

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 11th August 2016 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllr W Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Loudoun, M Turner, R Sheppard, C Drayson, M Lovell.

There were 9 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Christie, Lucas, White.
2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. None.
3. National Trust Report. Preliminary designs for the new version of the **Spyway Car Park plans** (65 cars) will be in the Parish Office for parishioner/Cllr comments before being submitted to PDC. A new **Permissive footpath** could be created across NT land at Cole's ground as part of LMPC plans for opening up the Council's land adjacent. Other activities reported by Mr Kershaw include a **butterfly survey**, a new **memorial seat** at Dancing Ledge, upkeep on the **Coast Path**, new market rental opportunities at refurbished **Uvedale's** at Corfe and **woodland management** at Langton West Wood. Mr Kershaw will supply Cllrs with a copy of all the Survey Monkey questions before the Council makes a formal response to the NT **Licensing consultation**. The Trust needs **drystone wallers**: it was agreed to put this request in the Dubber. **ACTION: Clerk.** Mr Kershaw was thanked for his report.
4. Public Discussion Period. The meeting was adjourned for this agenda item.
 - a) Mr and Mrs Philip, the new owners of 40 High Street, introduced themselves.
 - b) Mrs Bridget Mayes reported on a successful 'Let's Make Purbeck Litter Free' meeting in July. An extra pick is planned at Dancing Ledge for the end of August. **RESOLVED: To support the pick with equipment and Public Liability Insurance, as usual.**
 - c) Mr David Senior asked that LMPC renew the custom of having a formal representation at Remembrance Day services each year in the church. He further asked that the Council consider the idea of having a war memorial accessible to all at any time [the present memorials are inside the church and in the Memorial Room, part of the Village Hall complex]. This could include names from recent conflicts as well as both World Wars. He suggested 2018 as a suitable date for its erection.
 - d) Mr George Crabb asked Jon Kershaw (NT) about why pay and display machines have to be used in Spyway car park, rather than a donation box. Mr Kershaw explained that this is way for the Trust to be able to track visitor numbers, which has financial advantages for the specific areas. Mr Crabb also notes that a tree at the corner of Serrell's Mead may need attention.
 - e) Mr Barrie Mayes reported on the positive outcome of the **Community Land Trust** meeting on 4th August. Actions as a result include a) Startup membership of the CLT Network, b) Contact with a consultant in Somerset who will advise Langton on the way forward, and come to the village to meet people. The group aim to set up a Langton CLT website in early September: in the meantime they will have a page on the Langton Affordable Housing Group website. The group are looking for members to form a Steering Group for the project. Mr Mayes asked if a link could go on the LMPC website.
5. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.
 - a) Remembrance Day: Council agreed that Cllr Knight will attend in a formal capacity to represent LMPC in the future. **ACTION: Cllr Knight.** War Memorial proposal. It was agreed that this is a sensitive subject which needs careful consideration. It was agreed to add it to October's agenda, and put a short note in the Dubber asking for parishioners' thoughts on the matter. **ACTION: Clerk.**
 - b) Tree at the corner of Serrell's Mead. **ACTION: Cllr Loudoun (Tree rep.) to investigate.**
 - c) CLT link on LMPC website. It was **RESOLVED: To add the link to the new website.** Clerk to add to Dubber report. **ACTION: Clerk.**
6. Planning Matters.
 1. There were no comments on the plans below from members of the public.

- 2 a) [TWA/2016/0101](#) Mr Henry Staveley-Hill, High Street (18 - Leas Wood House), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (T1) Ash - Crown reduce by 3-4m; (T2) Reduce lower laterals growing towards neighbouring property by 2m - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Leave Decision to Tree Officer.**
- b) [TWA/2016/0106](#) Subsidence Management Services, (T2) Sycamore - crown reduce by 3-4m & balance canopy, re-prune on a 3 year (max) basis - Langton Matravers Conservation Area; (T6) Horse chestnut - crown reduce by 3-4m & balance canopy, re-prune on a 3 year (max) basis - The District of Purbeck (The Rectory, St Georges Close, Langton Matravers) Tree Preservation Order 2015 (Ref.TPO 446) (T6 only). **Leave Decision to Tree Officer.**
- c) [6/2016/0452](#) Mr & Mrs J Philip, High Street (40), Langton Matravers BH19 3HB. Demolish carport and outbuilding. Make alterations and erect single storey extensions to existing dwelling. **No Objection.**
3. a) [TWA/2016/0089](#) Mr Mike Eland, Old Malthouse Lane (Little Durnford), Langton Matravers, BH19 3JA. (T1) Cypress - fell to ground level; (T2) Cypress - fell to ground level - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Approved**
- b) [TWA/2016/0054](#) Subsidence Management Services, St Georges Close (The Rectory), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HZ. (TG1) Sycamores x3 - fell; (TG2) Sycamores x2 - fell; (T1) Horse chestnut - fell; (T3) Horse chestnut - fell; (T4) Horse chestnut - fell; (T5) Beech - fell - The District of Purbeck (The Rectory, St Georges Close, Langton Matravers) Tree Preservation Order 2015 (Ref.TPO 446). **Tree Works - TPO – Split.**
- c) [6/2016/0321](#) Mrs C Buchanan, Castle View (Wood Close), Langton Matravers BH19 3HT. Material amendment to planning permission 6/2014/0337 (Demolish existing dwelling and erect two storey detached dwelling.) to allow central timber mullions for windows and the addition of a ground floor window in the west elevation with obscure glazing. **Approved**
- d) [6/2016/0246](#) Mr and Mrs P Loudoun, Mount Pleasant Lane (Capitol House), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HY. Demolish garage. Rebuild garage with first floor extension. Erect single storey extension. Alterations including removal of dormers and insertion of roof lights. **Approved**
- e) [6/2015/0678](#) Mr R Turner, Durnford Drove (Spyway Orchard), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HG. Outline Application – Rural Exception Site for a development of 28 dwellings (22 Affordable and 6 open market) – All matters reserved. **Refused.**
- f) 6/2016/0683, Mrs R.Halls, (Land adjacent Enzeli). Amended Plans 10/07/2016. **Application Withdrawn.**
4. Any other planning matters: a) INFORMATION: [TEL/2016/0005](#) Openreach PLC. High Street (Site outside 25A), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HF. Openreach broadband cabinet - PCP019. **Site unsuitable – needs to be moved elsewhere.**
7. Minutes of the Meeting held 14th July 2016. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.
8. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- a) Item 8a) Lovell’s quarry mud on road. It was agreed to wait a further fortnight to see if there was a response to the Clerk’s letter. **ACTION: Clerk**
- b) Item 11b) DCC Highways Presentation. It was agreed to invite officers to attend September’s meeting to explain future priorities and take questions about 20mph speed limits etc. **ACTION: Cllr Lovell.**
- c) Item 11e) Contact with new Head teacher at St George’s School. It was agreed to write welcoming Mrs Wemyss to the village and suggesting an informal meeting to discuss matters of common interest in the near future. **ACTION: Clerk**
- d) Planning 4b). Tree survey. Cllr Drayson had taken advice from PDC, and they say that it isn’t something they can help with: tree planting is to be encouraged.
9. The Clerk’s Report for the period 6.7.2016 – 10.8.2016. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.
- a) Item A1). Future of Wareham Middle School. Cllr Lovell advised that this may be used by the Dorset CCG for future Health provision in the district.
- b) Item A9) Pavement sweeping. Following the work and follow-up letter from Mr and Mrs Cattle, it was agreed to write to them formally thanking them for their work in clearing pavements in the High Street, and put a note in the Dubber report passing on Mrs Cattle’s suggestion that householders clear the area in front of their houses. **ACTION: Clerk**
- c) Item Cb) Broadband cabinet position. Cllr Loudoun asked that the cabinet be grey rather than green. It was agreed to liaise with relevant bodies to arrange a site meeting to discuss the options. **ACTION: Clerk.**
- d) Item Cc) PDC – Community Response Plan – new template. It was agreed to refer the matter to Cllr Christie, who is the LMPC Emergency Coordinator, and put it on the agenda for October. **ACTION: Clerk to brief Cllr Christie.**
- e) Item Cd) LMAA Open Afternoon, 14th August. Cllr Drayson warmly invited all Cllrs and the Clerk to attend.
- f) Item Ce) Power Cut helpline. **ACTION: Clerk to put in Dubber report.**

g) Item Cg) Dr Spilling's bat survey. It was agreed that the survey could be done on the Council's land.

ACTION: Clerk to inform Dr Spilling of Council's decision.

h) Item Da) Price for Tree work at Crack Lane Cemetery. **RESOLVED: To accept the price of £250 from ITB Gardening and Tree Care Ltd to remove the field maple and reduce oak in SW corner, as per quotation.** Mr Bugler to be asked to clear the bracken and brambles back to the South wall during the winter. **ACTION: Clerk to inform Mr Bugler.** The matter of planting a new tree is deferred.

i) Item Bc) Putlake Footway. The Clerk gave a brief update: the western part of the work is now likely to start in September; the traffic lights will be moved up when the lower part is completed.

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 30th August 2016.

10. Chairman's Announcements. Cllr Knight and the Clerk had attended a meeting of Clerks and Chairs at PDC: topics included the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the proposals for change to Unitary Authorities.

11. County and District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell updated the meeting on options for Unitary Authorities: if these plans go ahead, Cllrs would like to 'hand down' as much as possible in the way of services and money to Parish Councils, rather than these services going 'up' to the larger authorities.

12. Date for Stage 1 of Council's Land Clearance. October 8th, Saturday, was agreed. Dr Spilling will direct the work. Cllr Loudoun offered machinery to do heavy clearance. It was agreed that the proposed new gate at the South East end must be stockproof and near the east end of the allotment fence. Date to be published in the Dubber. **ACTION: Clerk** Mr and Mrs Duncan had reported that the Council's wall adjacent to their property is starting to split. **ACTION: Clerk to inspect and feed back.**

13. PDC Consultation on Housing Allocation. Cllrs went through questions as printed out from the Survey Monkey response form. Concerns were expressed about the validity of the structure of the consultation document, including lack of contextual information, the quality of the questions and the fact that the consultation had not been properly advertised. **ACTION: Clerk to feed back to PDC.**

14. CIL consultation. It was **RESOLVED: That the Council opposes the proposed changes to the charging schedule which mean that strategic residential development in the 'Swanage and the Coast' area (Class C3/4, more than 200) has a reduced charge of £30psqm (compared to £180 for less than 200). This change is not acceptable, as it encourages developers to go for larger developments which could have a negative effect in this environmentally and visually sensitive area.** **ACTION: Clerk to feed back.**

15. National Trust Licensing feedback. Deferred until questions available.

16. Purbeck DAPTC Meeting July 27th. This was a full meeting, with reports on DCC Highways future priorities, the impact of Local Govt reorganisation on T&PCs, the proposed EDD National Park, Pan-Purbeck Action Campaign and DAPTC's possible role as a 'lobbying' body.

17. Annual Cemetery report. There have been 7 interments in the last year, as in 2014-15. The North access has been tidied by the NT. Tree works will be carried out as mentioned above. It was **RESOLVED: To approve the revised cemetery regulations (removal of the phrase in Clause 11 which states that Funeral Directors are responsible for the removal of surplus soil after interments.)** The Clerk will explore the costs of self-disposal of subsoil, and the gravedigger will be instructed to heap soil on the west side of the metal gate of the north cemetery extension. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Funeral Directors.**

22. Financial Matters: (1) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting:

£ 300.00 Cremation Plot and Monument fee, the late Mike Glassock, Plot P13a.

£ 20.00 Monument inscription fee, the late Margaret Weston, Plot R10.

(2) Note the following Payments by cheque or cash to be made since last Meeting:

£ 165.00 Ian Bugler. Work at Cemetery and Play Area (July).

£ 707.74 Clerk's salary (July).

£ 18.67 HMRC – National Insurance payment (July).

- £ 536.47 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets and Bus Shelter (July).
- £ 127.38 Richard Simpson – Materials for work at Allotments.
- £ 43.20 Travel costs for Clerk's trip to SLCC Conference – CASH payment to Clerk.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

- £ 44.33 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband.
- £ 22.40 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension.

Richard Simpson was formally thanked for his work at the allotments.

4) Any other Financial Matters: None.

23. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 8th September 2016 at 7 pm.

24. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: DCC Highways presentation / National Trust Licensing Consultation / DAPTC AGM Resolution.

For October: War memorial / Community Response Plan.

Closed 9.40 pm.

Signed..... (Chairman) Date.....