

MINUTES OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
East Langdon Parish Hall
on Monday 20th February 2023

Present: Cllr C Shaw (chair), Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr B Price-Stephens, Cllr S Craft, D Willett (clerk), KCC Cllr S Manion, DDC Cllr M Bates, DDC Cllr O Richardson
 2 members of the public.

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw (Item 9), Microsoft monthly email fee, Playing Field Grant Application
 Cllr S Craft (item 9) West Langdon Hall Grant application
 Cllr A Minns (item 9) Grant Playing Field application

2. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr S Willett – work commitment
 Cllr J Watson – carer duties

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16th January 2023 were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr S Craft

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 in due course.

Land at The Street, East Langdon (LAN003/SAP46)

Gladmans (land agent) have circulated local households with a consultation flyer. Langdon PC to arrange a site meeting on a Saturday morning.

Vegetation overhanging footpath at Westside East Langdon

Awaiting action from householder.

Planning Enforcement Complaint ENF/22/00161 (see item 11)

Defibrillator Request from Martin. Likely to be a purchase and installation by the summer.

This partnership project between Martin residents and the parish council will raise funds and seek support a new Government initiative. The preferred location adjacent to The Lantern is yet to be confirmed with the owners.

Old Roman Road, Martin Mill –Turning Circle Area

A site meeting with owners of Le Reveil clarified the importance of keeping the turning circle area clear and not a public parking space.

Greentec Solar Installation between East Langdon and Guston Mill. The offer of an annual community funding had been accepted for parish projects. The legal agreement and governance will be considered by the parish council when the deeds have been published.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions raised.

6. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Contract Street-Sweeping at Martin: DDC Cllr M Bates had requested action by DDC's contractors to clear leaf and general debris in the lanes. The contractual cleansing schedules and monitoring arrangements have been requested.

Langdon Parish 30mph Zone Proposal: Cllr Minns outlined a proposal to reduce traffic speeds in the lanes as part of a Parish Highways Improvement Plan. The map will be made available for consultation and included in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

7. REPORTS

DDC Cllr M Bates:

See **Appendix section for the full report** on street lighting, New Voting ID requirements for the Thursday May 4th elections and future PCSO service.

KCC Cllr S Manion

KCC Budget 2023-24 raised by 4.99% to address expected increases in Adult Social care and Children's Social care expenditure. Funding from KCC will enable DDC's outreach "smart office van" to visit village areas for providing advice and support information. Kent Fire and Rescue Service has been recognised as the best in the country. KCC is reviewing the use of its buildings and a public consultation is underway.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

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| KCC | Speak Up, Stay Safe
3 Feb Scam Alerts: TV Licence, Internet, Romance Scams
KCC's Community Services Consultation |
| DDC | Introducing - Community Roots!
DDC Calendar of Meetings 2023-24
A letter from the Secretary of State for DLUHC regarding His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation |
| KALC | KALC Training Winter
KALC NEWS FEBRUARY 2023
Get your Communication Right! Events to enhance engagement with your community
How Councils can more Effectively Engage with Young People
KALC Elections Bulletin |
| NALC | Chief executive's bulletin
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
NALC NEWSLETTER
Council funding increase is essential for local communities
Becoming a Councillor email and flyers
London Assembly concerned by planning reforms Regeneration brownfield land to hold thousands of homes public Sector challenges
Zurich Insurance Advice on King Charles III Coronation events in May. |

9. FINANCE

Playing Field Grass Cutting Contract.

An invitation to tender for the annual grass maintenance contract had been sent out to four Kent contractors. Only one had responded to date.

Resolution 23-02/01: Approval of payments

Chq No.

1350	Commercial Services. Playing field Maintenance	£ 455.20
1351	Defib Replacement electrode pads at East Langdon Payee C Shaw	£ 73.14
1352	Allotment Hedge cutting & clearing annual grant St Augustine's PCC	£ 180.00
1353	Wicksteed Playing Field Annual Inspection Fee	£ 288.00
1354	Microsoft monthly email service. Payee CB Shaw	£ 10.80

1355 Anthony Hyde February Newsletter printing

£ 48.00

Proposed Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr S Craft.

Resolution carried

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest 31st Dec 2022 – 1st Feb 2023

£ 24.13

Grants to Parish Organizations Ref: Resolution: **23-02/02**–

Requests received from:

Langdon Playing Field Association – car park works Application £250.00

West Langdon Village Hall- renewal of rear shiplap boarding Application £250.00

Proposed Cllr B Price-Stephens

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer.

Resolution carried

Proposal: 23-02/03: Section 137 payment

St Augustine's PCC - community orchard tree maintenance and clearance of outbuildings.
Application £250.00

Proposed Cllr S Craft

Seconded: Cllr C Shaw

Resolution carried

10. WEST LANGDON GREEN –

Further documents sent to Surrey Hills Solicitors via post as requested to enable a Land Registry ST1 form to be completed. The chapel has been sold by auction for a second time.

11. DOV 23/00139

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Erection of a single storey front extension and roof lights (porch demolished)

Location: Fairfields, Wheatsheafe Lane, Martin, CT15 5LN

No Objection

Comment: Traffic Management plan required due to the narrowness of the parish lanes..

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

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: Parish Council will write to DDC Enforcement requesting that more hedge re-instatement is needed to restore the original length and provide an effective wildlife corridor.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A Community Visioning Workshop is planned for 21st February 7-9pm in East Langdon Parish Hall. An award of £8266 has been received by Langdon Parish Council to support the Development Plan project.

13. DDC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN –

The parish council's comments had been verified for inclusion in the final draft document.

14. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

West Langdon Parish Hall Nothing to report. Grant Application approved

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Langdon Playing Field – New committee members required. Grant Application approved

Lengthsman's Report – Cllr A Minns working on a 30mph speed zoning proposal for Langdon approach routes.

New DDC outreach Bus. To be booked for attendance in the hall car park on a Tuesday morning to coincide with Coffee Morning and Post Office opening.

15. DATA PROTECTION REPORT

Nothing to report

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

King Charles III Coronation: An open air Sunday service will be held on the East Langdon Green.

Commonwealth Day Monday March 13th. Langdon Primary School's Year 5/6 pupils are unable to participate in the annual affirmation ceremony so a shortened programme of raising the flag at 10am will be held this year.

Independent Police Advisory Group (IPAG). Cllr A Minns gave brief report.

17. NEXT MEETING

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

The Langdon Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday **15th May** 2023. 7.30 pm at East Langdon Parish Hall, after a short Langdon Parish Council Meeting 7.00-7.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed...CB Shaw...

Date.....20th March 2023

Appendix A

Monthly Report from DDC Cllr M Bates

MEETING REPORT FOR EAST LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 20.02.23

LEVELLING UP FUNDING

Two projects in Dover have been awarded over £63 million to deliver new investment to boost jobs, skills, and access in the town in the latest round of the Government's Levelling Up Fund.

Dover District Council has secured £18.1 million for the Dover Beacon project to transform a brownfield site on Bench Street in the heart of Dover town centre. The redevelopment of the site will include:

- An education campus providing training opportunities in creative and digital industries, expanding access and the curriculum for local students
- A business centre, providing flexible, affordable facilities for start-ups and small, and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to attract and retain skilled workers and provide new employment opportunities
- A riverside parklet, creating accessible green space for local people and visitors.

Separately, Kent County Council has been awarded £45m for the Dover Access Improvements project. This will improve the flow of traffic from the UK to the EU, with more border control points and a new exit route to help the Port of Dover operate more efficiently and reduce congestion on local roads in Dover.

VOTER ID

District and Parish elections are due to take place on Thursday 4 May 2023. The deadline to register to vote in these elections is Monday 17 April 2023. If you are not already registered, you can register to vote on-line at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

The UK Government has passed a law that requires individuals who wish to vote in person, including those acting as a proxy on behalf of another individual, to produce an accepted form of photographic ID to prove their identity before they will be issued with a ballot paper at the polling station.

Accepted forms of photographic ID include items such as:

- A passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state, or a Commonwealth country
- A driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state.

There is a long list which can be obtained from the DDC website.

Expired photographic identification documents can still be used as accepted photographic ID at the polling station, as long as the photograph is still a good likeness of the elector and the name matches the details held on the Register of Electors.

Where an elector does not have or does not wish to use one of the accepted forms of photographic ID, they can apply for a **Voter Authority Certificate (VAC)**. This is a document containing an elector's name and photograph which can be obtained free of charge from the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) at Dover District Council, following verification of the applicant's identity.

You can apply by either:

- Online at <https://voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk>
- By providing the necessary information in writing (eg on a paper application form)
- In person with the Electoral Services Team at the Council offices in Whitfield.

You will be receiving further information as we get closer to the election. The new DDC Community bus will also be touring the area and providing additional information and handouts.

LOCAL ISSUES

1. West Side

On 19th January the manager of DDC Property Services received the following response from Andrew Colley of the Canterbury Diocese:

The normal position is for the organisation managing the school – in this case KCC – to take on 100% of the site owned by the church school site trustees and therefore all the management responsibilities. It will take time to find out why this is not happening. At the moment I am engaged in a data exercise imposed by the Education & Skills Funding Agency that has to be done in the period 17 Jan – 21 Feb. I hope not to be working on this full time but can't tell as I haven't done this before for the Canterbury Diocese. I will reply to you as soon as I can and treat this matter as a priority.

We have heard nothing since and I will chase again after 21st. I did also write to Cllr Manion in his KCC capacity to ask whether he could support us in this.

2. West Langdon streetlights

Can you confirm that both streetlights are now working. If not, I will chase Keith again.

3. Street Cleaning

I took this up with Ian Dunning and have forwarded you details of the cleaning schedules.