

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th July 2016 at 7 pm.

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

There were 11 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. None.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. None.

3. RoW Report. Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle, reporting on behalf of Christopher Hedley, announced that at a meeting on 8th July he and Mr Hedley had walked the proposed SLA sections of path with Katie Black (DCC Senior Ranger) and team, and it was agreed that both sections of path would be suitable for a Service Level Agreement. They also looked at the top of the Windmill Hill path, which was inaccessible because blocked by a cattle feeder and slurry, despite requests to Mr Dicker, the farmer, to keep it free. Katie Black agreed that further action is needed and will contact the Scott Estate, who own the land, asking that action is taken to restore the path. **ACTION: Katie Black (DCC).** It was **RESOLVED: a) To appoint Christopher Hedley as LMPC's new Rights of Way Officer; b) To enter into a Service Level Agreement with DCC for 2 sections of footpath (600ms total, Paths 16/13, 400m and 16/44, 200m) for three years, for a total cost of £378.00 (£126.00 p.a.).** It was agreed to ask Katie to update us on her correspondence with the Scott Estate re: the Windmill Hill path, copy to Cllr Lovell. **ACTION: Clerk.**

4. National Trust Report. Work is ongoing with the Jurassic Coast Team on the **display of dinosaur prints**. Mr Kershaw and his team have cleared the **north access to Crack Lane cemetery** and intend to clear the vegetation back to the fence line on the W side to allow for informal parking for cemetery and users of the wood. **RESOLVED: To support this action.** **Coppice coops** have been fenced off in the West Wood: please do not take the timber promised to Mr Hoad for his work there. **Bat surveys** will be undertaken at night shortly; don't be surprised to see people with torches. The NT have bid for £40,000 for **dry stone wall work** in the area. There will be a **donation box at Spyway car park** this summer. The Trust are asking for Parish Council and community **views on the licensing system**, recently put in place to manage activity groups and control numbers. **ACTION: Clerk to write in Dubber report and put on agenda for August.**

5. Trees at Crack Lane cemetery. The Trust's tree expert had surveyed the oak in the SW corner, and recommended careful reduction of the crown. The field maple on the south boundary can be removed. Mr Kershaw was thanked both for his report and for his advice about the trees. **RESOLVED: To ask Ian Bugler to take down the field maple, and survey the oak and present a plan to reduce it, with costings.**

6. Future of Council's Land; presentation of proposals by Dr Spilling. Dr Spilling had drawn up proposals to use the Council's land adjacent to Cole's ground as a natural amenity for the benefit of all, using suggestions from the community made at a previous Parish Assembly as a starting point. The main costs would be fruit trees, assuming that a community 'task force' could be used for clearance work, with support from the National Trust, Scouts, Cllr Loudoun etc. Dorset Wildlife Trust will advise and suggest funding avenues. The four planned areas are: fruit trees, a 'den' area which could be used for environmental work with children, a wildflower area behind the communal shed and toilet, and a wilder area of tall shrubs and trees to maintain the allotment windbreak, all linked by a winding path which goes from the west end by Cull's to exit at the east end at Cole's ground.

7. Public Discussion Period. The meeting was adjourned for this agenda item.

a) Mrs Sally Feben-Smith, resident of Kingston, expressed concern about the **proposals to extend Swanworth quarry westward** and allow **further dumping of inert waste** there. This would result in more lorry movements and double the size of the quarry; Kingston's water supply is also threatened by the proposals, which form part of the DCC Minerals and waste Consultation (closing date 21st July). Mr

Vaughan-Arbuckle agreed that increased lorry traffic was a very real danger, Mrs Daryle Pearson said that her cottage was affected by the vibrations from passing lorries, and Dr Spilling also deplored the proposed increase in traffic from the quarry.

b) Mr Barrie Mayes announced that a meeting will be held on August 4th, chaired by Peter Bowyer, to discuss how to move forward with plans for a **Community Land Trust** for Langton Matravers. He encouraged everyone to attend.

c) Mr George Crabb noted that the B3069 outside Lovell's quarry at Gallows Gore has recently been covered in mud/clay. This should always be cleaned off promptly by quarries, as it is dangerous. The meeting was reconvened.

8. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a) **RESOLVED: To write to Lovell's complaining about the state of the road and reminding them of their responsibility. ACTION: Clerk.**

9. Planning Matters.

1. There were no comments from members of the public.

2. 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. **Leave decision to Tree Officer**

3. a) [TEL/2016/0005](#) Openreach PLC. High Street (Site outside 25A), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HF. Openreach broadband cabinet - PCP019. **Approved.**

b) [TEL/2015/0037](#) Harlequin Grp Ltd. High Street (R/O 73), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HA. (Actually East Drove). Openreach broadband cabinet - PCP019. **Approved.**

c) [6/2016/0299](#) Mr and Mrs J Cooper, Blacklands (Hedbury House), Acton, BH19 3LD. Non-material amendment to planning permission 6/2015/0324 (Demolish existing garage and erect two-storey and single-storey extensions) for alterations to woodburner flue. **Approved.**

4. Other Planning Matters. a) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting on 23rd June were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

b) Cllr Drayson asked that a log of all trees taken down be started, and that LMPC launch a tree planting project. **ACTION: Cllr Drayson.**

10. Minutes of the Meeting held 9th June 2016. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

11. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

a) Item 9b). Drain at Public Toilets. Both 'drain unblockers' report that the drain is not broken: the problem is with excessive toilet paper at the first junction outside the disabled toilet. It was agreed to keep the matter under review.

b) Item 9e). DCC Highways presentation: The Clerk and Chair will attend a DAPTC Purbeck Area meeting at Bloxworth where DCC Highways will advise Purbeck T&PC reps about future priorities for service. It was agreed to still invite DCC Highways to come to an LMPC Council meeting to take questions, as agreed at the June meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Lovell to invite officers to attend on September 8th at 7pm.**

c) Item 17. The cemetery group will meet on 20th July to review the cemetery regulations re: disposal of subsoil.

12. The Clerk's Report for the period 2.6.2016-5.7.2016. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item A6. Partial Review Consultation on CIL. It was agreed to add this to August's agenda. **ACTION: Clerk.**

b) 'Litter Free Purbeck' Meeting, 14th July. Cllr Drayson reported on a very successful event led by Langton's Bridget Graham, encouraging others in the area to get involved in Litter Picks. The Council formally thanked Mr and Mrs Cattle for their excellent work in clearing parts of the High Street pavement. Cllr Loudoun noted that groups of Duke of Edinburgh Award young people are littering across fields

c) Item Ca). All Parish Council meeting dates for 2017 were agreed, including Weds 26th April for the Parish Assembly. **ACTION: Clerk to inform Village Hall.**

d) Item Cb) Chairs and Clerks Meeting PDC. It was agreed that LMPC's views on the Partial Review Consultation be strongly reiterated.

e) Item A10). St George's School Parking letter. This had not made any obvious difference. It was agreed to arrange an informal meeting with the new Head Teacher, Mrs Helen Wemyss, in September, to welcome her to the village, and raise issues such as the reinstatement of the Walking Bus and asking some staff to park in the Old Malthouse, which might help the traffic problems. **ACTION: Clerk.**

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 2nd August 2016.

13. Chairman's Announcements. a) Cllr Knight formally thanked the PCC of St George's Church for allowing us to use the church for the Extraordinary Meeting on 23rd June without charge.

b) Cllr Knight explained the aims and activities of the Pan Purbeck Action Campaign, which is fighting key proposals in the PDC Partial Review, and had asked for formal support from all Town and Parish Councils. **RESOLVED: To support PPAC and send a representative to meetings.**

14. County and District Councillor's Report. Cllr Suttle and others from Purbeck District Council had been to London to see Greg Clark, Secretary of State, and Brandon Lewis, Minister for Housing, to express their concerns about aspects of the Partial Review proposals, especially SHMA housing numbers imposed by central government. Mr Lewis had failed to attend the meeting, and Mr Clark said that PDC would have to accept the numbers as prescribed for the present, pending the outcome of the consultation.

15. Future of Council's Land. After discussion it was **RESOLVED: To adopt Dr Spilling's plans for the Council's land (June 2016). Implementation of the plan will be subject to discussion with St George's School, Scouts and Guides Management Cttee, the LMAA and the National Trust.** It was agreed that if the area could be made safe, this would negate the need for provision of a fence on the northern boundary by DCC. It was also **RESOLVED: To budget up to £1,500 for costs, using CIL money.** **ACTION: Clerk to publicise decision on noticeboards, website and Dubber, inviting comments from the community and asking for volunteers to start work in the Autumn.**

16. 20 mph Speed Limit for village. The Council cannot afford to pay the £40,000 quoted to install the 20mph areas. It was agreed to wait until the September meeting and ask DCC Highways for more information then. **ACTION: Cllr Lovell to brief those attending from DCC.**

17. Acton speeds. As above.

18. Allotment Report. The allotments had recently been inspected again. 27b has new tenants, and 15a is now vacant. Ian Bugler has strimmed 27b.

19. Dorset Minerals and Waste Consultation. After discussion on both the quarrying and inert waste disposal proposals for Swanworth, it was **RESOLVED: This Council supports continuing quarrying at Swanworth subject to there being: 1. No increase in traffic movements; 2. No negative impact on water supplies; 3. No negative impact on AONB, and subject to approval from relevant bodies on environmental matters.**

20. Financial Matters: (1) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting: None.

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

£ 150.00	Ian Bugler. Work at Cemetery and Play Area (June).
£ 707.74	Clerk's salary (June).
£ 18.67	HMRC – National Insurance payment (June).
£ 450.00	Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (June).
£ 106.80	SLCC Regional Clerk's workshop fee.
£ 66.00	Sign and Print – Heading for Putlake Noticeboard.
£ 35.00	DAPTC – Chairmanship West training fee – Cllr Christie.
£ 115.50	Puzey and Co.Ltd. - Mend at Gents Toilet at Putlake.
£ 288.02	DAPTC – Annual Subscription, 2016-17.
£ 75.50	Southern Electric – supply to Toilet block, 30/3.2016-23.6.2016.
£ 4.68	Office sundries – 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.

(4) Any other Financial Matters; a) Review 1st Quarter Accounts. **Noted and Approved.**

.b) Noted Clerk's NALC pay rise.

21. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 11th August 2016 at 7 pm.

22. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: CIL Consultation/ Future of Council's Land / National Trust Licensing feedback. For September: DCC Highways and 20 mph speed limits.

Closed 9.30pm.

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