

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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

Present: Cllr Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Christie, M Turner, R Sheppard, C Drayson, M Lovell, P Loudoun, P White. Cllr Lucas did not attend. County Cllr Brooks and Jon Kershaw (National Trust) were present.

There were 7 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Christopher Hedley (RoWLO).

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Drayson had asked if membership of the CLT should be declared, or if a Grant of Dispensation was necessary. **ACTION: Clerk to ask PDC solicitor.**

3. National Trust Report. The **Community Woodland Day** had been successful, with lots of work done; more days are planned for first Saturdays in the month over the winter; the next is on Nov.4th. There are now more butterflies recorded in the wood. There will be a change to the **Spyway parking machines** shortly; they will scan membership cards, which will provide credits for the area. Mr Kershaw will establish a system so that parking cards for locals can be obtained from the Parish Office. Work continues on **tracks in the Acton/Acton fields** areas; a system for shared payments for upkeep is being planned. Mr Kershaw was thanked for his report.

4. RoWLO Report (read by the Clerk)

Despite some teething problems, the **RoW monitoring scheme** is working reasonably well. All RoWs have been walked at least once, and most monitors have made reports. There is still an issue at the top of Windmill Knap on **RoW 16/51** (Mr Dicker). **Signage and the quantity of vegetation growth** are issues for some volunteers; please contact Mr Hedley if there are problems. It is hoped that local walking groups might join to help with monitoring and clearing. Issues with Langton RoWs on the Dorset Explorer website were noted. Cllr Knight suggested that LMPC might wish to either add to or alter the paths on its Service Level Agreement with DCC to ensure that those which volunteers cannot manage remain open. Mr Hedley will meet volunteers on 17th October to review the situation.

5. County Councillor's report. Cllr Brooks said that there will be changes to **Special Needs funding** in schools from Half Term. There is a consultation about changes to the **South Western Railways service** in the area. **DCC Highways** has a change of personnel for the Purbeck area: Dawn Atkin is now our lead Highway Officer; Crack Lane drains are on the agenda. No decision has yet been made on the **Review of Local Government** (move to Unitary Authorities); reps. from PDC are meeting with the rural group committee in order to stay informed. Cllr Brooks was thanked for her report.

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

a) Mr. Barrie Mayes, Chair of Langton CLT, i) explained in relation to Cllr Drayson's query at Item 2, that **membership and shareholding of the CLT** does not denote any financial stake in the CLT. Neither board nor ordinary members have any financial interest. ii) He announced that there will be a **CLT meeting on 6th November** to talk about allocation policy: all Cllrs are invited to attend, and encourage everyone in need of Housing to get onto the DCC Housing Register. iii) the CLT have gained £1,000 funding from PDC.

b) Mr Vaughan-Arbuckle was clear in relation to ongoing blockages on **RoW 16/51** that Mr Dicker must be prosecuted for ongoing violations of his duty to maintain the path. If not, others might follow his example.

c) Mrs Jasmine Cattle asked why the **pedestrian gate on the N side of the Council's Woodland Trail area** is kept locked: it would be an excellent route to the Trail and allotments.

d) Mr George Crabb complained that i) the **Spyway overflow car park** had not been opened during a weekend of excellent weather, leading to tight parking all down Durnford Drove and Gypshayes.

ACTION: Mr Kershaw to brief weekend rangers so that overflow parking be opened in good weather.

- ii) **Street lights** are not switching back on early enough in the Autumn: could they come on for 6am ?
- e) Mr Kershaw, in a personal capacity, thanked the Council and others for letters of support regarding his work as the Trust's Lead Ranger in the area.

The Meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

i) 6b) Ongoing blockages on RoW 16/51. Katie Black (DCC) intends to prosecute. **RESOLVED: To allow time for appropriate action to happen – if no action within one month, LMPC will write to KB. Keep RoWLO informed.** It was suggested that reporting Mr Dicker to the relevant authority for a breach of cross-compliance under the Agro-Environment Scheme, from which he receives farming subsidies, might be more effective. **ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Mr Kershaw to find out more.**

ii) 6c) Pedestrian gate on the N side of the Council's Woodland Trail. The gate belongs to the school, and is kept locked for Health and Safety reasons. Cllr Lovell reported that Mr Burden had mended the latch on the **main pedestrian gate to the school field.** The Clerk had raised the issue of an almost-dead tree in the **Play Area**, as it represents a safety issue; the school are happy that it be removed.

iii) 6d)ii) Street Light timings. **ACTION: Clerk to ask SSE if these can be changed.**

7. Planning Matters.

1. Receive comments from the public on Planning Applications:

There had been five objections to the second application (6/2017/0542, Smith), from Mr and Mrs Duncan, Mrs Sizer, Mr Senior, Mrs Ibbs and Mrs Priddle.

2. a) 6/2017/0428 Mr Jonathan Payne, 69 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HA. Install gas supply through front wall and flue on rear roof slope. Install gas meter, boiler, pipework and radiators. **NO OBJECTION.**

b) 6/2017/0542 Mr and Mrs Smith, Land adjacent to Meadowcroft, Durnford Drove, LANGTON MATRAVERS, BH19 3HG. Erect two dwellings on a vacant plot and alter access. **RESOLVED: To object to the plans on the grounds of; i) overdevelopment of the site, ii) that the development is unsustainable within the context of the village (NPPF p.2) and iii) the development will have an unacceptable impact on the highway.**

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

a) TWA/2017/143 Site Manager, Leeson House Field Studies Centre, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EU. Centre, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EU. (T1) Ash - fell; (T2) Ash - rebalance crown following the removal of T1 by the reduction of several overextended branches by up to 2m to leave the tree in a balanced form - Langton Matravers Conservation Area **No Objection.**

b) 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**

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) 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.**

4. Any other Planning matters: the Clerk reported an informal meeting on Oct 2nd between Cllrs and Mr Legg of **Putlake Farm** to look at plans before submission to PDC; 3 Cllrs attended and the Clerk took notes.

8. Minutes of the Meeting held 14th September 2017. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

a) Item 10e) **School zebra crossing.** Cllr Knight will meet the Head teacher and Mr Greenleaves (governor) on 20th October to discuss how to move the matter forward.

10. The Clerk's Report for the period 6.9.-3.10.2017. A list of correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item A15. Autumn Litter Pick dates, 23rd, 25th November 2017. Council agreed to support the pick as usual.

- b) Item A10. Work to improve Broadband connectivity. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Openreach for update and report ongoing concerns.** Cllr Lovell will pass on DCC contact for Dougal Lockhart.
- c) Item C/B1. Village Tidy-up. 21st October. Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall from 11.30 am. Cllr Knight thanked the LMVH Cttee for their support.
- d) Item C/B6. Village Sign post. Cllrs agreed that a section of post should be supplied for Mr Collins to splice in at the bottom, as this would be easier than a complete new post. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Mr Collins and arrange as necessary.**
- e) Item D/A9. Old Rectory dropped kerb. **RESOLVED: That the Council is not unhappy to pay the costs of the dropped kerb on the E side of St George's Close, subject to further work.** **ACTION: Clerk to advise Ms O'Keefe.**

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

11. Chairman's Announcements. Cllr Knight noted key outcomes of the **PDC Chairs and Clerks meeting** held on 11th October. Regarding the **change to Unitary Authorities**, the equalization of Council Tax is likely to happen in three years rather than 20: this will require a referendum. Re: the **PDC Local Plan Review**: work is being done on a Second Homes Policy for the area. The number of new dwellings required for Purbeck has been re-revised downwards, though it is still more than originally proposed. The consultation will be in the January 2018. LMPC's recommendations for a Purbeck-wide s106 are under consideration, and local MPS are addressing the issue of non-affordability of local needs housing at central government level.

12. District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell had nothing further to add.

13. Annual Allotment Rent Review. **RESOLVED: To keep the rent (including all charges) at £60 per full plot and £30 per half plot for 2018.** Cllr Drayson abstained, as a member of the LMAA. It was agreed to survey the **allotment fence** and prepare a list of repairs to bring to the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Christie and team.**

14. Open Village Meeting about future of Old Malthouse Site, 16th Nov. The meeting will be at the Village Hall, chaired by Cllr Knight as facilitator. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite all local organisations who might have an interest to attend, asking anyone who wishes to speak to let her know in advance. The Cothill Trust will also be invited. **ACTION: Clerk to prepare invitations and put meeting details in Dubber,**

15. Highways matters. a) It was agreed to delegate power to the Clerk to decide on the choice of design for a narrower gateway, and to try to go ahead with installation between the Acton and Worth junctions with the B3069, while waiting for the TRO to move the speed limit zone westwards to the same point. **ACTION: Clerk.** b) Dropped kerbs at St George's Close. It was agreed that the work on both was substandard. **RESOLVED: To send a formal statement to DCC Highways stating that the work will not be paid for until it is of an acceptable standard.** **ACTION: Clerk to send to DCC Highways.**

16. Defibrillator for village. It was agreed that the Clerk be asked to come back with more definitive information about the costs, responsibilities and possible funding available. **ACTION: Clerk.**

17. 'Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places' Consultation. It was agreed to set up an Extraordinary meeting of the Council in early November to include public participation, to formulate LMPC's response to the consultation. **ACTION: Clerk to book venue and advertise.**

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

£ 755.31	Zurich Insurance – Cemetery gates (less £100 excess).
£ 76.17	Santander Savings account interest, 2016-17.

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

£ 778.97	Clerk's salary (September).
£ 13.66	HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (September).
£ 225.00	Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (September).
£ 435.00	Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (September).

- £ 240.00 BDO Annual external audit fee.
- £ 18.00 D.E.Scott 1970 Settlement – Putlake Toilet block ground rent. 2017-18.
- £ 128.09 Water 2 Business – Water supply to toilet block 07/03 – 19.09.2017.
- £ 192.05 Water 2 Business – Water supply to allotments 08.03.-14.9.2017.
- £ 54.58 Southern Electric – Supply to Toilet block, June-Sept.2017.
- £ 51.93 Amazon – New hard drive for files backup. (cheque to Clerk).

(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: a) **RESOLVED: To approve LMPC accounts for the second quarter.** b) **RESOLVED: To approve and accept the Annual External Audit 2016/17.**

17. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 9th November 2017 at 7 pm

18. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: Allotment fence /s106 / OMH site meeting arrangements.

Closed 9.10 pm.

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

