

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th August 2017 at 7 pm.

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

There were 4 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr P White, Christopher Hedley (RoWLO).

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

3. National Trust Report. Work is in progress on removal of the **dumped cars at Acton**. Maintenance continues on the **coastal footpath**, with resurfacing of steps at Seacombe and Winspit. The Trust is researching landownership, boundaries, permissive footpath possibilities and the best place for residents' parking at **Acton** in relation to the planned quarry restoration work there. Following a question from the Chair, Mr Kershaw said that, in recent times DCC have changed some of the footpath routes at Acton; he will forward the Trust's proposals in due course for the Council's information and comment. **ACTION: Jon Kershaw.** Cllr Drayson expressed concern about how some footpaths are too overgrown for the volunteer system to manage; it was suggested paths needing more work be brought to the RoWLO's attention. **ACTION: Cllr Drayson, all walkers.** Mr Kershaw was thanked for his report.

4. RoWLO Report. (read by Clerk). Volunteers are monitoring footpaths as per the new scheme. Mr Hedley has written to DCC about further issues on Mr Dicker's land which are causing footpath obstruction, and will report to them about signage problems at Acton. He asked if the Council had any suggestions about proposals for new footpath developments such as infrastructure, surfacing and signage.

5. County Councillor's report. Cllr Brooks was not present.

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

a) Mrs. Vanessa Millman noted the dangerous situation with **large parked vehicles at the top of the village** obstructing visibility for residents accessing the highway, resulting in 2 recent accidents.

b) Mr George Crabb recommended that the Council organize another **Village Tidy Up**, as recent DCC highways cuts have left parts of the High Street looking uncared for. Mrs Jasmine Cattle endorsed his suggestion.

c) Mrs Judy Robson advised the Council that signs at Coombe corner advertising charitable events are being removed by persons unknown.

d) Ms Collette Drayson (from the floor), i) announced that PDC have granted **Langton Matravers Community Land Trust** up to £50,000 towards its work. Corfe Castle CLT have received a similar grant.

. ii) Suggested that the Village Tidy-up could be organised in conjunction with the Village Hall, which might provide refreshments to raise funds.

The Meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a) **Parked vehicles:** Mrs Millman had spoken to her neighbour, who has several vehicles, about the issue.

b) **Village Tidy-up:** **ACTION: Clerk to arrange a date with Village Hall, plus write a request in the Dubber for people to a) support, b) prune back any overhanging foliage etc. on their section of the footway, and c) notify the Clerk of any particular parts of the village in need of attention.**

c) **Charity event notices at Coombe Corner.** Cllr Knight reminded the meeting that no one has the right to put up signs along the highway. **ACTION: Clerk to put note in the Dubber.**

15. Yellow Lines at top of village. (Item brought forward)

The matter of lack of visibility for egress owing to parked vehicles (as 6a above) was discussed and it was noted that there is a similar problem at the junction of North Street and the High Street and at Capston Field. Cllr Christie commented that the speed of traffic (including bicycles) was the problem, and that

putting more yellow lines would only move the parked vehicles to another area and recreate the issue. It was proposed that Mrs Millman apply to DCC for a white line where her drive joins the highway.

RESOLVED: To write a letter in support of her application. ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Mrs Millman and write letter to DCC Highways.

8. Planning Matters.

1. and 2. No Planning Applications had been received since last month for the Council's comment.

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

a) TWA/2017/102 Mr John Curtis, Coombe Orchard, Coombe, Langton Matravers, BH19 3DW. T1) Sycamore - remove 2 stems by wall, reduce remainder of tree by up to 3m retaining natural flowing branch line; (T2) Ash - reduce by up to 3m retaining natural flowing branch line; (T3) Sycamore - fell to ground level - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **No Objection.**

b) 6/2017/0336 Mr I Vatcher, 1 Highland Cottages, The Lane, Acton, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LA. Erect single storey rear extension. **Approved.**

c) 6/2017/0292 Mr Peter Curtis, 1 Serrells Mead Cottages, Serrells Mead, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HU. Demolish existing timber shed & erect new timber shed in rear garden. **Approved.**

d) 6/2017/0343 Mr and Mrs I Saunders, Land adj. to 8 Arundel Terrace, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HN. Variation of Conditions of planning permission 6/2015/0255 (Erect detached single storey dwelling) variation of condition 2 to raise height by 450mm and variation of condition 9 to allow pedestrian access on west side. **Approved.**

4. There were no further planning matters.

9. Minutes of the Meeting held 13th July 2017. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

a) Item 4) There is as yet no date fixed for the volunteer **meeting to clear footpaths** which Mr Kershaw offered to set up with the Clerk.

b) Item 15) The Clerk had received a card from **Langton Pre-School** thanking LMPC for their generous support, and explaining that further fund-raising is going well.

c) Item 17) There had been one formal response to the Clerk's request in the Dubber that villagers express their support for the Council's use of public money for a **defibrillator**. Mrs Baker had suggested that activity groups might find it useful. It was agreed to wait for further expressions of community support.

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 5.7. – 1.8.2017. A list of correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item A2 and 6. Purbeck Cycling Code. Cycling groups are still refusing to agree to have numbers on backs. **RESOLVED: To write letter of disapproval to Police Chief/Cycling Authority/Richard Drax, MP, saying that numbers must be on backs. ACTION: Clerk.**

b) Item A17. Bridget Downton (PDC Planning) – Response re: 2nd Homes and Genuine Affordable Housing Policies. The Council was disappointed with her response. Cllr Lovell explained (as District Cllr) that Ms Downton cannot do other than to ask LMPC to 'wait and see' as, though there are new options being explored, officers cannot 'go public' with new policies until these are approved by PDC Cllrs.

c) Item A23. Allotment deer-proof fencing. Cllr Christie reported that he and Mr Coombs (LMAA) had put up the new section of stock fence, which is deterring the deer. **ACTION: Clerk to write letter of thanks to Mr Coombs.**

d) In response to a query about the **new cemetery gates**, the Clerk advised the meeting that they have not yet been delivered.

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 5th September 2017.

12. Chairman's Announcements. There were none.

13. District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell had nothing to report.

14. Coombe Junction – revised layout. **RESOLVED: To welcome and endorse the new version of the layout.** Cllr Drayson proposed that when writing to the Highways team to inform them of this, the Clerk should thank them for listening to parishioners' views when finalising the design, and this was agreed. It was further agreed to send a copy to Adam Field, who originally proposed this scheme, and invite him to

the next meeting to acknowledge his contribution. **ACTION: Clerk.** DCC Highways will start the work in October at a cost of £330,000.

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

- £ 580.00 Plot and Interment fee, the late Michael John Barnes, R17.
- £ 200.00 BACS payment in error from PDC
- £ 150.00 Interment fee, the late Peter Sampson, Cr 28.

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

- £ 778.97 Clerk's salary (July).
- £ 13.66 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (July).
- £ 260.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance inc.gate repair and tree removal at Cemetery. (July).
- £ 517.46 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets + Bus shelter + supplies (July).
- £ 293.44 DAPTC Annual subscription.
- £ 200.00 Reclaim by PDC of money paid in error (see above).

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

- £ 48.53 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband.
- £ 23.37 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension.

(4) Any other Financial Matters: None.

17. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 14th September 2017 at 7 pm

18. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: Parish Assembly date / Plan for Open Meeting about future of the Old Malthouse site ? / Replacement of toddler swings at Play Area / Schedule 80 in the context of St Georges School field.

Closed 8.38 pm.

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