

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th December 2017 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllr Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Christie, M Turner, C Drayson, M Lovell, P Loudoun, P White, R Sheppard. There were 13 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Lucas, Christopher Hedley (RoWLO), Jon Kershaw (NT), Cllr Cherry Brooks.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Christie, Planning 1 h), Neighbour.

3. National Trust Report. Read by the Clerk. Helpers at the latest **Community Woodland Day** were thanked. There will be another on 6th January. The Trust helped with a recent **Litter Pick**. Owing to problems with block bookings which leave smaller providers unable to book, the Council was asked to consider a change in the licensing system to increase numbers during **Activity group sessions at Dancing Ledge**, both during weekdays and at weekends. Concerns were expressed and it was **RESOLVED: To discuss the matter in full at the January meeting, when Mr Kershaw is present.**

ACTION: Clerk to advise Mr Kershaw.

4. RoWLO report. Read by the Clerk: No new issues with footpaths. Clearing work has been done on Footpath 8. Paths in the parish seem relatively litter-free. The Clerk was asked to take the matter of the blockage a Windmill lane up with Cllr Brooks. **ACTION: Clerk.**

5. County Councillor's report. Read by the Clerk. Both East Dorset and Purbeck have agreed to join the **rural Dorset Unitary Authority**. The **Dorset Care Framework**, looking at future care provision, has been released; it aims to forge links between Health and Social care. The DCC Health Cttee has decided not to support a request to refer the **CCG consultation** for Dorset back to the Secretary of State.

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

a) Mrs Jasmine Cattle asked if there was any news on the rebuilding of the **broken-down section of wall** between the Old Rectory and the Old Cemetery.

The Meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Old Rectory for an update.**

8. Planning Matters.

1. There were no comments on the Planning Applications below from members of the public.

2 a) [TWA/2017/222](#) Mrs Diana Butement, The Walled Garden, The Old Malthouse, Mount Pleasant Lane, Langton Matravers. (1) Bay trees - fell to ground level; (2) Self-set trees (thorn & wild fruit) - fell all in scrub area - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Leave decision to Tree Officer.**

b) [6/2017/0615](#) Mrs Sarah Wootton, Toms Field Camping Site, Toms Field Road, LANGTON MATRAVERS, BH19 3HN. Stationing of a replacement warden's caravan of any size within the definition of the Caravan Act for use for the whole year. **LMPC does not support the issue of a Certificate of Lawfulness.**

c) [6/2017/0606](#) Mrs Kay Burgess, 1 Serrells Oak, Coombe Hill, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3DW. Create a 2 car driveway by extending the existing dropped kerb & by removing part of wall, a tree & a holly bush. **No Objection**

d) [6/2017/0635](#) Mr R Ayres, Stone Haven, Acton, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3JS.

Roof alterations to include amended loft layout and installation of two dormer windows in the northern roof slope. **No Objection**

e) [6/2017/0683](#) Mr S Legg and Mrs K Cobb, Putlake Adventure Farm, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3EU. Extension of existing shop for class A1 use, removal of condition 6 of 6/2009/0584 restricting goods which may be sold and change to general A1 use including post office, removal of condition 7 of 6/2009/0584 restricting opening hours of 10am to 5pm, change of use of part of Mainhyde Field to use as a car park, change of use of field to North East of farmyard to use as a campsite from Easter to the end of October annually. **No Objection**

f) [6/2017/0684](#) Mr S Legg and Mrs K Cobb, Putlake Adventure Farm, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3EU. Alterations to Putlake Farm House to accommodate extension to existing shop. **No Objection**

g) [6/2017/0689](#) Mr Robert Clyde, Post Office, 31 High Street, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HA. Change of use from Retail (A1) to residential dwelling and alterations to ground floor front elevation including changes to windows and entrance door. **No Objection**

h) [6/2017/0662](#) Mrs Sue Haysom, 7 North Street, LANGTON MATRAVERS, BH19 3HL. Renovation of stone outbuilding, roof repairs and to internal alterations to connect the two outbuilding into one for use as a studio/office. **No Objection**

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

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. **Approved.**

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. **REFUSED.**

c) [TWA/2017/216](#) Mr Alan Hudson, White House, Crack Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EF. (T1) Eucalyptus - fell - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Approved.**

4. Any other Planning matters: None.

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

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

a) Item 14. Future of OMH site Meeting. The Clerk reported that the meeting had been held on 16th November, and an informal (non LMPC) group would be meeting shortly to consider options.

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 1.11 -5.12.2017. A list of correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item A19. Dr Vanessa Bell had offered to come to speak to LMPC about CCG issues. Concerns were expressed that the Council should not be involved in anything which could be seen to have a party-political bias. The DCC Health Scrutiny Cttee has asked for a review of the Ambulance Service.

ACTION: Clerk to write to DCC Health Scrutiny Cttee welcoming the Ambulance Service review.

b) Item B4, Meeting between St George's Governors and Chair/Clerk re: **School zebra crossing.** The idea of a build-out opposite the entrance to the field, first suggested by DCC in 2014, was discussed.

ACTION: Clerk to do more research on provision of build-out: cost, Highways issues etc.

c) Item B8, **Communal Plot at the Allotments ?** Cllr Drayson did not vote. **RESOLVED: To let Plot 8a to the Langton Matravers Allotment Association for a peppercorn rent per annum, on condition that it is used for community groups, disabled persons etc, and is not sublet.**

d) Item C /A8, **Volunteer of the Year.** Cllrs should send nominations to the Clerk. **ACTION: All Cllrs.**

e) Item C/A14 – Scott Estate, **Leaves on Coombe Hill.** **ACTION: Clerk to send formal letter of thanks to Estate staff for work done.**

f) Item C/B1 – **Allotment Insurance.** Following research by the Clerk, it was agreed to continue with separate allotment insurance. It was agreed that the Clerk look into LMPC changing to **Lloyd's Bank.**

ACTION: Clerk.

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 2nd January 2018.

12. Chairman's Announcements. a) Cllr Knight reported on a meeting of SE Purbeck Chairs and Clerks. The group will be revisiting its Terms of Reference and will bring these back to PCs for comment. The group has no formal decision-making power, but could facilitate discussion on how T&PCs might play a role in 'Future Dorset'.

b) A meeting between Chairs and Clerks and Laurie Clark, General Manager, National Trust Purbeck, had recently taken place. Subjects discussed included management of hedges and verges, mass cycling events, NT employment of local people and how to manage tourism in Purbeck at peak times. Mr Clark will take legal advice and organise a forum to look at the issue of cycling events.

c) It was noted that DCC Chief Executive, Debbie Ward had written to all PCs thanking them for backing the proposal for change to Unitary Authority. As this Council is among many who did not back the proposal, it was **RESOLVED: That the Chair write to Ms Ward indicating that she is in error in assuming unanimous support for the proposal, and recording the Council's disappointment with the tone of the message.** **ACTION: Cllr Knight.**

13. District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell reported on the PDC meeting at which a decision was made to support the plans for Unitary Authorities in Dorset. It was agreed to write to the Secretary of State

reiterating LMPC's opposition, with a copy to the Joint Planning Committee for 'Future Dorset'.

ACTION: Clerk.

14. Grass cutting at Public Conveniences. It was agreed that the Council do not wish to take this over from PDC at present. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Ms Jackson.**

15. CCG Judicial Review. While not supportive of CCG recommendations, the Council is not able to use its funds to support any legal challenge.

16. Dorset Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation. It was agreed to defer this to the January meeting.

17. Purbeck s106. It was agreed in relation to PDC's 'Parish Connection' section, that in Clause a) the residence qualification should be for 5 years and not 3; that Clause c), relating to relatives, should be re-phrased to say 'with whom there has been frequent contact, commitment or dependency'; in 'Qualifying Person', section c) the reference to the 'administrative area of the Council' should be changed to 'current or former administrative area of Purbeck District Council'. **RESOLVED: To agree changes and send to Ms McDermott. ACTION: Clerk.**

18. Financial Matters:

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

£ 550.00 James Smith, Burial Plot A17 and interment fee, the late John Roe.
£ 30.00 Compensation from Santander for wasting Clerk's time.
£ 20.00 Mr V. Quinn, Additional inscription fee, the late Brenda Butters, B14.
£ 660.00 Burial Plot purchase fee, Grace Lucas, Plot G1.

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

£ 778.97 Clerk's salary (November).
£ 13.66 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (November).
£ 135.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (November).
£ 155.95 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets + supplies (November).
£ 117.00 Maria Burns – Woodland Trail signs.
£ 195.00 Langton Matravers Village Hall Annual fee (13x £15 meetings 2018).
£ 59.42 OCS (Cannon Hygiene) – Sanitary disposal costs 2017-18.
£ 45.00 DAPTC – Data Protection Training Course.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 48.89 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband.
£ 23.37 NEST - PC monthly contribution to Clerk's pension.

(4) Any other Financial Matters: **RESOLVED: To approve the Budget for 2018-19.**

17. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 11th January 2018 at 7 pm

18. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: Numbers at Dancing Ledge (NT) / Dorset Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation.

Closed 9.07pm.

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