

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

www.langtonmatravers-pc.org

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 13th July 2017 at 7 pm.

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

There were 9 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Lovell, Christopher Hedley (RoWLO), County Cllr Cherry Brooks.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Drayson declared an interest in Item 15 as a Trustee of the Pre-School.

3. National Trust Report. **Staff from Cornwall NT** have been visiting the Purbeck ranger team to share experiences. Further **access work** is planned for later in the month. Mr Kershaw has been busy with new duties at Corfe Castle. Cllr Turner asked about **dumped vehicles at Acton**. The Trust have applied to DVLA to get information about ownership and will follow this up. Cllr Drayson noted that at the last Purbeck Heritage meeting it had been suggested that the Land and Wave activity company wished to expand its business threefold: she asked Mr Kershaw how numbers at the coast were managed. Mr Kershaw reiterated that activity groups have a maximum group size which cannot be exceeded according to the NT's licensing and booking system. Groups may not use Seacombe, only Daneng Ledge, Hedbury and Winspit. The Trust does random spot checks, and groups can lose their licenses if they break the Code of Conduct. Mr Kershaw was thanked for his report

4. RoWLO Report. (read by Clerk). Mr Hedley announced that there is now a full complement of 9 volunteers to monitor and maintain all 21 miles of footpaths and bridleways in the parish. Monitoring will be done at least once a quarter, and difficulties reported to the RoWLO who will pass them on to the Highways Authority. Despite improvements, there is still a cattle feeder across the footpath on Mr Dicker's land, and a gate on the same Windmill Lane path cannot be opened. The DCC Countryside Project Development Officer has asked for ideas to develop the RoWs in the parish: please get in touch with Mr Hedley if you can help. Cllr Drayson explained that some paths require strimmers etc. to clear, which not all volunteers can manage. Mr Kershaw offered to lend tools if the community wanted to have a day clearing the more blocked paths; he will also check those on NT land. ***ACTION: Clerk/Mr Kershaw to discuss further, including Community Project Funding, and arrange a possible date to clear paths. Clerk to put date in Dubber.*** The Chair thanked Mr Hedley for his report.

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

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

a) i) Mr David Senior reported on progress with the **Langton outdoor War Memorial project**. Various official groups including St George's PCC and Salisbury Diocese have registered support. Pupils at St George's School took part in a design competition, with three possible designs chosen to go forward to the diocese for consideration. The memorial will be in local stone, with St George's pupils involved in its construction. It will be unveiled in November 2018. ii) Mr Senior will attend a **War Memorial condition workshop** in Blandford on 14th July and report back to Council. iii) He asked for a new 'cyclists beware' sign as the present one is bleached out. iv) He noted that the **school warning lights** are now out of synch.

b) To give background information for item 15, Mrs Ali Burnett, a Trustee for **Langton Pre-School**, outlined the background to the Trustee's recent decision to propose closure of the Pre-School and the steps taken to avert closure: the school now has better projected numbers for September and January 2018, but the pre-School is working hard on fundraising owing to Government underfunding of the 'free places' scheme.

c) Mr Barrie Mayes reported on the successful **Community Land Trust** meeting held on 22nd June, at which many parishioners and well-wishers signed up as members of the Trust. The Trust want PDC to

share some of its funding to build CLT housing. It aims to build ten houses for local need; this is the minimum number which a Housing Association will consider.

The Meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a) i) The Council continues to support the War Memorial project. ii) LMPC plans to include a new cyclists sign in the new 'gateway' at the west end of the village. iii) School lights: ***ACTION: Clerk to report to DCC Highways.***

8. Planning Matters.

1. No Comments had been received by LMPC on the Planning Applications below.

2. Receive comments from the public concerning the following Plans:-

a) [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. **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. **No Objection**

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. **Leave decision to Tree Officer.**

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

a) [TWA/2017/083](#) Mrs Charlotte Fereday, 42 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (T1) Bay - reduce height by 50%, prune branches growing towards the apple to create 1-2m clearance, prune 3x primary branches back to the main stem on the southern side of the tree adjacent to the lilac, reduce lateral branches by 1-2m and shape to leave a natural flowing branch line - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **No Objection**

b) [6/2017/0239](#) Ricky Forte, Peveril, East Drove, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HF. Retention and refurbishment of existing garage. Erect a single storey extension to front elevation with flat roof canopy to front entrance. **Approved.**

c) [6/2016/0578](#) and [6/2016/0577](#) Mr and Mrs S.V. Robbens, 1-2, Coombe Court, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3DP. Alterations and extensions comprising: two storey extension and porch to the west elevation, alterations to porches on east facing elevations and increase the size of hard standing and form retaining walls to rear. **Appeal dismissed: Refused.**

d) [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. **Approved.**

4. Any other planning matters: PDC Consultation Process for the revised Local Plan. Correspondence had been received from both PDC and PPAC which suggests lack of clarity regarding PDC's proposed consultation process. After discussion it was ***RESOLVED: That LMPC object to PDC's proposed consultation process for the Local Plan. We are concerned that the general public are being denied the opportunity to fully and effectively express their views on this important matter. We are also concerned that our elected representatives will also be denied the opportunity of expressing their views in Full Council. ACTION: Clerk to send to PDC.***

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

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes. Item 13) 20 mph speed limit. Cllr Christie reported a lengthy tyre skid mark down Chapel Hill.

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 1.6. - 4.7.2017. A list of correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item A15. Future of OMH site. It was agreed to follow this up with another letter at the end of July asking if there are any further proposals. ***ACTION: Clerk.***

b) Item B4. Grant for re-print of Priests' Way leaflets. The Clerk has applied to the Ramblers Holiday Charitable Trust for the cost of 10,000 more leaflets.

c) Item B5. Cemetery report. Cllr White and the Clerk made a formal inspection of the Council's Cemetery at Crack Lane on 23rd June. Mr Bugler has been asked to empty the compost bin, tidy the verges of the north drive and install a new gatepost at the west end. The E. gatepost near the shed can be left for now. All benches were checked and are in good condition.

- d) Item C1. Livestock Worrying. **ACTION: The Clerk was asked to write a short article in the Dubber regarding the legal position about dogs which attack livestock or are out of control near livestock.**
- e) Item D1. Insurance value of LMPC's 'Purbeck Quarryman' statue. The Council declined the offer from Annette Ratusniak, an expert on Mary Spencer Watson's work, to come to inspect the statue. As the Council would not replace the statue if it were lost, it was agreed that the valuation Ms Ratusniak had given be disregarded for insurance purposes. **ACTION: Clerk to review Asset Register, and make a separate list for insurance purposes.**
- f) Item D2. PDC Planning training 2017-18. No Councillors wished to take up the offer: **ACTION: Clerk to inform PDC.**

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 1st August 2017.

12. Chairman's Announcements. The Chairman thanked parishioners who had recently carried out work as volunteers on both the Putlake footway and local footpaths.
13. County and District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell was not present.
14. Housing Matters: PDC's Second Homes and Affordable Housing policies. Cllr Drayson explained that because of the high regional cost of housing, 'affordable' home rents which are linked to market rates are not actually affordable; the rents need to be linked to local incomes. After discussion, it was agreed to ask the Clerk to write to PDC asking about the progress of their plans for both a Second Homes policy and a policy on Affordable Housing. It was agreed that the Clerk should also find out from PDC who is the nominated individual responsible for the policies in each case. **ACTION: Clerk.**
15. Support for Pre-School. **RESOLVED: That this Council is of the view that we must ensure that there is adequate infrastructure to support historic and future development; in particular such infrastructure includes the Langton Matravers Pre-School.** After discussion it was **RESOLVED: To offer £1,750.00 to Langton Pre-School, which will be paid out of LMPC's CIL funds.** Cllr Drayson did not vote.
16. Dropped kerbs. **RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from DCC Highways to supply new dropped kerb on West side of Church Close and adaptation of the dropped kerb on the East side: for the sum of £725 ex. VAT. The council will pay £600 ex VAT for the kerb on the W. side, the Old Rectory will pay for adaptation to the other.** **ACTION: Clerk to inform Jenny Penney (DCC).** It was further agreed to use CIL money to pay for this.
17. Defibrillator for village ? Concerns were expressed about whether supply of a defib. would be the best use of public money, and also about whether there might be diagnostic problems for members of the public. Cllr White was thanked for offering the use of the Old Bakery wall as a possible site; he also offered to make a donation. Cllr White proposed that LMPC use £2,300.00 to fund a defibrillator for the village, and the motion was seconded: however, no other Cllr voted in favour, therefore the motion was not carried. It was agreed to open the proposal to the village to see if there was interest in a community-funded defibrillator. **ACTION: Clerk to put suggestion in Dubber report.**

Cllr Turner left the meeting 9.18pm.

18. DAPTC AGM Proposals. There were none.

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

£ 250.00	Interment fee, the late Dr Ivan Woodrow, E14.
£ 30.00	Allotment fee, Mr Marcus Kelly, Plot 9B. CASH payment
£ 30.00	Allotment fee, Mr Ian Bugler, Plot 15B. CASH payment

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

£ 746.54	Clerk's salary (June).
£ 9.18	HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (June).
£ 466.21	Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance inc. strimming plots at allotment (June).
£ 450.00	Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (June).
£ 56.80	Clerk's transport to CILCA training (22.6.17) 142 miles @ 40p per mile.

- £ 855.31 Bartlett's – new cemetery gates (refundable from insurance). **Already paid**
 - £ 90.00 SLCC – CILCA training 22.6.2017.
 - £ 78.00 W.F.Snook – reglazing of Parish noticeboard at Putlake.
 - £ 151.20 DCC Footpath maintenance SLA year 2.
 - £ 79.81 SSE – Electric supply to toilet block 24.3.-27.6.2017.
 - £ 8.79 Box of paper – CASH payment to M.Lovell
 - £ 7.99 W.H.Smith – New Minute hardback book. 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: Approve Internally Audited accounts for the first quarter. **RESOLVED:**
To approve the LMPC internally-audited accounts for the first quarter.

20. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 10th August 2017 at 7 pm

21. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: Latest plans for Coombe junction / PDC Local Forums / Parish Assembly date (Sept).

Closed 9.22 pm.

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