

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**East Langdon Parish Hall**  
**on Monday August 21st 2023 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Cllr C Shaw (chair), Cllr J Watson, Cllr A Minns  
 Cllr Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr S Craft, D Willett (clerk)  
 KCC Cllr S Manion, DDC Cllr M Bates and 3 members of the public.

**1. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES**

Cllr B Price-Stephens (Carer Duties)

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr C Shaw (Item 11) Finance – Microsoft Monthly email subscription,  
 Cllr A Minns (Item 11) Finance –Materials for renovating Benches,

**3. MINUTES**

**Resolution 23-08/01:** To accept the minutes as a true record of the ordinary meeting of the parish council held on 17/07/2023. The Chair signed the minutes.

**Proposed:** Cllr J Watson

**Seconded:** Cllr Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

**Andrew Searle** (local Martin resident) presented a proposal to register “The Lantern Inn” public house as an Asset of Community Value. This has been proposed as the property might be offered for sale in the near future. Martin has no community meeting place except The Lantern Inn and so it is an important local asset. The proposal would be discussed with the Inn’s owners before the parish council took any action. The ACV registration request to DDC takes about 8 weeks to reach a decision. The Inn’s importance to the Langdon Community is recognized in the emerging Langdon Neighbourhood Plan.

**Resolution 23-08/02:** The parish council approved in principle the proposal to register The Lantern Inn as an Asset of Community Value subject to further discussion with the owners.

**Proposed:** Cllr Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen

**Seconded:** Cllr J Watson

**Carried 5 for -1 abstention**

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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

Correspondence between KCC Highways, DDC Planning and Natural England has not led to any useful progress in re-instating the pond.

**Martin Defibrillator Project -**

The defibrillator and external cabinet has been installed by the Martin project team and is now registered as a 24/7 public asset on the website [www.defibfinder.com](http://www.defibfinder.com), There are 5 defibrillators in Langdon, three of which are owned and maintained by the parish council.

**Dog Fouling on path and field adjacent to school**

A site meeting will be arranged with DCC to decide upon the best location for a new Dog Waste Bin near the Langdon school pathways to encourage dog owners to keep the public areas clear of dog fouling. Further information is contained in Cllr M Bates report and any incidents of dog fouling should be reported to DDC.

**Draft Community Deed for Chalkpit Solar Farm**

Copy of agreement signed and returned to Greentech. Acknowledge has been received.

**Wild flower areas on East Langdon Village Green.**

Two areas have at present been left uncut. It has been suggested that maybe small signs be placed to let the public know of the wildflower project and its management.

## **6. WEST LANGDON VILLAGE GREEN –**

Nothing new to report. A recent call to Surrey Hills solicitors confirmed that the First Caution Land Registry application was still being progressed.

## **7. MARTIN MILL PARKING**

Residents will be encouraged to display local parking permits in their cars during September to gauge usage of local “on-street” parking in Martin Mill. The data and photographs will form supporting evidence including usage of station car parking in future discussions with southeastern regional representatives.

## **8. REPORTS**

### **KCC Cllr S Manion.**

KCC have received an extra £6m from central Government for pot hole repairs, bringing the total spend Kent to £50m. A new machine has been introduced known as “Pot Hole Probe” to speed up the repair process. Appeals to KCC for free transport support for children living over 3 miles from the nearest appropriate school are being handled in readiness for the September term. KCC will try to issue more bus passes in an attempt to reduce expensive taxi journeys to school. Household support grants of £100 for children who qualify for free school meals is still available from KCC. The public consultation on the closure of some KCC Recycling Centres is still open at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk).

### **KCC Cllr M Bates**

See the report in Appendix B.

**New Kent Police Neighbourhood Policy Model:** Report from PC 12757 Sophie Bramble, Deal Town Beat Officer, Dover Community Safety Unit.

Kent Police have recently implemented a new Neighbourhood Policing (NHP) Model.

Significant changes include the loss of many of our PCSO colleagues’ roles. The new model pledged to provide named officers for each ward on the Dover District. They have made good on that pledge. However, we have gone live with less than the required number of officers. Currently, this means that each NHP officer has a vast area containing many wards, and even more parishes.

I am currently a named officer for Deal, Walmer and Kingsdown, plus St Margaret’s through to Guston. An officer is supporting me but also covers Sandwich. Rest assured; we are all doing our very best to provide a quality service to the community. As new officers come onto the team, wards will be subject to change and hopefully the service we can provide will increase.

## **9. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Hedges obstructing pavements: A report of the hedge on the corner of Westside has appeared on the KCC Highways portal site.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>KCC</b>	<p>1 July Scam Alerts: Instagram, Mortgage, Investment Scams, New legislation for Illicit Tobacco and Doorstep Crime events across Kent</p> <p>28 July Scam Alerts: Bird flu outbreak in Hythe, Lidl recall, Concert Ticket, Debt and Online Scams</p> <p>Clarification on Bird Flu in commercial poultry at a premises near Elham, Kent.</p> <p>New Highway Information Pack</p> <p>Kent &amp; Medway Partnership Domestic Abuse Strategy 2024-2029</p>
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<b>KALC</b>	KALC Weekly bulletin KALC NEWS August 2023 Asian Hornets
<b>NALC</b>	Chief executive's bulletin NALC EVENTS NALC Newsletter STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2023

## 11. FINANCE

### Proposal: 23-08/03 To approve payments:

Chq No.	Expenditure	
<b>1401</b>	C Shaw HCE Defibrillator Pads (Martin(1): East Langdon (2)	£208.79
<b>1402</b>	James Boot Neighbourhood Plan stage payment	£981.00
<b>1403</b>	Alison Eardley Neighbourhood Plan stage payment	£570.00
<b>1404</b>	Grass Cutting East Langdon Green Trevor Oku Ref:1490	£30.00
<b>1405</b>	Monthly Microsoft Email Subscription Payee C Shaw (July)	£11.76
<b>1406</b>	Martin Mill Defibrillator Pads Kit (2pad sets+ Battery)Payee C Shaw	£186.18
<b>1407</b>	Commercial Services Grounds Maintenance	£1573.15
<b>1408</b>	Playing Field Refurbing Benches Payee A Minns	£378.67

**Proposed:** Cllr J Watson

**Seconded:** Cllr J Dyer

**Carried unanimously**

### Receipts:

NatWest Bank Interest 1st July – 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	£44.37
Contribution from KCC Cllr S Manion for Defibrillator	£300.00
Contribution from Martin residents group for Defibrillator	£250.00

**The Period for the Exercise of Public Rights:** The 30 day period for viewing the accounts (year ending 31st March 2023)” ended on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August. No requests were received.

## 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:** The clerk has written to DDC Planning requesting clarification on several items before responding to the application.

### DOV 23/00935

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

**Proposal:** Conversion and alterations of outbuilding (Granary) to create a detached annexe

**Location:** Marston Hall, Grade 2 Listed Granary And Ha-Ha, The Street, Martin

**Comment:** No objection to the proposal provided the barn remains ancillary to the main dwelling.

## **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: The Appeal has been rejected.** Report can be viewed on DDC planning portal

## **SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING CONDITIONS TO PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS**

**CON/20/01171/H**

Land At Church Farm Vicarage Farm Road West Langdon Kent 9 - Refuse/recycling storage

**Decision** COAPP - Condition Approved

**CON/20/01171/G**

Land At Church Farm Vicarage Farm Road West Langdon Kent 5 - Bicycle storage facilities

**Decision** COAPP - Condition Approved

**CON/22/00928/A**

Site Of Roseacre East Langdon Road Martin Kent Discharge of Email condition 3 (materials) pursuant to application 22/00928 Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 21/01321 to allow for alterations to the roof design (Erection of a replacement dwelling existing dwelling to be demolished)) (Section73)

**Decision** COAPP - Condition Approved

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

Councillors were reminded to volunteer for various parish overseeing roles. Parish Councillor details and responsibilities are at [www.langdonpc.org.uk](http://www.langdonpc.org.uk).

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

A new round of funding has been announced which will help Langdon continue with the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The need for affordable housing in Langdon will be assessed.

## **15. DATA PROTECTION**

Discussion regarding councillors using personal email for council business to be reviewed.

## **16. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

**East Langdon Parish Hall:** Nothing to report.

**Langdon Playing Field:** AGM held. 4 committee members elected. On-going equipment repairs – a call for volunteers to assist the committee.

**West Langdon Village Hall:** Nothing to report.

## **17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Public Footpaths survey to be produced after post-harvest field ploughing.

Local affordable housing needs.survey to be considered.

**18. NEXT MEETING**

**The ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm Monday September 18th 2023 in East Langdon Parish Hall**

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

Signed: A.Minns

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Appendix A

### Monthly Report from DDC Cllr M Bates

#### MEETING REPORT FOR LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 21.08.23

##### 1). COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND

DDC have launched of an £85,000 Cost of Living Community Impact Fund and a webpage providing information and resources to help residents cope with the rising costs of everyday living. Officers from DDC's community team and benefit advisers will be working with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), and other local voluntary sector organisations to deliver support to communities most in need. The group includes:

- Dover & Deal Food Banks
- Sandwich Age Concern
- Deal Age UK
- Dover Riverside Centre
- Dover Outreach Centre
- Dover District Disability Forum
- Homestart
- Bechange Aylesham

Alongside a new webpage which will give practical advice and information on how to save money and budget during the cost-of-living crisis, DDC's Community Roots van will also visit communities across the district to help spread the message to those not online. Applications for funding from the new Cost of Living Community Impact Fund open in October 2023. The Fund is designed to support projects that help bridge the cost-of-living gap and is open to applicants, including registered charities, constituted community groups, and not-for-profit community interest companies.

##### 2). OPERATION BROCK

Operation Brock was stood down from the M20 this weekend, after playing a vital part in getting more than 1 million people across to the continent since schools broke up for summer three weeks ago.

The altered road layout was removed overnight on Saturday (19 August). It had served to relieve congestion in Dover and at TAP on the A20, which itself allows lorries to be filtered to the port of Dover in a controlled way. This, combined with traffic management officers positioned at junctions in Dover town centre, has kept the significant numbers of cars, coaches, and lorries – the highest bookings figures since the pandemic – moving.

The Kent Resilience Forum (KRF), a group of organisations and agencies working together to plan for and respond to incidents and emergencies that have an impact on communities across the county, has had Operation Brock under constant review since it was installed on 13 July. With data from the Port of Dover and Le Shuttle showing diminishing outbound bookings, the decision has been taken to remove the contraflow and return the carriageways between junctions 8 (Maidstone) and 9 (Ashford) to standard two-way traffic from Sunday morning.

Operation Brock was used to hold freight during the busiest weekends of the summer on 20, 21 and 22 July, then again on 27, 28, 29 July. It was also deployed on Saturday 5 August, when Jubilee Way was closed in both directions for more than 24 hours because of a major lorry fire.

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

### **1. DOG FOULING**

Following our meeting Jane forwarded me photos of the abuse which I have therefore forwarded direct to the Dog Warden with a request that he investigate. Since then, he has visited the site on at least two occasions and spoken to walkers in the area. No evidence of fouling spotted. He went to the public footpath and found it clean. He believes that it might have been done by residents. There are issues as to whether the public footpath is on private land but would like residents to continue using the website to report incidents and to send photos which will enable him to recognise the location.

### **2. CANNABIS SMOKING**

I forwarded the allegations to Shaun Taylor of Community Services on 17<sup>th</sup> July and he requested an officer to investigate. She visited the area but could find no evidence of persistent drug taking. She has passed the details to Kent Police.