

Langdon Parish Council

June 2023

The Summer Solstice has just passed and so far this season we have enjoyed some hot, dry weather, thunder and lightning and much-needed downpours. How the rest of our summer plays out remains to be seen but we hope that everyone gets an opportunity to relax and enjoy a seasonal break.

For younger residents, if you are soon to leave your Year 6 class to start a new secondary school or finishing your secondary education, we wish you all good luck!

In this newsletter we have included some photographs showing how two of our local communities celebrated the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla during the May weekend.



Martin Coronation Garden Party



East Langdon Coronation Tea



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish and District May Election Results

Following the May 4th elections our parish council had 5 councillors elected without contest. This left two vacant seats which were advertised to be filled by co-option. Two applications were received and approved at the parish council meeting on 19th June so the council has all seven seats filled. The list of parish councillors appears on the back page of this newsletter. Our previous District Ward Councillors Ollie Richardson and Martin Bates were re-elected and their contact details can be found on the DDC website.

DOVER DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN 2040 – Regulation 20 Representations

There are additional comments about the proposed 40 dwellings (known as SAP46) on the Dover District Local Plan portal. The final DDC Local Plan 2040 was submitted to the Secretary of State in April 2023, and the examination of the Local Plan by the Planning Inspectorate has started. The final public consultation comments were submitted in late 2022. Follow the instructions in the next paragraph to read them...

Do a web search for “[Regulation 20 Representations - Dover District Local Plan](#)” and follow the link to the Local Plan portal. At the bottom of the page is a link [Regulation 22 Part 2 Appendix F -Summary of Representations March 2023 \(doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk\)](#). The East Langdon comments are on page 120.

Planning Application 23/00370 Outline application for erection of up to 40 dwellings (matters reserved except access) . Land Off The Street East Langdon CT15 5JF

Normally we would not feature individual planning applications in a newsletter but this one (SAP46) is already included in the recently-submitted DDC Local Plan and subject to examination by the Planning Inspectorate. The proposed development does not accord with the current development plan in force and ought to be refused.

This application is considered a premature attempt to secure permission before all issues have been considered by the Local Plan process. Applying for outline permission now side-steps the many concerns raised by the public during the Local Plan consultations. There are 38 strongly-worded objections and members of the public can still comment via the DDC Planning website.

Overgrown Vegetation and Highway Obstruction.

In recent weeks, many of you will have noted overgrown verges restricting the narrow lanes within the Parish. KCC Highways do have a maintenance schedule. However, this schedule has often been challenged by Langdon Parish Council as inadequate, too little and too late. There is a separate schedule for visibility splays at various road junctions.

Additionally, the occasional complaint is received regarding domestic property hedges overgrowing both pedestrian pavements and the highways.

Please be advised that the domestic property owner has a Duty of Care under Health and Safety legislation and a direct responsibility to control such obstructions. This advice is given in good faith in order to avoid the possible extremes of any Enforcement Order being issued.

Traffic Management Orders.

Langdon Parish Council has now adopted a standard statement in respect of any planning applications received for consideration.

That statement relates to Construction Traffic Plans and is in consideration of the narrow lane access throughout the Parish.

Your Council is pleased to report a successful practical partnership following such an order put in place for the Southern Water construction works at Martin Gorse. Southern Water Management have worked in association with Langdon Parish Council with the effect of there being over 2000 HGV movements in 18 months directed away from local villages by way of an agreed route from Whitfield. Local businesses including farms have also engaged in similar partnerships.

East Langdon Pond—Management Proposal

The current state of the Church Farm Mews pond is such that it no longer supports the range of wildlife which we had seen and enjoyed in previous years. A combination of run-off silting, low rainfall and a damaged pond liner has led to the build-up of mud and poor water-retention. Many options to remedy the situation have been considered but the potential costs are high and unless the KCC Highways silting is addressed, the problem is likely to recur.

At the May parish council meeting, the Church Farm Mews Residents Management group who own and are responsible for the pond and surroundings, asked the council to consider a management leasing proposal. The pond area is considered by local residents to be a communal asset within the conservation area and as such, would the parish council be interested in taking on a 40 year lease option to manage and restore the area. It was argued that a parish council would be in a better position to attract grants and allocate funds to the project.

At the June parish council meeting, councillors felt that the long-term lease option was not an appropriate solution, the pond being in private ownership. However if the Management Group took the lead on a restoration project, the parish council would consider supporting the scheme within its legal powers. The parish council would like to hear the views of residents in the parish about the above proposal or any alternative ideas. Please email our parish clerk via clerk@langdonpc.org.uk. Thank you, Chris Shaw

CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

Church services during July at St Augustine's, East Langdon

Sunday 2nd	July	9.30 am	Family Service
Sunday 9th	July	9.30 am	Communion BCP
Sunday 23rd	July	9.30 am	Communion CW
Sunday 30th	July	10.00 am	Four Churches service

News from St Augustine's Church

St Augustine's is a member of the geographical collection of churches known as the Benefice of St Margaret's.

The other members are St Mary the Virgin at West Langdon, St Peter's at Westcliffe and St Margaret of Antioch. Nowadays we all share one vicar and that will continue. Rev Kaz Reeves who only came to us in March 2021 has had to retire on health grounds and we are now in a period of interregnum i.e. no vicar.

The likelihood of attracting a replacement part-time vicar in the next twelve months is not high given all the procedures that we must go through but here, at St Augustine's, we have the people, including retired clergy, who can offer a complete range of services including baptisms, weddings and funerals. In other words, "business as usual."

Ours is a relatively small community and as a "church" we endeavour to make St Augustine's a relevant Christian hub for whatever and whomsoever. As you may know, we utilise space on East Langdon Village Green to hold open-air services. In the last twelve months we have celebrated our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, honoured her death, remembered the war dead and shared with Langdon Parish Council in the celebration of the coronation of King Charles.

Whilst there is no likelihood of any new vicar for our Benefice living in East Langdon, our church remains open and supportive. My role as Church Warden and licensed Lay Minister (Reader) is to ensure that we continue to provide spiritual and pastoral support for everyone. Just think of me as the first point of contact, the person the Dover Deanery and Diocese refer to as the person with focal ministry. I can be contacted by phone on 07850337124 and / or email hyde167@btinternet.com.

Anthony Hyde



Langdon Neighbourhood Plan Policies Workshop

**on Tuesday 27th June
East Langdon Hall 7– 8.30pm**

Consultants Alison Eardley and Jim Boot will introduce the draft layout and chapters for Langdon's Plan.

By discussion and workshop activities, Alison will take everyone through the emerging document, section by section, discussing how the challenges faced by the parish have evolved into the vision and objectives.

Then she will talk about the types of policies that you can include in the Plan to deliver those objectives and a walk through of suggestions for Langdon. There will an opportunity to discuss these in the group.

We'll have maps again on the tables with the information gathered to date and to complete any further information.

We will identify any further evidence needed and map out who will take ownership of gathering each one.

Refreshments provided from 6.45pm

For more information contact Chris Shaw: 07971 579096 or chair@langdonpc.org.uk

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

EAST LANGDON PARISH HALL



Need a venue to hold a children's party?

East Langdon Parish Hall is available for hire at reasonable rates and with good parking.

Contact Chris Shaw on 07971 579096 for hire details.

LANGDON POST OFFICE

Your local post office

East Langdon Parish Hall
Tuesday and Thursday Mornings 9—12 noon
Easy parking and friendly service!

Key available services:

Everyday Personal & Business Banking

Cash Withdrawals, Cash Deposits, Cheque Deposits

Mails

Drop & Go, Parcelforce Express Services

Passport Applications

Paper Check & Send - New & Renewals

Driving

Vehicle Tax

Travel

Travel Insurance, Travel Money Card
National Express - Tickets

<https://www.postoffice.co.uk>



LOCAL CONTACTS AND SERVICES

PUBLIC DEFIBRILLATORS



East Langdon: East Langdon Parish Hall, The Street. CT15 5JF
what3words ///profited.teach.degree

Martin Mill: The Reception Office, Hawthorn Farm
Holiday Park, Station Road. CT15 5LA
what3words ///headings.spearhead.trickle

Martin Mill Railway Station, Left-Hand Side
Gate Entrance to Platform. CT15 5JZ
what3words ///mergers.procured.dubbing

The first two defibrillators are owned by Langdon Parish Council, accessible 24/7.

IMPORTANT: In the event of an emergency **FIRST DIAL 999** and ask for an ambulance.

Langdon Parish Council Clerk 01304 853565 March 2023

This Newsletter is usually published by the parish council four times a year and distributed free to all Langdon households.

To contribute an article or help deliver, please email the editor Chris Shaw on shawc01@hotmail.com.

LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Councillors

Cllr Shaun Craft	West Langdon	01304 820097
Cllr John Dyer	Martin	01304 852772
Cllr Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen	West Langdon	07542 152384
Cllr Tony Minns (Vice chair)	Martin	01304 852810
Cllr Barbara Price-Stephens	Martin Mill	07818 851180
Cllr Chris Shaw (Chairman)	East Langdon	07971 579096
Cllr Jane Watson	Martin Mill	07930 828635
Dave Willett (parish clerk)	East Langdon	01304 853527



To check for or report a power cut
use the website

www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk

or

Call us 24 hours a day on **0800 31 63 105** or **105**
(free from a landline or mobile phone).

Post Office: Tuesday and Thursday 9.00-12.00
East Langdon parish hall.

Coffee morning: Tuesdays 10-11.30am in the parish hall

Milk delivery: Dairy Crest 0845 606 3606

Community Warden: Kerry Skirrow 07977 982184

PCSO :- Call 101

Parish Council website: www.langdonpc.org.uk

Church Warden: Anthony Hyde 07850 337124

East Langdon Parish Hall: 01304 852097

Langdon Playing Field: langdonpfa@gmail.com

The Lantern Inn, Martin: 01304 852276

Grapevine Café & Shop, MM Campsite: 01304 853001

Langdon Primary School: 01304 852600

Dover Health Centre: 01304 865500

Parish Council Meetings

Usually every 3rd Monday of the month

June 19th - 7.30pm

July 17th - 7.30pm

August 21st - 7.30pm

in East Langdon Parish Hall.

Please check public noticeboards or
www.langdonpc.org.uk for agendas and minutes.

PARISH CLERK

Mr David Willett, Forge Cottage, The Street, East Langdon, CT15 5JH. Telephone 01304 853527

Email: clerk@langdonpc.org.uk Chairman: chair@langdonpc.org.uk Langdon PC Website: www.langdonpc.org.uk