

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL
East Langdon Parish Hall
on Monday November 20th 2023 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr C Shaw, Cllr J Dyer, Cllr Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen, Cllr S Craft, D Willett (clerk)
 Cllr B Price-Stephens, KCC Cllr S Manion, DDC Cllr M Bates, DDC Cllr O Richardson and 6
 members of the public.

1. ABSENCES and APOLOGIES

Cllr J Watson – unwell
 Cllr A Minns - Holiday

Apologies Accepted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr C Shaw – Item 11. Finance: Monthly email subscriptions and parish hall rental fee..

3. MINUTES

Resolution 23-11/01: To accept the minutes as a true record of the ordinary meeting of the parish council held on 16/10/2023. The chairman signed the minutes.

Proposed: Cllr Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen

Seconded: Cllr J Dyer

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Nothing to report

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dog Waste Bins Project

Waiting revised costs from Dover District Council for purchase and annual emptying contract.

Assets of Community Value – Lantern Inn

The asset registration forms to be completed now that the necessary Land Registry documents have been purchased.

Public Footpaths survey.

Waiting for information from paths being walked by councillors and parishioners

Memorial for Garry Skeggs – parish postman

Memorial plaque has been suggested and Cllr C Shaw to investigate costs and location

No decision would be made without consultation and approval by the Skeggs family.

6. WEST LANGDON VILLAGE GREEN –

Correspondence received from Land Registry requesting identity verification of the signatories submitted in the original application documents lodged in June 2022 (long processing.delays).

7. MARTIN MILL PARKING

Residence parking permits have been issued. Numbers are being monitored until the end of 2023 to produce report for Southerneastern Railways.

8. REPORTS

KCC Cllr S Manion.

Kent Fire brigade available for consultations and home visit to fit free alarms. KCC has received some devolved funding for road works from Government following the cancelation of the HS2 project.

KCC Cllr M Bates

See the report in Appendix B.

Kent Police PC Sophie Bramble

See the report in Appendix C

9. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Risk assessment surveys will be carried out at West Langdon Village Green and the Langdon Playing Field following the recent storm tree damage.

East Langdon residents have reported excessive driving speeds above the 20mph limit at night and by school traffic. The possibility of residents coming forward to train as Kent Speed Watch volunteers will be explored.

All 3 public defibrillators owned and maintained by the parish council are available 24/7 at East Langdon, Martin and Martin Mill.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- KCC** Keep Safe - Stay Alert. 10 Nov Scam Alerts
Apply now for chance to win Community Transport Grant funding
Weather Event - Storm Ciaran
- DDC** Scam Alerts: Instagram, Mortgage, Investment Scams, Crime events across Kent
CSU Parish Council quarterly meeting
Current Councilor's Update
Dover District Green Infrastructure Strategy - Consultation ending 14th November
Appointment of New Deputy Monitoring Officer
- KALC** Training Bulletin 08/11/23
KALC AGM Documents
Weekly bulletin
KALC CONFERENCES AND EVENTS
- NALC** Chief executive's bulletin
NALC EVENTS
NALC Newsletter
Update on pay scales and Parish Seminars
- Open Space Society** - Appeal for donations to provide more legal action funding.
- Kent Police** October Newsletter - Guston, Kingsdown & St Margarets

11. FINANCE**Proposal: 23-11/02 To approve payments:**

Chq No.	Expenditure	
1422	DDC Parish election fees May 2023	£ 102.76
1423	Mazars LLP External Audit	£252.00
1424	Commercial Services Field Maintenance <i>Waiting revise invoice</i>	
1425	St Mary's churchyard green spaces grass mowing support grant	£250.00
1426	St Augustine's churchyard green spaces grass mowing support grant	£250.00
1427	Dover District Dog Bins x2 <i>Withheld due to need to clarify cost</i>	
1428	Grass Cutting East Langdon Green Ref 1531 November. Trevor Oku	£30.00
1429	C Shaw Monthly Microsoft Email November Subscription	£11.76
1430	East Langdon Parish Hall 6 months rental and heating April - Sept	£120.00
1431	Alison Eardley Langdon Neighbourhood Plan – Workshop and Policies	£1320.00

Receipts

NatWest Bank Interest 30th September – 31st October 2022 £ 46.20

Proposed: Cllr J Dyer
Seconded: Cllr B Price-Stephens,

Approved

Budget Setting 2024-25: Call for any future projects and events which may require funding. A draft budget will be presented at the December council meeting.

12. PLANNING

PLANNING APPLICATION

DOV 23/01236

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Outline planning application for erection of 9 dwellings (all matters reserved except access)

Location: Land at The Street, East Langdon, CT15 5JH,

During the public discussion before the council formally considered the application the main comments centred around the safety aspects of the site access onto the narrow double-bend section of East Langdon Road, it being very narrow and mostly single track. An increase in traffic moving through the village at peak times was of concern.

The proposed development could lead to a coalescing of the current settlement boundaries of Martin Mill and East Langdon and the loss of open farmland.

An increased risk to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders negotiating the route past the playing field entrances. Emergency services may be impeded.

The most important consideration was that the proposed development is outside the existing village settlement boundary as adopted in 2022.

Being a green field site agricultural land, the local environment should be considered by the planning officer.

The point was raised regarding the affordable housing that is needed for local people and it was felt that the application did not address this issue.

Resolution 23-11/03 The parish council resolved that the application should be refused. The council's written response to DDC is in Appendix A and on the planning portal. Member of the public may wish to send their own comments direct to DDC Planning Dept.

Proposed: Cllr S Craft
Seconded: Cllr John Dyer
Unanimously carried.

DOV 23/01206

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of 3 glamping pods with access and parking

Location: Merrydown , Station Road, Martin Mill, CT15 5LA

Withdrawn

DECISIONS BY DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV 23/01064

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions with balcony and glass balustrade, front porch, alterations/replacement windows/doors and raised patio (existing single storey rear extension and front porch to be demolished)

Location; Martin Vale Cottage Station Road Martin Mill CT15 5JX

Decision: Granted

Recently Received Planning Application 23/01288: Change of use of 1 unit to a live/work unit (sui generis) Langdon Abbey Farmyard The Barn Abbey Road Langdon CT15 5HJ
This will be considered between meetings and reported at the December meeting.

13. ADVICE FOR VILLAGE WILDLIFE POND RESTORATION

Cllr Laidlow-Peterson has been researching for advice on pond restoration. A helpful source is Professor Sayer at Exeter University.

14. LANGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A grant offer of £7400 has been confirmed from “Locality”, the co-ordinating group supporting Neighbourhood Plan projects. The focus will be technical writing and consultancy.

15. DATA PROTECTION

Nothing to report

16. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

East Langdon Parish Hall: The ceiling has collapsed in the Gents toilet due to wind and recent water damage.

Langdon Playing Field: Annual safety inspection booked. Tree risk assessment booked.

West Langdon Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Lengthsman Report. Nothing to report

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Remembrance Day Service Sunday November 12th A successful community event with 30 people attending.

Carols on the Green 20th December. A Christmas tree needs to be sourced.

NEXT MEETING

The ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm Monday December 11th 2023 in East Langdon Parish Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed...Chris Shaw

Date...11th December 2023

Appendix A

DOVER

DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOV 23/01236

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Proposal: Outline application for up to 9 residential dwellings with all matters reserved except access.

Location: Land at The Street, East Langdon, Dover

Decision: The parish council strongly recommends refusal of this application

Comments:

Principle Objection

The parish council has considered this application under the current District Development Plan in force (Core Strategy 2010) rather than affording weight to emerging new policies within the yet un-adopted new draft Local Plan. The application appears to be a speculative attempt to secure outline permission on an outlier site before the new district Local Plan has been determined. The combined potential impact of new housing growth on both sides of The Street beyond the settlement boundary, (these being SAP46 outline application for 40 dwellings and this 9 dwelling addition) would represent an unacceptable 73% increase in the current village core from 67 dwellings up to 116.

Development beyond the Settlement Boundary

The proposed site lies beyond the adopted settlement boundary 2022 for East Langdon which ends at East Langdon Parish Hall. The hall car park presents a soft green edge leading into the rural countryside and any development beyond this point would be an intrusion into the open landscape, contrary to planning policy DM1.

The proposed site lies within the now-rejected land allocation LAN007 during the Regulation 18 examination in May 2020. The site was deemed unsuitable for development:

- Unacceptable landscape impact.
- Unacceptable impact on character of settlement.
- Heritage and highways concerns.

Local Housing Need

The applicant has not demonstrated the need for the housing types indicated in the outline scheme. Langdon Parish Council will be undertaking a housing-needs survey as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan process. Public comments highlighted the concerns of local affordability.

Visual Impact on Public Rights of Way ER44 and ER47.

The proposed development lies along the valley bottom between East Langdon and Langdon Playing Field. New dwellings would be visible from the higher ground along public rights of way ER44 and ER47. The lower section of ER47 is likely to require re-routing.

Pedestrian Walking Route

The proposal includes a pedestrian pathway from the parish hall car park into the development. There has been no discussion about the right of way and safety aspects of passing through the parking area.

Loss of Greenfield Land

The site is productive agricultural land lying in open countryside. There will be a

detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the rural space, contrary to current planning policies DM15 and DM16.

Loss of Local Habitat and Wildlife

There is concern that reduction or removal to the existing boundary hedge-line will have a detrimental impact on wildlife and local habitats.

Not a Windfall Site

Included in the submission, is the “SITE_LAYOUT_PLAN-2463062 document” which shows part of the proposed SAP46 development which lies to the NW of the application site on the opposite side of The Street. The inclusion of the site SAP46 layout is considered misleading as it suggests the proposed new development would be an addition within an already approved location. In fact the 9 dwellings would be on a standalone greenfield site clearly beyond any existing or agreed development.

Road Access and Traffic Impact

The roadside boundary of the proposed site runs along The Street, continuing into East Langdon Road, around the narrow double bend of “Tin Pot Corner”. Currently this section of road has a 40mph speed limit lying beyond the 20mph speed zone of East Langdon village and is a well-known traffic hazard to pedestrians, cyclists and other road users passing through the parish. The route is also part of the National long-distance Skylark cycle trail. It is suggested that the 20mph limit be extended along East Langdon Road to the playing field car park entrance as a further traffic calming safety measure. (Ref. Langdon draft Highways Improvement Plan).

The proposed road access into the development is at a point along the double-bend with poor visibility in both directions. This is considered as a potentially-serious hazard. Furthermore, the proposed pedestrian route from within the site emerges at a blind bend opposite the playing field entrance. Visibility at this location is poor as is the existing route PROW ER47 onto East Langdon Road.

The parish council recommends that this application be refused.

Signed: David Willett

(Parish Clerk) Dated 27/11/2023

Appendix B

Monthly Report from DDC Cllr M Bates

MEETING REPORT FOR LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 20.11.23

DDC ADVISORY SERVICES

Dover District Council's (DDC) Benefit and Money Advice team has helped prevent hundreds of tenants from spiralling into debt. The advisors helped 1,213 tenants increase their income by more than £1 million in total in the past year, preventing some families from falling into debt or being referred to court. Due to their work and close working with the Council's Income Collection Officers, the amount of rent arrears owed to DDC also dropped significantly from £427,812 to £297,765 in 2022/23.

Support from the advisors involves conducting benefit reviews to ensure families and vulnerable individuals are getting financial help where they can so they can pay their rent. They also help pensioners transition onto pension age benefits seamlessly, preventing worrisome delays, and support any with entitlement to Pension Credit or Attendance Allowance. They review Universal Credit (UC) entitlement, prompting and supporting tenants to review or claim the correct rate from the right date. They also offer advice on other services such as schemes to help people on low incomes with their bills or access to Healthy Start vouchers.

If you know of any person in need of advice and support you can direct them to www.dover.gov.uk/Housing/Housing-for-Tenants/Rent/Money-troubles.aspx

CHRISTMAS CAR PARKING

Dover District Council is to offer free parking in its car parks from 3pm on weekdays throughout December.

DEFIBRILLATOR GRANTS



Natalie Elphicke

Yesterday at 09:24 · 🌐

💖 Important heart news 🗣️

The Department for Health and Social Care has launched a £1million Defibrillator Community AED fund, open for applications to place 2,000 public access defibrillators in communities across England - including in Dover, Deal and the Villages.

Companies can apply for match funding under the scheme as well as voluntary organisations

Interested in applying? Click the link below to learn more and get started:

defibgrant.co.uk

Let's save lives together.

🇬🇧 #DefibGrant #CommunitySafety #SavingLives 💖



BUSES

The £2 flat rate bus fare has now been extended until December 2024.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT GRANT

Charities, residents' groups and parish and town councils are encouraged to apply for fresh funding worth £450,000 from the Department for Transport and £50,000 from Kent County Council (KCC) through the Community Transport Grant. The fund can support local transport schemes and is being offered as a Kent Bus Service Improvement plan initiative supported by National Bus Strategy funding provided by UK Government.

The council has provided grants for community transport schemes for a number of years but this year KCC has been able to make additional funding available from its National Bus Strategy award for groups to bid for to try to help communities impacted by changes to their bus service or with another local transport need. Applications are now open and should be submitted before the deadline by 18th December 2023.

Visit www.kent.gov.uk/communitytransportgrant to find out more about the Community Transport Grant scheme and how to apply.

LOCAL PLAN

Planning Inspectors will this month begin the hearing sessions for the examination of the Dover District Local Plan. Dover District Council (DDC) submitted the Plan to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for independent examination in March this year. Through the examination, Inspectors, appointed by the Secretary of State, will consider the soundness of the submitted Plan and whether it has been prepared in accordance with the legal and procedural requirements.

All sessions will be streamed online for the public to watch. You can also attend to watch these discussions in person, but you will not be able to speak (unless you have been registered to contribute to hearing sessions).

The first three weeks of the hearings will take place in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ. Week four will take place virtually using Microsoft Teams. The sessions will begin from 10am, however this time is subject to change. You can find the times and format of each session as well as relevant links here: www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/examination-home/hearing-sessions/hearing-sessions

LOCAL ISSUES

None

Appendix C

Monthly Report from PC Sophie Bramble

MEETING REPORT FOR LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 20.11.23

	<p>Monthly update – October 2023 PC 12757 Sophie Bramble</p>
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Welcome to the October 2023 update. Below you will find details of recent activity in your area and campaigns that are currently being run by Kent Police alongside our partner agencies.

Contacting Kent Police

Please remember in an emergency **always dial 999**

For any non-emergency enquiries please visit the Kent Police website where you can:

- Submit an online report of a crime or other incident
 - Use our “Live Chat” function
 - Contact Crime Stoppers
- Follow links to our Social Media platforms including Twitter and Facebook
 - Find information about Crime Prevention and our Partners
 - You can also keep in touch via My Community Voice



My Community Voice is a 2-way messaging service that helps Kent residents, businesses & community groups to keep in touch with their local Policing teams.

Sign up to My Community Voice at www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

Introduction

My name is Sophie Bramble, and I am your ward Constable. I have been a Constable in Kent Police for sixteen years. The past four years have seen me back in the community as the Town Beat Officer for Deal.

I have been enjoying getting out and about in the parish wards I have now been allocated. These include Deal, Walmer, Guston, Kingsdown and St Margaret's.

My operational responsibilities continue to include Deal town centre.

Rest assured; I will endeavour to serve you all to the very best of my ability. Whilst I may struggle initially to be as visible as our hard-working PCSO colleagues once were, I can be reached via the above options and will do my utmost to respond to any such correspondence in a timely fashion.

With kind regards

PC 12757 Sophie Bramble

Crimes of note:

Thieves targeted vans overnight of Wednesday 11 October into Thursday 12 October. The suspects stole tools from vehicles. A suspicious black Ford Focus was seen in the relevant area. Investigations are ongoing.

A suspect has been charged in connection with an alleged arson near Deal.

Kent Police was contacted by Kent Fire and Rescue Service shortly after 6pm on Sunday 29 October 2023, following a fire at stables in The Street, Worth. It was extinguished with no injuries reported.

Paul Goodwin, 33, of Dover, was arrested and charged with arson. He was also charged with stalking, a public order offence and sharing images with intent to cause distress.

He appeared at Folkestone Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 31 October and was remanded in custody to appear in court at a later date.

Can you help?

Officers are continuing to investigate following the charge and would like to trace a silver 2004 five-door Vauxhall Astra with a private registration plate, which was seen in the area around that time and may still be parked nearby.

Anyone with information about the car's location or who has dashcam or CCTV footage from the A258 Deal Road, Coventon Lane or The Street in Worth between 4.30pm and 8.30pm on Sunday 29 October is urged to contact officers.

You can call Kent Police on 01843 222289, quoting reference 46/193314/23.

Footage can be uploaded to our online community portal.

You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or complete their [online form](#).

Theft of motorcycle. Report filed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available.

Protect your motorcycle, moped or scooter from theft. Thieves only need a matter of seconds to steal a moped, scooter or motorcycle - especially if they are left with poor security - but our tips will help reduce the chance of theft. Think: Lock, chain, cover.

Head to [Protect your motorcycle, moped or scooter from theft | Kent Police](#) for more information.

Crime prevention and education:

Protect your bicycle from theft If you've ever had your bicycle stolen, you'll know how upsetting it can be. Our practical tips will help keep your bike safe and out of the hands of thieves – and advice on how to get it back if it is stolen. Visit [Protect your bike from theft | Kent Police](#) for ten ways to protect your bike.

The most important things to remember are to double lock your bike and register the frame number.

Fraud / Scams Scammers are continuing to cold call via the telephone. The callers are purporting to be police officers. They may claim to have someone in custody having used the victim's bank card. They will then try to scam details from the victim.

If one of our officers needs to speak to you on the phone, they'll identify themselves clearly. They will never:

ask you for your bank details or PIN

ask you to transfer funds to another account

ask you to hand over cash or bank cards to a courier

ask you to pay a fine or a fee to them or a third party over the phone or online

ask you for access to your computer, passwords or log on details over the phone or online

ask you to register personal details in an attachment or website online

ask you to 'assist' in an investigation by doing any of the above

state that you are committing a crime by not complying

communicate in an abusive, threatening or coercive manner

If you think you've uncovered a scam, been targeted by a scam or fallen victim to fraudsters, contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or <https://reporting.actionfraud.police.uk> Reporting crime, including fraud, is important.

Remember if you're unsure about whether the person you're dealing with is a genuine police officer – stop – and call us on 101 to check their identity.

Scammers demanding money u

Other events of note:

Personal safety was at the heart of two community events held in Deal and Dover aimed at protecting women and girls from harm.

The events held on **Thursday 26 October 2023** at the **Skatepark in Park Avenue Deal** and **Pencester Park in Dover** were a collaboration between police and partner agencies. They came about through our shared desire to reduce violent crime and protect vulnerable people.

Whilst the community events were aimed at youngsters, there were visitors of all ages. Free sports activities were provided by Sports Connect. Attendees took part in a football match as well as the challenge of trying out the police bleep test. A gaming van with free hot chocolate was particularly popular.

Representatives from the force's Dover Community Safety Unit, the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) which includes Dover District Council and other agencies such as Kent Fire and Rescue Service, local youth clubs including Linwood and the Port of Dover Police were all there to support and run the initiative.

PC Sophie Bramble said: 'We arranged these community events to engage with local people, particularly children, giving them a safe environment to discuss any concerns they may have and to find out how safe they feel in their towns.

'We are always looking for new and interesting ways to talk to young people and to show them that we are here, we care and want to support them in any way that we can. The football match was a real draw for the community, and we had a big uptake. Who would have thought that two goals, some bibs and a football could bring strangers together for some wholesome fun.

'Education is so important, and this was a fun way of handing out some important messages about personal safety and encouraging them to look out for each other, and report incidents to us