

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Parish Hall**  
**on Monday July 17th 2023 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Cllr C Shaw (chair), Cllr J Watson, Cllr B Price-Stephens  
 Cllr Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr S Craft, D Willett (clerk)  
 KCC Cllr S Manion, DDC Cllr M Bates and 2 members of the public.

**1. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES**

Cllr A Minns (family event), DDC Cllr O Richardson (meeting)

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr C Shaw (Item 11) Finance – Microsoft Monthly email subscription,

**3. MINUTES**

**Resolution 23-07/01:** To accept the minutes as a true record of the ordinary meeting of the parish council held on 19/06/2023. The Chair signed the minutes.

**Proposed:** Cllr B Price-Stephens

**Seconded:** Cllr J Dyer

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Pippa Foulds (local East Langdon resident) presented an environmental project to create wild flower areas on East Langdon Village Green. KCC Cllr S Manion supported the proposal as it falls in line with KCC ecological and biodiversity policies. It was agreed to call an open meeting on The Green to assess public support from residents. See Appendix A for plan details.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**The Pond at Church Farm Mews, East Langdon**

The parish council had decided that to take on a long term lease agreement to manage the pond, as offered by the Church Farm Mews management group, was not in the parish interest but would be willing to support the group in a restoration project. Several Langdon residents had responded to the June parish newsletter article with views similar to those of the parish council.

**Martin Defibrillator Project -**

The defibrillator and external cabinet had been purchased and will be handed over to the Martin project group for installation adjacent to The Lantern Inn. The cost of unit was part funded by the Martin residents (£250) and a KCC member's community grant of £300 from Cllr Steve Manion. The balance is met from parish council reserves. There will now be 5 units within Langdon parish. The website [www.defibfinder.com](http://www.defibfinder.com) shows the locations.

**6. WEST LANGDON VILLAGE GREEN –**

Nothing to report. Awaiting a response from The Land Registry and Surrey Hills solicitors.

**7. MARTIN MILL PARKING**

Review residents parking permits to gauge usage of local roads. It was agreed to wait until September to re-issue resident parking signs for display in their cars. Nothing to report from Southeastern railways

**8. REPORTS**

**KCC Cllr S Manion.**

KCC will be facing yet another budget cut in 2023-24 and invites residents to respond to the public consultation ahead of the financial planning process. Difficult decision will have to be made regarding public services. After statutory requirements for social care and young people services have been funded, there will be less money for non-essential services. This has led to

additional public consultations on the possible closing of some Kent's Household Recycling Centres and the future of the KCC Community Warden provision.

#### **KCC Cllr M Bates**

See the report in Appendix B.

### **9. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The recent high winds had not caused any reported damage or blocking of the local lanes.

### **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>KCC</b>	Kent Fostering and Supported Homes 07 July Scam Alerts: Doorstep Crime in Ashford, Crypto, Facebook Marketplace Scams and Kent Police Open Day 07 July Scam Alerts: Doorstep Crime in Ashford, Crypto, Facebook Marketplace Scams and Kent Police Open Day Combined Member Grants Scheme Application Form 2023-2024
<b>DDC</b>	DOVER DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN 2040 – Sustainability Appraisal Parish Councillor Application Form Co-opted Parish Councillors - Shaun Craft and John Dyer
<b>KALC</b>	KALC/NALC SUBSCRIPTION 2023/2024 KALC NEWS July 2023 KALC July training and July Dynamic Councillor and FREE Health and Wellbeing Conference
<b>NALC</b>	Chief executive's bulletin NALC EVENTS STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2023 JOB LISTINGS
<b>KCPFA</b>	AGM Invitation

### **11. FINANCE**

#### **Proposal: 23-07/02 To approve payments:**

**Proposed:** Cllr A Minns;

**Seconded:** Cllr Jane Watson.

<b>Chq No.</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	
<b>1394</b>	London Hearts Defibrillator and cabinet	£1453.20
<b>1395</b>	Anthony Hyde June Newsletter printing	£90.00
<b>1396</b>	Lionel Robbins Annual Audit	£90.00
<b>1397</b>	KALC Annual Subscription Ref 8679	£287.80
<b>1398</b>	Grass Cutting East Langdon Green Trevor Oku Ref:1467	£30.00
<b>1399</b>	Monthly Microsoft Email Subscription Payee C Shaw (June)	£11.76
<b>1400</b>	Grass cutting West Langdon green (June) payee D Meadows	£35.00

**Carried unanimously**

**Receipts:** NatWest Bank Interest 1st June – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

£39.36

**Annual Internal Audit: Lionel Robbins Report.** The clerk read out the report from the internal annual audit which is published on the parish council website.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for a positive annual report .

**Proposal 23-07/03: To receive and approve the Quarterly Statement 30th June 2023.**

## Accepted

### **Proposal 23-07/04: NatWest Bank Authorised Signatories update.**

To add Cllr Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen; remove Seb Willett.

**Proposed:** Cllr J Dyer;

**Seconded:** Cllr B Price-Stephens.

**Carried unanimously**

## **12. PLANNING APPLICATION**

### **DOV 23/00825**

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

**Proposal:** Change of use of land and conversion of outbuilding to a use incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse (home office and hobby room) including new windows and door

**Location:** Reveille Cottage, Old Roman Road, Martin Mill, CT15 5JY

**Comment:** Several details in the proposal were unclear or not stated in the application correspondence. The clerk will write to DDC Planning for clarification before making a decision.

## **DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **DOV 21/01744**

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

Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

#### **NOTIFICATION OF REFUSAL OF OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION**

**APPEAL NOTICE:** Outline application (with all matters reserved) for the erection of 10no. detached dwellings with vehicular access, behind East Side Farm, East Langdon

**Appeal reference:** APP/X2220/W/23/3314961

**Appeal start date:** 22.06.2023

**Comment:** A detailed response to the Inspectorate will be sent supporting the continued rejection of the application. The appeal is at: <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

## **13. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

The list was circulated to councillors to take on items of parish responsibilities.

Awaiting responses from members. Cllr C Shaw has agreed to continue as Village Hall representative; Cllr A Minns to continue as Langdon Playing Field representative.

Parish Councillor details and responsibilities are at [www.langdonpc.org.uk](http://www.langdonpc.org.uk).

## **14. LANGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Langdon Design Code brief has been agreed with AECOM consultants and a first draft report of the Langdon Design Guidance and Codes (June 2023) circulated for comment.

The open public workshop to discuss Langdon's Development Plan Policies on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June was reasonably well attended. Notes of the discussion will be circulated. More reports of Langdon's Green Spaces, Special Views, Footpaths and Heritage Assets need completing.

## **15. DATA PROTECTION**

Nothing to report

**16. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES****East Langdon Parish Hall**

Broken window. Now replaced. Culprit(s) unknown).

**Langdon Playing Field**

A replacement Hip Hop supplied under warranty to be installed.

**West Langdon Village Hall**

The possibility of re-instating two parish council meetings per year in the hall would depend on a risk assessment and facilities.

**17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**National Merchant Navy Day** 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This annual event will be marked by the raising of the Red Ensign flag on village green

**Deal Coastguard Cliff Rescue Team** – a request to use the playing field for training purposes once a month on a Tuesday evening.

**18. NEXT MEETING**

**The ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm Monday  
August 21st 2023 in East Langdon Parish Hall**

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm**

Signed...**Chris Shaw**..... Date.....**21<sup>st</sup> August 2023**.....

## Appendix A

### **Proposal to enhance East Langdon Green for residents, wildlife and the environment.**

The plan I'm suggesting after doing some research into what benefits wildlife and the environment, through speaking to a local National Trust countryside manager, researching several environmental charities such as Plantlife, RSPB, various council plans in the UK that promote 'wilding' green areas, is as follows:

4 areas on the outer edge corners/sides of the green to be approximately 3 metres deep as designated projects to encourage wildlife. The outer edge of these area's to be left as long grass throughout the year for a maximum of 2 years before cutting and leaving a different area long. The inner 2 metres to be cut short in late autumn, raked and sown with wild flower seed. Width to be determined and measured.

The area leading into the central hatched lines is to be kept short but not cut as often as it is now, which is once a month, to allow the daisys, violets, dandelions etc to be beneficial to various insects and cut once every 2 months.

The central part of the green to be kept short as it is, if decided necessary or could be left alongside the area leading to the hatched line and mown once every 2 months.

Signs/memorial/walkways and T junction edge of green to be kept clear, with signs visible from the roads and memorial and bench kept clear, also wooden bollards/posts to prevent parking.

#### **Reasoning for the proposal:**

There is a big drive for everyone to do what they can to care for our surroundings and encourage wildlife and nature to thrive and to rewild in area's that we can, that will provide a beautiful setting for residents and be a haven for birds/insects/frogs etc and improve soil and water storage/

#### **A few of the main benefits just to highlight:**

- Gives wildlife a home – with all the developments happening throughout the country our wildlife is declining rapidly. The 4 areas suggested will provide habitats for insects, feed the birds (insect larvae), provide a damp place for the toads/frogs to settle and to support the invertebrate prey they feed on, nectar for pollinators such as bees and hoverflies, a habitat for moth caterpillars in long uncut grass (a favourite for Blue Tits who will eat hundreds of prior to fledging), retains humidity for egg laying again providing food for wildlife and lastly giving wildlife somewhere to over winter which in turn also helps chicks development the following spring.
- Will become a vibrant, colourful green full of life. Residents/visitors will be able to enjoy the beauty of wild flowers, butterflies, dragon flies, birds, hedgehogs (hopefully).
- East Langdon Parish Council will set an example for other communities, showing how it can be done and hopefully encourage others to do the same.
- It saves money for the Parish, less mowing/trimming to be paid for.
- Shows the next generation that we are trying to make room for nature and provide a supporting role in helping nature and wildlife.

#### **Action to be taken**

Cut short the proposed areas, rake over to disrupt grass roots. Sow wild flower seed over designated area's. In March, if grass is growing in these area's then a one off mow will be needed with a slightly higher blade to avoid the leaf of wild flower plants and cuttings to be raked up and composted.

After the flowering season, late autumn, the wild flower area will be cut and left for a week or so to allow seeds to drop, then gathered and composted. The long grass section to be left all year for overwintering wildlife.

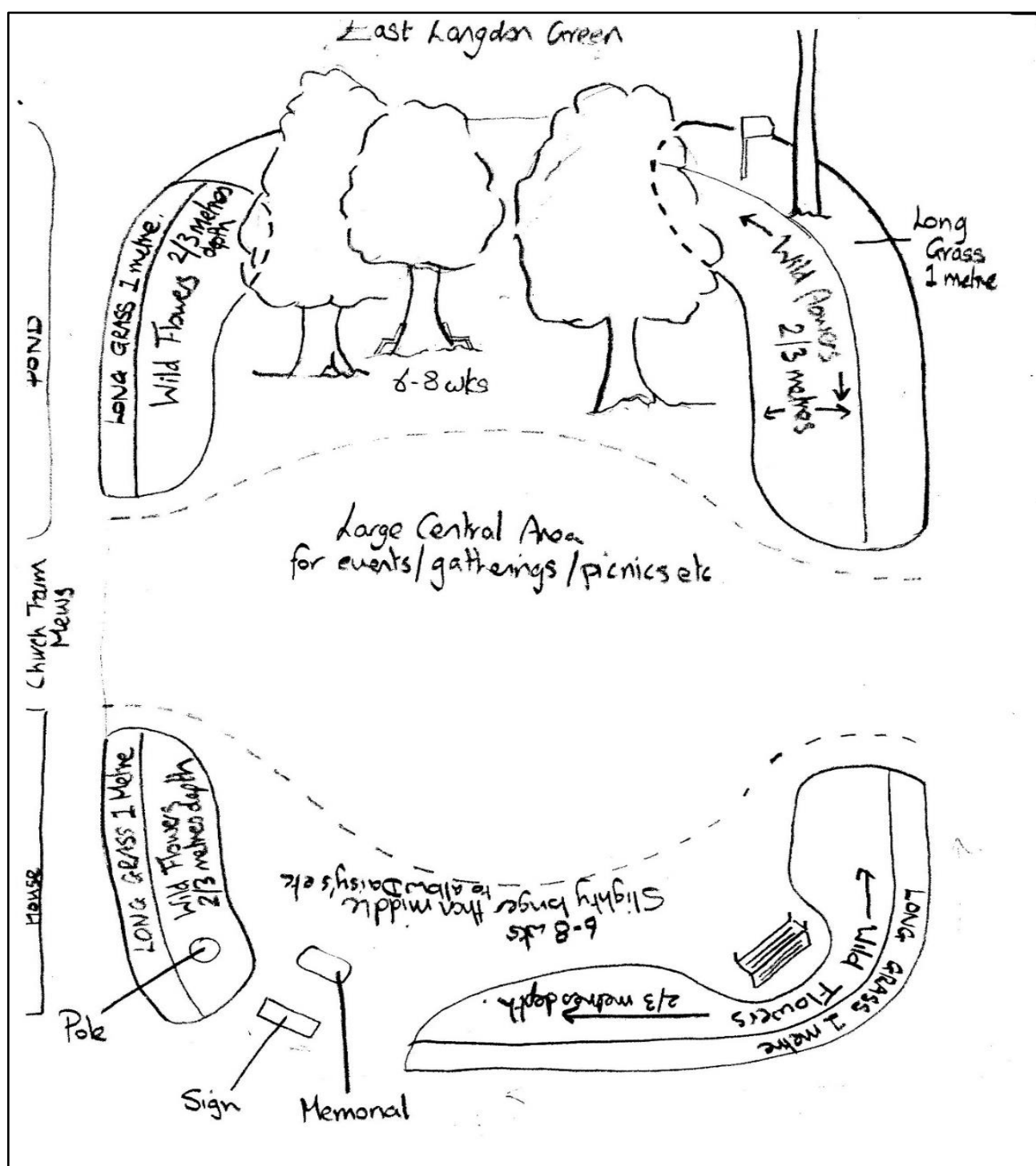
Central part of green to be cut as it is now or left for 2 months between mowing periods, to allow Daisies, Violets etc to benefit pollinators.

The following year will be repeated but may introduce a seed to suppress grass growing.

Year 3 would involve alternating long grass areas.

Please bear in mind that the first year for wild flowers may be sparse until the seed takes the following year, this is common but part of the process to achieve a beautiful and beneficial area.

Pippa Foulds, July 2023



## Appendix B

### Monthly Report from DDC Cllr M Bates

#### MEETING REPORT FOR LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 17.07.23

#### DOVER FAST TRACK

A short stretch of the A2 from the Whitfield roundabout to the Whitfield interchange (A256 junction) was closed to all traffic from 9.00pm on Friday, 14 July to 5.00am today. During the 60-hour operation, five 30m steel beams weighing 14.5 tonnes each were lifted into position from the A2 by a 150-tonne crane. The beams were fabricated locally by Nusteel Structures based in Lympne, Hythe.

I attended the raising of the first beam on Friday night. It meant a fairly lengthy vigil from 23.00hrs to 02.30hrs on Saturday morning but, despite the inclement weather and strong winds, the task was achieved. It represents a major milestone in the project and means that it remains on course to be completed by October this year.

#### 2). AFFORDABLE HOMES BUILT OR APPROVED SINCE 2019

The following press release identifies the number of homes that have been constructed or approved by DDC since 2019 following initiatives undertaken by the previous administration. There are 170 in total of which 152 have already been completed:

#### Affordable homes by DDC include:

Development	Number of units	Type of housing	Completion date	
George Place, Capel	9	Affordable rent & shared ownership	2019	
Bomford Place, Dover	24	Social rent	2021	
Harold Street, Dover	29	Shared ownership	2021	
Ottaway House, Dover	8	Interim accommodation	2021	
Jute Fields, Deal	6	Affordable rent & shared ownership	2022	
Elizabeth Carter Court, Deal	8	Interim accommodation	2022	
Walter Hammond Close, Dover	16	Interim accommodation	January 2023	
Napchester Road, Dover	26	Affordable rent, inc 3 accessible	April 2023	
Poulton Close, Dover	24	Interim accommodation	Planning permission granted.	
Foxborough Close,	2	Affordable rent	July 2023	

Woodnesborough			
Mongeham Rd, Great Mongeham	10	Affordable rent & shared ownership	December 2023
Military Rd, Dover	8	Affordable rent	Approved by Cabinet. Planning application submitted.

## LOCAL ISSUES

### 1. DOG FOULING

Following on from receipt of Jane's email I am happy to report the issue to the dog warden in Environmental Health but would appreciate any details as to the time when these events are most likely to occur so the that he can arrange to be present at a moment when he is most likely to catch the offender/s. It would also be useful if you could report the fouling on the DDC website. This will not only initiate action but will also help DDC to compile data on the extent of the problem within the area. Jane forwarded me photos of the abuse which is clearly very extensive. I have therefore forwarded details direct to the Dog Warden with a request that he investigate.

### 2. CANNABIS SMOKING

I have forwarded Jane's email to Community Services in the hope that action can be taken by the ASB unit. However, the DDC website does advise that incidents of drug taking should be reported to Kent police. Community Services however agreed today to liaise with the local neighbourhood officer on this issue.