

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7 pm.

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

There were 9 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr P Loudoun.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Christie, Planning 1b, Cllr Turner, Planning 1a, both neighbours.

3. National Trust Report. Complaints had been received from parishioners, with photographic evidence, of **overnight camping at Spyway Car Park**. Mr Kershaw said that the matter is under review and photos have been passed to Police. A presentation on the **new plans for the car park** will form part of the October agenda. There will also be an announcement in the Dubber about the consultation on effects of the new licensing system for Dancing Ledge etc. The Trust will be starting its **Woodland Management Days** again in October, meet 1st Saturday of the month at Burngate, 10.30-3.30. Cllr Drayson thanked Mr Kershaw for mending a gate. Mr Kershaw was thanked for his report.

4. RoWLO Report. Christopher Hedley, LMPC's new Rights of Way Liaison Officer, was welcomed by the Chair. He introduced himself, explaining that he is in Langton every 6-8 weeks for a week, and will report to LMPC every quarter. He has been getting to know all the Parish footpaths. He works for the Long-Distance Walkers Association. He aims to create a sustainable system for footpath management, following the successful 'Litter-Pick' model, building up a network of volunteers. He aims to present a plan for this at the Parish Assembly next April, and liaise with neighbouring parishes.

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

a) Mr David Senior clarified plans for a new, **outdoor War Memorial**. It would not replace present memorials. He noted that both Angus Campbell and Baroness Mountbatten of Burma have agreed to be patrons of the project. He offered to provide clarification of matters of detail when the matter is discussed at October's meeting, if LMPC would find this useful.

b) Mr George Crabb suggested that with the numbers now visiting the coast in the area, especially for licensed activities, the **National Trust should provide adequate toilet facilities**. He expressed concern about a tree overhanging the **new footbridge at the end of Durnford Drove**. He noted that Lovells were still **leaving mud on the B3069 west of Acton**.

c) Dr Chris Spilling i) asked Mr Kershaw if a **new coppice coop** will be started at the West Wood; yes. ii) He thanked the Council for permitting the **bat survey** on its land: the results are being analysed by the NT. iii) He reported that the pre-School are keen to use part of the Council's Land for an outdoor environmental learning space (Area B) on the Natural Amenity proposals, as already suggested for St George's school. **ACTION: Clerk/Dr Spilling to liaise with Pre-School and St George's to find out more about their educational needs for the space.** iv) He advised that concerns about security raised by members of the Allotment Association regarding **plans for the Council's land** can be resolved by provision of more e.g. hawthorn hedging at strategic points along the S boundary with the allotment, and higher fencing around the communal/toilet area. All necessary extra plants and materials can be purchased within the allocated budget of £1,500.

e) Mrs. Daryle Pearson asked that the new **RoWLO's contact details** be published in the Dubber and on the website: he agreed. **ACTION: Clerk.**

f) Mr Kershaw explained, in response to b) above, that the NT are considering the **provision of toilets and changing facilities**; the walkers' eco-toilet at Spyway Barn is not compliant at present.

g) Mr Richard Simpson asked that ‘sleeping policemen’ be installed to **slow down speeding cyclists** in the High Street; cyclists are also ignoring red traffic lights.

6. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a) Plans for Council’s land. The Clerk had met the new Headteacher of St George’s, and it is hoped to set up a meeting soon with Chair and Clerk to discuss their needs for an outdoor classroom (see 5.c) iii, above). **ACTION: Clerk to set up meeting.**

b) Speeding Cyclists. It was agreed to ask DCC Highways to advise on the matter when they give their presentation at the October meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to contact DCC and ask.** It was also noted that there had recently been damage to cars parked in the High Street. It was **RESOLVED: To ask parishioners to record incidents of misbehavior by cyclists so that a record can be kept, and the matter reported to Police.** **ACTION: Clerk to put note in Dubber, and start record.**

c) Overnight Camping on NT land. In response to a question from Cllr Drayson, Mr. Kershaw responded that there was a ‘zero tolerance’ policy in the area, but that the problem occurs throughout; Langton is not alone in this.

d) Security at the Allotment Shed. **ACTION: Cllr Christie will ask Chair of LMAA to remind members to keep the shed doors locked when not in use.**

8. Planning Matters.

1. There were no comments on the plans below from members of the public.

2 a) TWA/2016/0120. Mr Peter Thomas, Alma Cottages (3), Acton, Langton Matravers, BH19 3LB. (T1) Sycamore - 4 lowest branches on north side of tree growing towards Crundel Cottages - cut back to boundary wall - Acton Conservation Area.

Leave decision to Tree Officer.

b) 6/2016/0463 Mr and Mrs Roger Free, Toms Field Road (Brendon), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HN. Sever land, demolish garage and erect bungalow (Revised scheme to planning permission 6/2015/0432). **No Objection.**

c) 6/2016/0465 H3G and EE Ltd, Nine Barrow Down, Knitson Farm, Corfe Castle. Replacement of three antennas and one cabinet. **No Objection.**

d) TWA/2016/0135 Ms D Fielding, Ballard View, Acton, Langton Matravers, BH19 3LA. (T1) Cherry - fell; (T2 to T5) Sorbus, bay, and cherry - reduce and reshape by up to 2m from their 2016 size, leaving an even, flowing branch-line and pruning to appropriate sized new growth - Acton Conservation Area. **Leave decision to Tree Officer.**

3. Receive planning decisions affecting this parish since the last Parish Council Meeting:

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. **Approved.**

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). **Approved.**

4. Any other planning matters: 6/2016/0520 Cothill Educational Trust, High Street (The Science Block; Old Malthouse School), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. Convert and alter existing laboratory building and bursar’s flat to form a single dwelling with off road parking and associated works. **On advice of Planning Officer, decision can be deferred to October meeting.**

b) Cllr Drayson asked if the Clerk had been informed of any Pre-Planning advice regarding tennis courts at the Old Malthouse, and about future plans for Enzeli garden. Cllr Lovell replied that it was likely that a new plan for the Enzeli garden development would be submitted in due course. **ACTION: Clerk to ask PDC about OMH plans.**

9. Minutes of the Meeting held 11th August 2016. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

a) Item 8b) DCC Highways Presentation. Officers are prepared to brief the Council on plans for Coombe junction and 20mph zones in the village. It was agreed to put up posters to encourage the public to attend the meeting and ask questions. **ACTION: Clerk to publicise in Dubber with posters and on website.**

c) Item 9h) Tree work at Crack Lane Cemetery. Ian Bugler will do this in the Autumn, and clear the bracken on the south side and in the extension at the same time.

d) Preparation day on Council’s Land – October 8th. **ACTION: Clerk to publicise in usual manner.**

11. The Clerk’s Report for the period 11.8.2016 – 31.8.2016. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

- a) Item Da). Retainer for website updates. **RESOLVED: To pay £200 for a year's update support for the new website from Flavourfy, the website supplier, allowing 5 updates per month.**
- b) Item A13/C2) Lovell Stone Group's mud on road. **ACTION: Jon Kershaw (NT) to follow up.** It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk would accept Lovells' invitation to visit the quarry. **ACTION: Clerk to set up meeting.**
- c) Item C1) Bridget Mayes' concerns about PDCs Partial Review Consultation process. It was agreed to keep Mrs Mayes' letter on file pending the results of the consultation.

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 4th October 2016.

12. Chairman's Announcements. Cllr Knight outlined the issues involved in the 'Reshaping your Councils' consultation, and advised that he and the Clerk will attend DAPTC/ORS training shortly on the subject; they will feedback to Cllrs. It was **RESOLVED: To hold an Extraordinary public meeting to formulate LMPC's response, encouraging active participation from parishioners.** **ACTION: Clerk/Chair to set date before 25th October, book hall and publicise meeting.**

13. County and District Councillor's Report. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Cllr Lovell on dates of consultation workshops.**

14. National Trust Licensing Feedback. Jon Kershaw had supplied Cllrs with a list of questions proposed for the online survey, for comment. Cllr Drayson thanked him for including a box for comments. It was noted that people's opinions were being sought. Cllrs formally thanked Mr Kershaw for his work in the matter. The consultation will go live shortly.

15. DAPTC AGM resolutions.

Cllrs had three possible resolutions to consider putting forward: after discussion it was **RESOLVED: To send all three proposals, namely:**

1. 'We urge central government to maintain the integrity of Rural Exception Sites by ensuring that housing on such sites is for genuinely affordable rent, for no more than 60% of market rents as in previously supported council/social housing. This rent should be in perpetuity and exclude the right to buy, and exclude market housing.'

2. 'We urge PDC/government to address the concerns of the impact of the second home issue, that is impacting on communities particularly London and along the South West and other 'honey pot rural areas'. The current 'market driven' situation is unsustainable, meaning that agricultural land is being given 'hope value' for housing development, whilst the houses in the centres of villages/towns are being bought by investors. Working people on local incomes and even those on relatively high incomes cannot compete with the highly inflated market housing. Also there is a situation of gazumping.

The Rowntree Report, Mathew Taylor's report and other housing reports will go some way to illustrating the problems. Additionally St Ives is exploring ways of ensuring that housing, both rented and market, will not be built for the second home market.

This has been raised widely within Partial Review consultations. Please can this be kept on the agenda.'

3. 'That DAPTC actively promote by campaigning the interests of parish and town councils in respect of local and national matters'

16. 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:

£ 225.00 Ian Bugler. Work at Cemetery and Play Area (August).

£ 707.74 Clerk's salary (August).

£ 18.67 HMRC – National Insurance payment (August).

£ 465.00 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (August).

£ 500.00 Flavourfy – New website.

£ 115.81 Puzey and Co Ltd. New flush system at Ladies' Toilets.

£ 240.00 BDO – Annual External Audit 2015-16.

(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: **RESOLVED: To accept and approve the Annual Audit Report from BDO.**

17. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 13th October 2016 at 7 pm.

24. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: DCC Highways presentation / Outdoor War Memorial / Spyway Car Park and need for Toilets / School Field and Council's Land.

Closed 8.45 pm.

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