

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7 pm.

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

There were 9 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: None.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Christie, Planning 1c, 1e (neighbour), Cllr Drayson, Item 14, Allotments, (LMAA Cttee. member), Cllr. White, Planning 1c.

3. National Trust Report. The recent **Community Woodland Day** had been well-attended: the next will be on the first Saturday in December. Mr Kershaw reported temporary stile repairs at Putlake, and that the trebuchet at Corfe Castle has been dismantled. Planning permission will go in shortly for signage and Pay and Display machines at **Spyway Car Park**. Mr Kershaw was thanked for his report.

4. RoWLO Report. Christopher Hedley has had useful meetings with Katie Black (DCC) and Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle (previous RoWLO). He has walked all the paths North of the Priest's Way and cleared vegetation. He has investigated the two SLA paths: the Windmill Knap improvement is excellent but the footpath to St Michael's garage still needs stile and bridge improvements. There are problems with some signage, but key issues are with stiles, gates and bridges. He will liaise with Jon Kershaw (NT), the Clerk at Swanage TC and local walking groups before the January meeting and is working towards establishing a volunteer system for footpath management at the Parish AGM in April. Cllr Drayson thanked him for all he is doing, as did the Chair.

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

a) Mr Chris Spilling reported on a successful bonfire at the **Council's Natural Amenity area**, and thanked Cllr Christie and Jonathan Leyland (NT) for their help. Hedging and accessories have been ordered ready for the **Planting Day** on Sat.26th, starting at 10am. He asked for Council permission to use Weedol Plus to clear troublesome roots in the orchard area before planting the apple trees.

b) Mr Ben Young asked the Council to look favourably on his Planning Application for **Nursery Bridge Farm**, noting that the AONB team are in support and the new buildings will improve the health and welfare of the animals.

c) Mr Martin Kirby stated that the resolution recorded in Item 15 (Allotment rent and Water Charge) from the PC meeting 13.11.2016, is both illegal and inaccurate; he stated that it is illegal to charge tenants for more than the actual cost of the water, and the proposed total increase of 50p per full plot to bring it up to £60 p.a. should have said £1.50.

d) Mr George Crabb expressed concern about the state of hedgerows all the way down Crack Lane. He also asked about removing young sycamores on Mr David Stiles's land opposite the entrance to Steppes Hill House.

6. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a) Natural Amenity at Council's land. After discussion and some expression of concern, it was agreed to allow Dr Spilling to spray the troublesome roots in the orchard area as he had proposed. **ACTION: Dr Spilling.**

b) Crack Lane hedges. The Clerk clarified the position relating to the trees at the South end: **ACTION: Cllr Lovell to follow up with Jenny Penney**. It was suggested that hedge owners (Sarah Foot and Trev Haysom) be contacted. Cllr Loudoun offered to assess the situation and report back. **ACTION: Cllr Loudoun, Clerk.**

7. Planning Matters.

1. There were no comments from members of the public. The Chair proposed that those who had declared an interest in the various planning matters might remain in the chamber, but should not speak. This they did.

2 a) [TWA/2016/186](#) Mr J Philip, 40 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB, (T1) Magnolia - reduce off building by 1-1.5m, prune branches overhanging neighbour's property back to boundary; (T2) Mulberry - reduce entire crown by 1-2m, remove major dead wood, remove crossing and rubbing branches, crown thin by 15%; (T3) Apple - reduce entire crown by 2-3m, remove major dead wood, remove crossing and rubbing branches, crown thin by 15% - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Leave Decision to Tree Officer.**

b) [TWA/2016/184](#) Mrs Maureen Brocklebank, Castle View (Stonecroft), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HT. (T2) Scots pine - fell - Acton Conservation Area. **Leave Decision to Tree Officer.**

c) [TWA/2016/190](#) Mrs Susan Parsons, High Street (82), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HD.

(T1) Walnut - remove lower branch leaning to right to reduce weight on this side of the tree - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Leave Decision to Tree Officer.**

d) [6/2016/0621](#) Mr Ben Young, Valley Road (Nursery Bridge Farm), Harmans Cross, Swanage, BH19 3DX. Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and create single-storey agricultural building and new track way alongside involving demolition of existing agricultural buildings. **No Objection.**

e) [6/2016/0608](#) Mr Martin Hanley, Old Malthouse Lane (Hill View Cottage), Langton Matravers, BH19 3JA. Alterations and extensions to roof to form multi-pitched roof with roof lights and alterations to northern elevation. **No Objection.**

4. Any other planning matters: Cllr Drayson announced that she and Cllr Christie would be attending a PDC Affordable Housing Forum on 16th November, and would report back to Council.

8. Minutes of the Meeting held 13th October 2016. After deletion of the phrase 'to the car park area' in lines 9-10 of Item 5, National Trust Report, these were agreed to be a correct record and signed. The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting on 18th October 2016 to make a formal response to the 'Reshaping your Councils' consultation was agreed to be a correct record. Cllr Knight will sign it at the Parish Office in due course. **ACTION: Cllr Knight, Clerk.**

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

a) Item 3. Dorset Highways Presentation. Cllr Drayson warned that DCC must not be allowed to shape further plans for Coombe junction without input from the community. **ACTION: Clerk to ask Kevin Humphreys at DCC when we will get the revised plans for comment.**

b) There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting.

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 5.10.2016-2.11.2016. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item Ba/b). Zebra Crossing for school. As is required by DCC criteria for application, the Clerk asked if she could seek views of parishioners. Cllrs discussed the reasons why the school needed the crossing, and the Clerk read out relevant correspondence from the Headteacher. It was **RESOLVED: To support St George's School's application for a zebra crossing and ask for parishioners' views via the Dubber and LMPC website.**

b) C2. Request from Bridget Graham for Insurance/equipment for Litter Picks, 17th/26th November. It was **RESOLVED: To support the picks with insurance and equipment as usual.**

c) Item C3) Invitation to talk to PDC following Partial Review Meeting 2nd Nov. It was agreed that in principle this was a good idea. **ACTION: Clerk to inform Cllrs when a date is offered.** Cllr Christie reported that the PDC meeting had been very well-attended, responses to the consultation had been 98% against the proposed numbers of house planned for Purbeck in the next 20 years.

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

11. Chairman's Announcements. Mr Henry Staveley-Hill has commissioned a plaque for the top of the **new wall at Putlake:** Cllr Knight has been invited to unveil it at noon on 8th December; all are welcome. It will be a chance to thank all those involved, including landowners. He will lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the **Remembrance Service at Langton church** on 13th November. He recently attended the DAPTC AGM, at which six of the seven motions proposed were passed. **Reorganisation of hospitals and other medical services** in Dorset seems the major area of concern at present.

12. County and District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell also noted concerns about **future Health care:** there are plans to reduce the number of GP surgeries. There had been 9,000 responses from Dorset on the **'Reshaping your Councils' consultation**, and further meetings will be held in December.

13. Langton Telephone Box. The Chair suggested that as the resolution on the subject made in October had been based on erroneous evidence, Standing Order B22 be suspended, so that the matter could be reviewed. **RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Order B22. It was then RESOLVED: To lobby strongly to keep a working telephone, but failing that, to retain the phone box in the village. ACTION: Clerk to inform PDC.**

14. Approve changes to Allotment Tenancy Agreement and Policy document. The Chair suggested that as there were issues regarding the accuracy of the initial proposal, the resolution on future allotment charges made at the October meeting should be reviewed. **RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Order B22, and review proposal.** The Chair explained that under the Allotment Act 1905, the Council is entitled to charge a rent which can include utility charges as part of the total: it is not obliged to charge for water separately. He thanked Mr Kirby very much for his thorough reading on the topic. It was agreed to carry the matter forward to the next meeting to allow time for re-drafting of the initial proposal and any changes for the tenancy agreement and policy document.

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

£ 67.54 Interest on Savings Account.

£ 2,712.15 Share of CIL 2016/17.

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

£ 210.00 Ian Bugler. Work at Cemetery and Play Area (October).

£ 707.74 Clerk's salary (October).

£ 18.67 HMRC – National Insurance payment (October).

£ 157.50 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets + Bus shelter (October).

£ 65.00 DAPTC – Essential Cllrs Course.

£ 514.99 Ashridge Nurseries – Hedge plants etc. for Natural Amenity on Council's Land.

£ 12.00 Royal British Legion – Memorial Wreath (CASH payment).

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 44.64 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband.

£ 22.40 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension.

4) Any other Financial Matters: 15.4.a) It was **RESOLVED: To approve the use of CIL payments to LMPC for further repairs to the Play Area scheduled for December 2016.**

b) TalkTalk account. The DD payment for £42.55 recorded in the Minutes of the meeting 13.10.2016 had not been made, as the account, which was for the previous e-mail address, is now closed.

c) **RESOLVED: To allow the Clerk to print 150 sheets for personal use on the office printer at 10p per sheet.**

16. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 8th December 2016 at 7 pm.

17. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: School crossing proposal / Future of OMH site and School Field / Allotment rent.

Closed 8.52 pm.

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