

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7 pm.

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

There were 12 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Lovell.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Turner, Planning Item 4.

3. National Trust Report. Mr Kershaw reported on **track maintenance** work and clearing out of grips. He had met **Langton's new RoWLO**, Christopher Hedley, and also been in touch with Katie Black at DCC regarding **access work at Seacombe**. The Trust is half way through its spend on **drystone wall repairs**. February 4th will be the last **Woodland work day** for this year – meet at Burngate as usual. Coppice stools will be protected with fencing. The Chair thanked Mr Kershaw for his report.

4. RoWLO Report. Mr Hedley had met **Roger Khanna**, Clerk at Worth. He had also had a meeting with members of **Swanage TC**, where the subject of the Coast Path and Natural England's approach had been dominant. He has made contact with **Ian Mackenzie** of the local Ramblers' group, and submitted reports on the 17 **footpath issues** already identified. The **Windmill Knap footpath** and blockage by Mr Dicker's feeding cattle remains a problem, and is presently being addressed by Katie Black, who has been in touch with the Scott Estate. Mr Hedley will aim to re-visit Swanage TC for a more focused discussion on mutual footpath issues, talk to the LMPC Chair about plans for a village Volunteer Scheme to be launched in April, and plan website material for LMPC's site.

5. Public Discussion Period. The meeting was adjourned for this agenda item. The Chair announced that comments/questions would be taken by theme, starting with any for the National Trust.

a) Mrs Maggie Sutton reported that as a result of ditch digging-out on the road from Acton to the Priests' Way, there was now a '**small pond**' there. Jon Kershaw to follow up. **ACTION: JK**.

b) Mr Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle expressed disappointment that despite much work by him and others in the past, the blocked footpath at Windmill Knap remains an issue. He asked that the Council exert pressure to get a resolution.

c) Dr Chris Spilling asked for Council's approval for another **Planting/Clearance day** at the Council's Natural Amenity site in February.

d) Mr George Crabb expressed concern about the **planned parking meters at Spyway Car Park**, which could encourage more parking in Gypshayes/Durnford Drove. Mr Kershaw said that he hoped this would not be the case, but the situation would be kept under review, and machines shut down if visitors were parking outside the car park. Money raised would be spent in the area.

e) Mr Barrie Mayes announced that **Langton CLT** has had two meetings this month, and is about to become formally constituted. Other local parishes are also showing interest in forming CLTs. A visit to a CLT in the Cotswolds has helped Langton to see how to move forward.

f) Mrs Jasmine Cattle asked if the Council has done anything more about plans for a **village car park**; parts of the High Street are becoming increasingly congested.

At this point **comments on the Spyway Orchard Appeal** were invited by the Chair (Planning Item 4). Cllr Turner left his seat in the Council and sat in the Public Gallery.

g) Mr V-A reiterated his concerns about the increase in traffic caused by the proposed development, saying that DCC advisors on the road safety issues seem unaware of the relative danger of the junction between Durnford Drove and the High Street, and previous accidents there. He asked the Council to consider this in making their decision.

h) Mr Henry Staveley-Hill reminded the Council that they have a responsibility to support the majority view of the village in the matter.

i) Mr Martin Kirby reminded the meeting that PDC's grounds for refusal related to detrimental effect on the AONB. He suggested that trees on the S and E boundaries would mitigate this, and said that planning policy balances the need for affordable housing against AONB; in this case the housing is more important.

j) Mr Barrie Mayes stressed that the right sort of affordable housing should be built; a PDC planning officer, at a previous meeting on the subject, had not been able to give an assurance that the housing would be for locals, affordable, and kept thus in perpetuity. The SO plan is part of a wider 'preferred option' in the PDC Partial Review for 40 houses.

k) Mr Rob Turner pointed out that his application was for 28 houses, not 40: the remaining houses mentioned were nothing to do with his application.

Cllr Turner returned to his seat. The meeting was reconvened.

6. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a) Windmill Knap. It was agreed to write to Katie Black to enquire about the actions being taken, and report back. **ACTION: Clerk.**

b) Natural Amenity Planting/Clearance Day. It was agreed that this would be Sat. February 11th from 10am. **ACTION: Clerk to contact supporters.**

c) Spyway Car park parking machines. It was agreed to monitor parking in Durnford Drove/Gypshayes once the NT pay-and-display machines are installed. **ACTION: All Cllrs.**

d) CLT/ Housing. Cllrs Drayson and Christie will attend another PDC Housing Forum meeting shortly. **ACTION: Cllrs Drayson and Christie to report back to next meeting.**

e) Village Car Park. As Chair of the LMPC group which had recently explored the possibilities, Cllr Christie reminded the meeting that few sites were feasible. Putlake seemed the most promising, and it was agreed to approach Steve and Karen to see how plans were going forward. **ACTION: Clerk, Cllr Christie.**

7. Planning Matters.

1. There were no comments on the plans.

2. a) [6/2016/0776](#) The National Trust, Durnford Drove (Spyway Car Park), Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HG. Installation of pay & display machine and proposed signage. **No Objection.**

3. Planning Decisions affecting this parish since the last meeting:-

a) [TWA/2016/218](#) Mr Chris Meadows, St Georges Close (St Georges Church), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HZ. (T1) Lime - fell; (G1) Group of 6 limes - pollard to previous pollarding points - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **No Objection.**

b) [6/2016/0716](#) Mr G Suttle, East Drove (Pinhowe), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HF. Erect single storey rear extension and reposition timber deck. **Approved.**

c) [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. **Approved.**

d) [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. **Approved.**

e) [6/2016/0577/8](#) Mr and Mrs S.V.Robbens, 1-2 Coombe Court, Langton Matravers, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 3DP. Alterations and extensions comprising: two storey extension and porch to the west elevation, alterations to porches on north elevation and increase the size of hard standing and form retaining walls to rear. **REFUSED.**

f) [TWA/2016/225](#) Ms Diana Butement, Mount Pleasant Lane (Malthouse Kitchen Garden), Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (G1) Bay trees - reduce to approximately 6ft; (G2) Self-set sycamores - fell - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Approved.**

4. Any other planning matters: Spyway Orchard Planning Appeal. [6/2015/0687](#) Mr R Turner, Durnford Drove, Spyway Orchard, Outline Application - Rural exception site for a development of 28 dwellings (22 affordable and 6 open market) - All matters reserved.

Cllr Turner left the meeting and did not return.

Cllr Knight explained the advice from the District Solicitor relating to LMPC's submission to the Inspector. All Cllrs present gave their views on the matter. It was **RESOLVED: To ask the Parish Clerk to write to the Inspector of the Spyway Orchard Appeal, confirming our objection, citing the negative impact on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the increased traffic congestion/accident risk**

in Durnford Drove and Gypshayes and the junction with the High Street, and the increased storm water and foul water flooding risk to properties in the Hyde. **ACTION: Clerk to forward to Planning Inspector.**

13. ‘Improving Dorset’s Healthcare’ Consultation. Cllr Knight gave a broad outline of the proposals, noting that they had implications for reducing costs as well as improving specialist care. As the questionnaire document was long and relates to other areas outside Purbeck, he suggested that the Council look first at proposed changes which will affect our local community. It was **RESOLVED: To send formal comments as follows:** Page 5 (4th Question/ maternity care) ‘Another Option’ -

‘Placing consultant led maternity services at Bournemouth and not in Poole exposes those on the Isle of Purbeck who are in need of critical emergency maternity services to severe risk by significantly increasing the chance that they will not be treated within the Golden Hour. It is imperative therefore that a consultant led maternity service is made available at Poole Hospital.’

Page 6 (1st Question/emergency hospital) ‘Another Option’

Failure to provide an emergency service catering for life threatening cases at Poole will pose a major risk to those living on the Isle of Purbeck by significantly increasing the chance that they will not be treated within the Golden Hour. It is imperative therefore that a consultant led emergency service is made available at Poole Hospital.’

Final comment: *‘It is well established that the patient’s chances of survival are greatest if they receive care within a short period of time after a severe injury or other acute life threatening events. This short period of time is generally referred to as the Golden Hour. The likely ambulance travel time from Swanage to Poole is c. 40 minutes while the likely travel time to Bournemouth Hospital is c. 60 minutes. The time difference would be greater during the high season or in severe weather. Obviously ambulance response time, initial hospital assessment and treatment needs to be included to establish the overall care response time. By choosing an option which negatively affects the Golden Hour by at least 20 minutes the Clinical Commissioning Group would be needlessly exposing several tens of thousands of people to avoidable risks.’*

It was agreed to send copies to our MP, the Secretary of State for Health and the Chief Executive of the Clinical Commissioning Group. **ACTION: Clerk.**

8. Minutes of the Meeting held 8th December 2016. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

10. The Clerk’s Report for the period 2.12.2016 – 6.1.2017. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item Ba). Cothill Trust Plans for the OMH site. The Clerk had received a response to LMPC’s request for a public presentation saying that request had been passed to the Bursar. Neighbours, including Cllrs Christie and Loudoun, had received private invitations to hear about the Cothill Trust plans for the site.

b) Item C1) Response to Steve Tapscott (PDC) re: development sites in Langton. It was agreed to defer a formal response until the principle has been discussed at a Purbeck DAPTC meeting on 18th Jan.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Mr Tapscott accordingly.

c) Item C2) DAPTC Subscription increase. **RESOLVED: To accept the proposed increase in subscription to DAPTC of c. £5.50 for the next year.**

d) Item C3) DAPTC Dependent Carer’s survey. **RESOLVED: To respond that all Cllrs in a caring role should get the same funding for support to attend meetings, regardless of whether they are serving at Parish, District or County level.** **ACTION: Clerk to inform DAPTC.**

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 31st January 2017.

11. Chairman’s Announcements. Cllr Knight had attended an informal meeting of East Purbeck Chairs and Clerks with Laurie Clarke (National Trust) at Currendon Farm in December, where topics of common interest such as access and visitor management were discussed.

12. County and District Councillor’s Report. Cllr Lovell was not present.

14. Grant Award Policy /Appraisal Policy. Drafts had previously been circulated. **RESOLVED: To accept both as future LMPC policy.** **ACTION: Clerk to post on website and advise Grant applicants as necessary.**

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

£ 660.00 Allotment rents.

£ 100.00 Monument fee – the late Harry Tatchell, Plot E1.

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

£ 280.00 Ian Bugler – Grounds Maintenance (Dec).
 £ 707.74 Clerk’s salary (December).
 £ 18.67 HMRC – National Insurance payment (December).
 £ 135.00 Elliott’s Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (December).
 £ 16.27 Cannon Hygiene (Toilet Block).
 £ 79.06 Southern Electric- Toilet Block 23rd Sept to 21st December 2016.
 £ 426.20 Chris Spilling – manure/crab/apple trees for LMPC Amenity Area.
 £ 10.20 P Christie – wood for desk alteration. CASH .
 £ 55.00 Langton PO – 100 2nd Class stamps. CASH
 £ 164.83 Bluefin Allotment Insurance (already paid).

(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) the Council noted the 3rd Quarter Accounts.

b) After discussion it was **RESOLVED: To approve the revised Budget. RESOLVED: To set a Precept of £22,510.00.** (Both nem. con.) **ACTION: Clerk to inform PDC.**

17. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting: 9th February 2017 at 7 pm.

18. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: Coombe Crossing (awaiting plans)/ Changes to DCC Street Lamps / Response to Steve Tapscott re: development sites in Langton.

Closed 9.35 pm.

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