we need to do three things.

The first is to put our finances on a sustainable course. That will mean that we still have to take some very difficult decisions, with the focus always on providing our services in the most cost-effective way we can.

The second is to work in ever closer partnership, above all with the NHS. Like areas across the country, we are developing an Integrated Care System for Kent and Medway, working together to make the best use of our resources to tackle the pressures that we face over this winter and beyond and ultimately improve the lives of our residents. What we have done so far – under the phrase "Together, We Can" – is a good start, and I believe it is one of the most hopeful developments of 2022 but we must take it much further in 2023.

Finally, we must ensure that the County Council is the strong organisation that people in Kent need it to be. Not just to manage the unprecedented risks and pressures that we now face, and not just to deliver our core statutory services, above all to vulnerable people – vital though that is. We must also address the really big challenges that we face as a county: organising and providing public services in times of growing need but with limited resources; addressing the pressures we face as a frontline, border county; securing the infrastructure that we desperately need; continuing to support and champion local businesses and the Kent economy; and helping to achieve energy transition, net zero and adaptation to climate change.

To do this, we have already brought about big changes in how the council is run. We must also respond to changing national policies; both government (through the Levelling Up White Paper, published in February 2022) and the opposition (in Gordon Brown's Commission on the UK's Future) have set out plans to change our over-centralised system. We can expect to hear a lot more of devolution and county deals in 2023

## Appendix C

### Email Report from Greentech Energy

Dear David and Glynis,

Firstly, happy new year.

Further to the recently approved planning permission for the solar farm we would be interested in promoting a community contribution scheme for Guston and Langdon Parish Councils from the solar farm operation. This would comprise an annual payment to each Parish Council of £250 per installed MW once the solar farm becomes operational. There would be a requirement to monitor the disbursement of such payment and any disbursements would need to be approved and minuted by Parish Council resolution at a Parish Meeting. Any disbursement would have to be directly related to the Parish Council's activities within the parish or for the fulfilment of its statutory functions.

I would appreciate it if you could formally include discussion of the proposal at the next parish meeting.

Kind Regards,  
James Jenkison  
Senior Planning Manager