

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council, including the Annual Parish Meeting, held in the Village Hall on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 7 pm.

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

There were 8 members of the public present, and Cllr Cherry Brooks (new County Councillor) arrived at 7.35pm).

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Election of Chairman. **RESOLVED: To elect Cllr Knight.**

2. Election of Vice-Chairman. (Cllr Loudoun took the Chair.) **RESOLVED: To elect Cllr Christie.**

3. Apologies for absence. Cllrs Knight, Sheppard and Lucas, Jonathan Kershaw (NT).

4. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. None. Changes to Registers of Interests. Cllr Drayson noted that she is now a member of the Pan Purbeck Action Campaign and Langton Matravers Community Land Trust. **ACTION: Cllr Drayson to update Register of Interest.**

5. Appoint or Confirm Council Officers and Representatives.

RoWLO – Mr Christopher Hedley

Tree and Hedgerow – Cllr Loudoun

Emergency Liaison – Cllr Christie

Representative on St George's school Governing body – Mr Peter Moring

Representative on Village Hall Management Cttee – Cllr Drayson

Representatives on Purbeck Association of Parish and Town Councils – Cllrs Drayson and Christie.

Contact for PACT – Cllr Sheppard

Allotment Liaison Officers – Cllrs Sheppard and Christie

Representatives on Timson Trust – Cllrs Loudoun, Turner and Knight

Youth Liaison Officer – Cllr Lucas

Dancing Ledge Representative – Cllr Sheppard

Transport Liaison Officer – Cllr Christie

Internal Auditor – Mr John Kennedy

The Chair will attend PDC Chairs networking meetings on the council's behalf.

6. Review of Standing Orders, Finance Regulations, Risk and Asset Registers and Policies.

a) **RESOLVED: To accept all the above without change, excepting the Asset Register.**

b) **RESOLVED: To accept minor changes to the Asset Register.**

7. National Trust Report. The Clerk read out a report from Mr Kershaw. New post and wire fences and gates have been installed at **Long Close and Highlands at Acton** as part of quarry restoration work. The **fencing at Acton car park** has been replaced with stone boulders. Donation boxes will be installed at Acton car park shortly, and the **pay and display machine and signage at Spyway** will also be in place soon. It is planned to install several **new gates** along the coast, and **track restoration** projects will be undertaken. The Clerk then read a formal 'Position Statement' from the National Trust about its policy on quarrying and restoration on its land, and in particular about plans for the redundant quarry service areas south of Acton (as above). The Trust is keen to work with the local community in planning for the future use of this area. Local boundaries and water supplies need to be explored. Mr Kershaw asked the Council to consider a proposal to facilitate a public meeting where options for the restoration at Acton could be explored, and requirements for planning be explained..

8. St George's School Report. Report already received (at the Parish Assembly on 26th April).

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

a) Mr John Wingham noted the news about the **closure of the old Malthouse** in December 2017, and hopes that there will be improved dialogue between the Cothill Trust and the village in any future plans for the site.

- b) Mrs Sue Hutchings (Acton) is pleased that the National Trust are planning a meeting with the local community about the **quarry restoration work**; discussion will be good, and this is a positive step.
- c) Mrs Maggie Sutton expressed concerns on 2 points; i) Some **quarry traffic is still going through Acton**, despite the 'bypass'. ii) There are still problems with **speeding on the Acton approach road**.
- d) Mr George Crabb asked if there was any further progress with **signage to deter speeding cyclists**.
- e) Mr Peter Esam has concerns about the Cothill Trust's plans for the future of the Old Malthouse site. The meeting was reconvened.

10. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a) **Speeding on the Acton approach road:** Cllr Turner reminded the meeting that DCC Highways have already said that they cannot impose a TRO on the road.

b) **Quarry Restoration work at Acton.** Cllrs Drayson reminded the meeting that the National Trust have listened well to the comments of the community in the past, and encouraged residents to make their views known. Cllr Christie is keen that a meeting on the subject take place, so that all can have input.

11. Planning Matters.

1. There were three comments on the plan below from members of the public: Mr Bath, Mr Wingham, Mr and Mrs Bibra
2 [6/2017/0226](#) Cothill Educational Trust, The Science Block, The Old Malthouse School, High Street, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HB. Change of use from ancillary laboratory (C2) and bursar flat (C3) to two 2 bedroom residential dwellings (C3), with off road parking and associated works. **LMPC OBJECTS to the current proposal on the grounds that, as it is intended to split the property into two, the additional dwelling will adversely impact on the adjacent High Street; there will be additional traffic entering and leaving Malthouse Lane at a difficult junction; one car parking space per dwelling is insufficient and the extra cars attached to each dwelling will have to park in the High Street.**

3. Planning Decisions since the last meeting;

a) [TWA/2017/050](#) Mrs Tracy Brooks, The Old Malthouse School, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (T1) Pine - fell - District of Purbeck (The Old Malthouse School No.1) TPO 2007 (Ref.TPO 332). **Approved.**

b) [6/2017/0130](#) Mr and Mrs P Davies, Sweetbriars, Durnford Drove, LANGTON MATRAVERS, BH19 3HG. Erect a single storey rear extension, alterations to existing conservatory and new pitched roof to existing porch to front. **Approved**

c) [6/2017/0111](#) Mr Stephen Jones, 1 Highland Cottages, Acton, LANGTON MATRAVERS, BH19 3LA. Temporary change of use of outbuilding from ancillary use for main dwelling to a short term let over the summer period. **Approved.**

d) [6/2017/0063](#) Mr Paul Schuster, Hideaway, Mount Pleasant Lane, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HH. Erection of sunroom to rear. **Approved**

e) [6/2017/0173](#) Mr and Mrs Smith, Land adjacent to Meadowcroft, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HG. Erect two dwellings on vacant plot. **WITHDRAWN**

4. Other planning matters. Cllr Lovell has received revised dates for the Local Plan Area Forums:

ACTION: Cllr Lovell to send to Clerk for circulation.

12. Minutes of the Meeting held 13th April 2017. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed. The Clerk advised that the allotment income record on the March minutes should have read £30.00 rather than £60.00. **RESOLVED: To agree to change the March minutes to reflect this.**

13. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

9h). LMPC delegates voting at Purbeck DAPTC meetings. After discussion and agreement that Representatives should only vote on matters previously agreed by LMPC, it was **RESOLVED: This Council is happy for its representatives at Purbeck DAPTC to vote on the Council's behalf at DAPTC meetings.**

14. The Clerk's Report for the period 6.4.2016 – 3.5.2016. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item A1). The Council was pleased to hear that the Langton Community Land Trust had been formally constituted.

b) Item B4) Insurance Claim for Cemetery gates. **ACTION: Clerk to contact insurance company to find out about progress and get another quotation to supply and fit gates.**

c) Item C1) Swanworth Quarry Liaison 13th July. **ACTION: Clerk to inform Swanworth that Cllrs Loudoun and White will attend.**

d) Item A6/C2) Cllr Lovell assured the meeting that there will be further consultation re: the Purbeck Local Plan. (see 16 below); this had been stated at a PDC meeting on 9th May.

e) Item C5) **RESOLVED: That the Clerk should go ahead with finding a sponsor and getting further copies of the Priest's Way leaflet printed: some to go to Swanage Information Centre.**

d) Item D1) CIL Consultation. The Council declined to comment.

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 30th May 2017

15. Chairman's Announcements. i) On behalf of the whole Council, Cllr Christie wished Cllr Knight a speedy recovery. ii) He noted that an Openreach engineer working on the High Street had expressed concern about the high speed of traffic and attendant danger for those working there. The aluminium underground cables are likely to negatively affect Broadband speeds in the village.

16. a) District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell noted that the decisions about the Unitary Authority are now on hold until after the General Election, and possibly until the Autumn.

b) County Councillor's Report. Cllr Brooks introduced herself and thanked her supporters. She thanked Cllr. Lovell for everything he had done during his term as County Councillor. She has been on induction training: the new DCC will be 'leaner and fitter'. She will aim to come to all meetings to start with.

ACTION: Cllr Brooks to provide Clerk with contact details. She said that the Purbeck Local Plan consultations will partly be in the form of fora, and partly a more formal consultation: it is not yet clear how this will be done.

17. Village 'Gateways' and traffic calming. **RESOLVED: To instruct the Clerk to prepare a proposal for a 'gateway' at the West end of the village, with chevrons on the road.** **ACTION: Clerk.** It was agreed that the Council should continue to work towards a 20mph speed limit, possibly with a petition.

ACTION: Cllr Christie to prepare proposal.

18. Langton Housing Stock Survey. **RESOLVED: That the Council should move forward with a Langton Matravers housing audit.** The audit would be for the Council's own use. **ACTION: Clerk, Councillors.**

19. Allotments. a) There had been an inspection in April. **ACTION: ALOs to arrange a new inspection shortly.**

b) **RESOLVED: That the LMAA may put a shed 8ft x6ft to the North of the shed on the Communal area.**

c) Skip ? **ACTION: ALOs and Clerk to inspect for rubbish as part of a).**

d) Vacant Plots. **RESOLVED: To instruct Clerk to take steps to ensure that vacant plots are strimmed and covered with black plastic as necessary.** **ACTION: Clerk to get plastic and put work in hand as soon as possible.**

20. Financial Matters: Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting:

£ 60.00 Allotment payment 2017, Plots 7A and 17B (CASH).

£ 876.99 CIL payment 2016/17.

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

£ 746.54 Clerk's salary (April).

£ 9.18 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (April).

£ 150.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (April).

£ 360.27 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (April).

£ 34.33 Parish Assembly refreshments (cheque to Cllr Drayson).

£ 85.22 SSE – Electricity supply to toilet block, 22nd Dec 2016-23rd March 2017 (paid)

£ 205.90 Staples – Printer ink for 2x office printers (cheque to Clerk).

£ 200.00 John Kennedy – Annual Internal Audit fee.

£ 6.18 W H Smith/Langton PO – office sundries (CASH payment).

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 46.13 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband.

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

4) Any other Financial Matters:

a) **RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2016-17.**

b) It was agreed to defer approval of the internally audited 2016-17 accounts to the next meeting.

21. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 8th June 2017 at 7 pm in St George’s Church.

22. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: National Trust meeting about Acton’s redundant quarry service areas / 20 mph limit in High Street.

Closed 9 pm.

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