

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Parish Hall
on Monday October 16th 2023 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw, Cllr J Watson, Cllr A Minns, Cllr J Dyer, 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 -caring duties
 Cllr Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen -Family reasons
 Cllr S Craft – Holiday
 DDC Cllr O Richardson – Previous Engagement

Apologies Accepted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw – Item 11. Finance: Monthly email subscriptions and stationery expenses.

3. MINUTES

Resolution 23-10/01: To accept the minutes as a true record of the ordinary meeting of the parish council held on 21/08/2023. The chairman signed the minutes.

Proposed: Cllr A Minns

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Assets of Community Value – Lantern Inn.

Andrew Searle spoke in favour of proceeding with the asset registration since it indicated a long term interest in The Lantern's importance in the local community. DDC's on-line application forms need to be filled in and submitted for consideration. The Lantern's owners have invited local residents to an open meeting on 17th October to explore how the community might be better served and the Inn's business model improved.

Proposed development SAP46 for 40 dwellings and new public footpath/bridleway routes. The outline plans indicated new interconnecting rights of way to the existing path networks. The creation of new routes is an involved and legally protracted process which needs to be understood by the developers and local community if approval to build was granted.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dog Fouling on path and field adjacent to school pathway

Costs for providing a new waste bin and emptying services had been received from DDC. It has been agreed to place an order for the dual-purpose bin at £285 + VAT. The concrete base would be installed by the parish council, after which an annual emptying contract would be placed with DDC for £44.96 + VAT

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer

Seconded: Cllr J Watson

Public Footpaths survey.

The condition of parish Public Rights of Way need to be surveyed. The KCC map will be circulated to enable councillors to send in reports. A link to the KCC map is under the Contact, Useful Links menu at www.langdonpc.org.uk.

Memorial for Garry Skeggs – parish postman

The siting of 4 memorial plaques around the parish has been suggested but no decision would be made without consultation and approval by the Skeggs family.

6. WEST LANGDON VILLAGE GREEN –

Nothing new to report.

7. MARTIN MILL PARKING

Cllr A Minns attended a recent St Margaret's Parish Council meeting to explain the situation at Martin Mill and the importance of gathering data before meeting with the southeastern customer liaison management.

8. REPORTS

KCC Cllr S Manion.

KCC cabinet is considering the budget for 2024-2025 as there will be serious financial constraints. Statutory services for Adult and Child Social Care continue to require increased funding levels. The number of waste transfer stations in Kent is a possible cost reduction measure. KCC is using smart data analysis tools to get a better understanding of the county services and budget planning.

KCC Cllr M Bates

See the report in Appendix A.

9. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Speeding vehicles through the villages: The clerk has exchanged emails with PC Sophie Bramble (our local police officer) with a view to identifying the offending drivers. The advice is to monitor and keep reporting, and where possible, to get the vehicle's registration number.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

KCC Urgent Road Closure - Guston Road, East Langdon - 10th October 2023 (Dover)
Scam Alerts: Instagram, Mortgage, Investment Scams, Crime events across Kent

DDC Dover District Green Infrastructure Strategy - Consultation Launch!
Polling District Review

KALC INTRODUCTION TO PLANNING - 12TH OCTOBER 2023 Weekly bulletin
KALC NEWS October 2023
KALC CONFERENCES AND EVENTS
Chairmanship Conference 17 October 2023 - Really not to be Missed!

NALC Chief executive's bulletin
NALC EVENTS
NALC Newsletter
UTILITY AID

ZERO HOUR Langdon Parish Council support for Climate and Ecology Bill

Nicholas Tod Wilder Blean, We need your help, please.

Open space society - September updates: Our campaigning works |
75 years of the Gower Society | Photos from our archive

11. FINANCE

Proposal: 23-10/02 To approve payments:

Chq No.	Expenditure	
1416	C Shaw Monthly Microsoft Email Subscription (August)	£11.76
1417	Grass Cutting East Langdon Green Ref 1504 Trevor Oku	£30.00
1418	Kent Playing Fields Association Annual Subs	£20.00
1419	D Meadows West Langdon Aug, Sept, Oct grass cutting	£105.00
1420	C Shaw Neighbourhood Plan stationery expenses	£11.74
1421	P Whittington Bearings for Turn-Fly play equipment	£126.00

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest 1st September – 1st October 2023

£ 43.87

Proposed: Cllr A Minns
Seconded: Cllr J Dyer
Approved

To receive and approve Quarterly Financial Statement September 2023

Proposed: Cllr J Watson
Seconded: Cllr A Minns
Accepted

It was agreed that a member of the Parish Council will arrange with the Clerk to carry out interim financial reports throughout the year. Cllr J Dyer has agreed to carry out a report within the next month.

External Audit: Mazars AGAR 2022-2023 Completion letter and Completion Certificate received. The correspondence is on the Langdon Parish Council website.

12. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATION

DOV 23/00936

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Conversion of Granary to annex

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

Decision: No Objection. The additional report from the structural engineer was noted.

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

Delayed Decision waiting on clarification of points from DDC planning. The report received from DDC case officer clarifying points raised by the parish council on the definition of “Incidental Use” and distance from the main dwelling was circulated before the meeting.

Decision: Object. The parish council did not object to the change of use of the building and its modification as the stated purpose and not to be used as a residential dwelling. However, the long separation distance between the main dwelling and the barn including a public Right of Way, exceeded the practical definition of “within the curtilage of the main dwelling”. Historically the barn was associated with a different Martin Vale Cottage in Station Road.

DOV 23/370

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Outline application for erection of up to 40 dwellings (matters reserved except access)

Location; Land off The Street East Langdon CT15 5JF

Re-issue due amended on information: Site access plan, signage and pedestrian route.

Decision: Objection remains based on the original comments submitted. The proposed traffic priority measures and shared pedestrian/cycle route is an unacceptable narrowing of the road access into East Langdon and a potential danger zone for pedestrians.

The following application had just appeared on the planning portal and its due date for comments may be considered between the scheduled monthly parish council meetings:
DOV 23/01206: Change of use of land for the siting of 3 glamping pods with access and parking. Merrydown Station Road Martin Mill CT15 5LA

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

None to date

13. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Deferred. Cllr Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen has agreed to oversee Ecology issues

14. LANGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A Neighbourhood Plan public meeting on 10th October was attended by 14 people to hear Tessa O'Sullivan and Alison Eardley explain the types of community housing and housing needs survey. A questionnaire will be distributed to all Langdon households within the next 3 months.

15. DATA PROTECTION

Nothing to report

16. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

East Langdon Parish Hall: Nothing to report.

Langdon Playing Field: The Turn-Fly play equipment has been repaired with help from Pip Whittington. A £60 donation from the Dover Ramblers had been received for the use of car park.

West Langdon Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Lengthsman Report. Cllr A Minns reported that some junction line painting has been done.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Remembrance Day Service Sunday November 12th on the village green at 10.45.

“Bring and Buy “ Playing Field Fund-Raising Event in the parish hall Saturday 25th November 12- 4pm.

NEXT MEETING

The ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm Monday November 20th 2023 in East Langdon Parish Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed...CHRIS SHAW..... Date...20th November 2023

Appendix A

Monthly Report from DDC Cllr M Bates

MEETING REPORT FOR LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 16.10.23

DOVER JOINT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Scrutiny Committee in KCC have recommended to Cabinet that the Board be abolished and that a new informal and more effective system be established as part of a Governance Review. Cllr Richardson will be part of the review undertaking this. The DJTAB meeting scheduled for 21st September was cancelled.

LANDLORDS' FORUM

A range of updates and housing news is being brought home for landlords in the Dover and Folkestone areas - with a Landlords' Forum in the Council Chambers at Dover District Council on Friday 20 October from 9.30am. The forum is being organised by Dover District Council (DDC) and Folkestone and Hythe District Council (FHDC) working with the National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA) and the landlord association iHowz.

The free event is being held 'to let' landlords know more about the latest updates, and will include a range of guest speakers, as well as a range of information on funding opportunities and current requirements that may affect landlords. Guest speakers will include representatives from DDC's private sector housing and housing options teams, Kent County Council's empty properties team, DDC/FHDC teams on the Household Support Fund, and the Home Improvement Agency on Better Care Funding, as well as updates from Mortgages for Business, the NRLA and iHowz.

For more information, or to book your place to attend the Landlords' Forum, please email privatesectorhousing@dover.gov.uk

DOVER JOB FARE

Dover's biggest jobs and skills fair returns to Cruise Terminal 2 at the Port of Dover on Thursday, 12 October from 10am to 2.30pm. Dover District Council, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Port of Dover, Stagecoach and East Kent College Group are teaming up to showcase job opportunities across the district, along with apprenticeships, training, and college courses. Over fifty local employers are expected to exhibit with some 800 local jobs on offer.

A programme of workshops will also offer job seekers advice, from CV and application writing, and other practical support. Job seekers could even leave with a job offer* on the spot with some employers offering interviews on the day. The event is free to attend, and thanks to Stagecoach, a free shuttle bus will run throughout the event from the town centre to the cruise terminal. The first bus will leave Dover Cruise Terminal 2 at 9:30am and the last bus from the cruise terminal will be at 3pm.

Dover Cruise Terminal 2	Dover Priory Railway Station	Ladywell (Fire Station)	Pencester Road (Bus Terminus)
:00 on the hour	:05 past the hour	:10 past the hour	:20 past the hour
:30 past the hour	:35 past the hour	:40 past the hour	:50 past the hour

There is also free car parking at the cruise terminal. So far 30 employers have signed up to attend the event.

POLLING STATION REVIEW

Under current legislation, all local authorities are required to review their polling districts, polling places and polling stations every fifth year - the next compulsory review starts today (2 October 2023) and your views are sought.

DDC are now seeking feedback on any aspect of the allocated polling areas or polling stations that they will use in the Dover District and invite representation and comments from interested persons. This includes comments on access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

All representations received will be published on our website on 30 October 2023. There will then be an opportunity for further comment on the responses received. All feedback will be sent on to the Boundary Commission.

Further information on the review including a list of polling stations used and maps of the current and proposed polling districts can be found on the DDC website at www.dover.gov.uk/polling-district-review-2023

Comments can be made using the DDC [on-line response form](#).

Alternatively, please send your comments in writing to the Electoral Services Team marked 'Polling District Review' either by email to elections@dover.gov.uk or by letter to: Electoral Service Polling Review, Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ.

All representations at this stage need to be received no later than 23 October 2023.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

Dover District Council has launched a consultation to help protect the district's natural environment and green infrastructure. They want you to have your say on the draft **Dover District Green Infrastructure Strategy** which sets out how we can improve and better connect our green spaces. This includes creating more habitat for nature, managing the natural environment to adapt to climate change and to support health and wellbeing, and having quality public open spaces. It also sets out how DDC should have green infrastructure at the heart of new development planning.

The strategy includes a draft Action Plan, outlining projects that will contribute to key outcomes. These outcomes include protected and restored habitat, greater resilience to the changing climate and ensuring the district has healthy landscapes. They would like to hear your views on this draft strategy and seek your input to the Action Plan. The consultation runs for six weeks until 5pm on Tuesday, 14 November, 2023.

You can find out more about the consultation and submit comments via the **consultation website** or by email to biodiversity@dover.gov.uk.

LOCAL ISSUES

1. DOG FOULING

Jane wrote to me on 2nd October asking whether DDC could provide poo bag stations and provided an image of one at Stourmouth. I made enquiries of the Dog Warden who replied as follows on 9th:

Thanks for your email; we have no waste poo bag dispensers at East Langdon.

The image you sent me looks like a privately installed bag dispenser, maybe done by their local Parish Council?

The ones we have we do refill, either by volunteers or myself (when advised that they are empty, the have QR codes on them to report when refill required).

2. STREET CLEANING

Ian Dudding wrote on 21st September providing details of the cleaning area in Waterworks Lane which Tony was copied into. On 28th September an internal audit report was provided to wherein street cleansing had been given as risk rating of “no assurance.” During their examination the audit team had found 17 areas of non – compliance. Consequently, Waste Services are drawing up an action plan and have until the end of the year to improve performance. I have requested that the Waste Services Team should be requested to provide the meeting of the next Governance Committee with a presentation of the action which has been taken since the report and moves may be made to place it on the work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.