

# Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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

Present: Cllr Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Christie, M Turner, C Drayson, M Lovell, P Loudoun, P White. Cllr Lucas arrived during the meeting. County Cllr Brooks attended the first part of the meeting.

There were 9 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Sheppard, Christopher Hedley (RoWLO).

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Loudoun, Planning Item 1b, Item 14: Cllr Loudoun has a house adjacent to the OMH site.

3. National Trust Report. The **dumped cars at Acton** have been removed. **Fencing work** is being done along the coast, and **track maintenance** has been carried out at Acton Field and on the Priest's Way. Purbeck's three NT areas have now become two, leading to **staffing changes**; Mr Kershaw now covers Langton and Corfe, with a 'grasslands team' of four rangers. The next **Community Woodland Day** will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. The Chair proposed a formal vote of thanks to Mr Kershaw for his work on the Acton cars, the track at Acton Fields, and his help in showing the DCC Community Flood Officer and Cllr Lovell around the watercourses etc. in the area. He was also thanked for his report.

4. County Councillor's report. Cllr Brooks said that the Secretary of State had been asked to make up his mind by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the **Review of Local Government** (move to Unitary Authorities). If this does not happen, all Leaders of District and County Councils intend to meet on that day to decide how to move forward. She asked if Cllrs had received concerns about bus services- none reported. Cllr Brooks was thanked for her report and left the meeting.

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

a) Mrs. Maggie Sutton wished to ask a question of Mr Kershaw. The Chair pointed out that the Public Discussion period is intended to be a time for members of the public to make comments or question the Council; however he invited her to continue on this occasion. She asked when the NT would be arranging a **meeting with residents of Acton**. Mr Kershaw responded that work is being done by the NT's surveyor, and letters will be going to Acton residents in about two week's time, seeking further information as necessary. When all this is gathered, a date can be made for the meeting.

b) Ms Sue Spilling asked for the Council's support to set up a '**Friends of the Community Land**' (name to be agreed) to help with maintenance there and future developments. She reported that the Pre-School have been using the area, and the school have plans to develop an after-school adventure club which would use the field, allotments and woodland trail.

c) Mr Barrie Mayes, Chair of Langton's Community Land Trust, noted that the **CLT** will react positively to proposals which are community-led, but will not 'lead'. Under no circumstances will the CLT be part of any developer-led project.

d) Mr George Crabb expressed concerns about **ambulance response times** and the difficulties for locals in getting to hospital within the 'golden hour', especially at busy holiday periods, if CCG proposals to move many services to Bournemouth go through.

e) Mrs Jasmine Cattle asked that the Council consider buying a **defibrillator** for the village.

The Meeting was reconvened.

6. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

i) 5a) '**Friends of the Community Land**'. **RESOLVED: To endorse Ms Spilling's proposal to set up the group**. Ms Spilling was thanked for doing this. **ACTION: Ms Spilling, volunteers**.

ii) 5d) **Ambulance response times**. After discussion and expressions of disquiet that responses to the consultation seem to have been ignored, Council decided to send a letter to the CCG, MPs and Secretary of State for Health, expressing their displeasure. **RESOLVED: That the letter say that 'LMPC is**

**appalled at the CCG recommendation to close critical maternity, paediatrics and A&E at Poole. The recommendation ignores concerns raised by the Purbeck community during the consultation period. The Council is concerned that this will lead to increased loss of life.’ ACTION: Clerk to write and send letters as above.** The Chair suggested that data be requested from the SW Ambulance Trust about ambulance response/delivery times in the BH19 area, under the F.o.I. Act. **ACTION: Clerk. Cllr Drayson to research the role of Swanage hospital in this.**

iii) 5e) **Defibrillator.** As St George’s School had also expressed an interest, it was agreed to bring the matter back to the next meeting.

#### 7. Planning Matters.

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

2 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. **Leave decision to Tree Officer.**

b) [TWA/2017/162](#) Mr Paul Loudoun, Capitol House, Mount Pleasant Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HY. (T2) Monterey pine - remove 3rd branch ascending south, remove branch above to south-east and remove 3rd branch ascending west above dead branch all back to stem, prune stressed, horizontal, over-extended limb 1st ascending west, reducing branch tips by not exceeding 1.5m back to suitable pruning points; (T4) Monterey pine - remove 1st branch ascending north-east over drive back to stem; (T5) Monterey pine (dead) - fell to ground level (no replacement planting proposed); (T6) Monterey pine - remove 1st 3 branches ascending over drive north/north-east and remove 1st branch ascending north-west back to stem; (T7) Goat willow - fell to ground level - District of Purbeck (The Old Malthouse School No.1) TPO 2007 (Ref.TPO 332) (T2, T4, T5, and T6) & Langton Matravers Conservation Area (T7). . **Leave decision to Tree Officer.**

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

f) [6/2017/0157](#) Toms Field Campsite & Shop, Toms Field Campsite & Shop, Toms Field Road, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HN. Replacement of a seasonal use warden's caravan with a permanent use warden's bungalow. **REFUSED.**

Cllr Lucas joined the meeting.

4. Any other Planning matters:

a) Just before the meeting, Council had received copies of proposed plans for the **Putlake shop/car parking/camping site**, with an invitation to comment before plans are submitted formally to PDC. The Council noted its appreciation of Putlake’s invitation to view the plans, but did not feel that it had sufficient time to view and comment on the plans: this will happen at the next meeting.

b) It was proposed that a short paragraph go in the Dubber, explaining why trees sometimes have to be taken down, and a letter written to DCC/PDC Tree Officers asking them to always ensure that adequate and suitable replacements are planted. **ACTION: Clerk.**

8. Minutes of the Meeting held 10th August 2017. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

a) Item 6d) **CLT Grant.** Cllr Drayson noted that the figure, as in LMPC Minutes. was ‘up to’ £50,000, this had been inaccurately reported in some press articles.

10. The Clerk’s Report for the period 2.8. – 5.9.2017. A list of correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item B11. SE Purbeck Chairs and Clerks Meeting. Mr Bowyer, Chair of Studland PC, had circulated an NT policy document about building the area’s economy. The ‘relevant stakeholder’ list does not include local residents. **RESOLVED: To write to the NT saying that while LMPC endorses the policy, they would like local residents’ representatives to have the opportunity to participate.** **ACTION: Clerk.** The meeting had also agreed to raise at the PDC Clerks and Chairs meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October the issues of i) an updated Purbeck-wide s.106 agreement for housing, ii) concerns about levels of admin staff at the Dorset Waste Partnership, and iii) Control of events, festivals etc. in the local area.

b) Item A7. Dorset Care Record Rollout. **ACTION: Clerk to put a note in the Dubber and on the website asking if people would like a presentation.**

c) Item B3. Village Tidy-up. 7th October had been proposed, but this clashes with other events. **ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Village Hall and find alternative date in October.**

d) Item B6. PC Meeting dates 2018. These were agreed. ***ACTION: Clerk to advise school about date of Parish Assembly 2018.***

e) Item D/A3. School zebra crossing. It was agreed that the Clerk organise a meeting with Helen Cardell (DCC), St George's School and LMPC Chair and Clerk on site to discuss the matter further. ***ACTION: Clerk to set up meeting.*** Cllr Christie asked that evidence be requested from DCC about actual speeds of individual vehicles at that point. ***ACTION: Clerk.***

**The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 3rd October 2017.**

11. Chairman's Announcements. a) Cllr Knight expressed concern that complaints had been made to the National Trust by some parishioners from Acton that Mr Kershaw does not communicate adequately with the community. It was noted that this has not been the Council's experience: all Cllrs commented favourably on how relationships between the NT and community had improved hugely since he took up his post. ***RESOLVED: That the Council has full confidence in Mr Kershaw in his role as area ranger for the National Trust.*** It was agreed to send a letter expressing the Council's appreciation of Mr Kershaw's work to the National Trust's Head and SW Regional offices.

b) Village Sign. Mr Mike Collins has nearly finished mending the sign. The Council gave formal thanks to him for his work.

12. District Councillor's Report. The Revised **Local Plan** is progressing; most of the information is now being collated, and PDC are preparing for a new consultation. It should be completed next year. It was noted that the NPPF is due for revision.

13. Section 77 School Field. Cllr Christie reminded Council that it is not possible to acquire the school field without DCC's consent. There has apparently been a recent change in the law which may allow the Council to apply for Village Green status. ***ACTION: Cllrs Christie and Drayson to research and report back.***

14. Proposal to hold Open Village Meeting about future of Old Malthouse Site. Cllr Lovell suggested that the December 2017 closure of the Old Malthouse School as run by the Cothill Trust could open the way to new opportunities for the village, such as a new site for the museum, a sports hall and more play space for St George's School and the Pre-school. The community should be consulted to see if there is interest in forming a group to do a Feasibility Study. It was noted that the site is not for sale at present. It was felt that although there may be several different groups with different needs, a joint approach would be useful. ***RESOLVED: That the Council hold an Open Village Meeting about the future of the Old Malthouse Site. ACTION: Clerk to arrange date etc. and publicise.***

15. Highways matters. Steve Mephram and Danny Allen are no longer working in this region. After discussion it was ***RESOLVED: To ask DCC Highways to move the 30mph zone to the west of the Acton turning.*** This will require a TRO. ***ACTION: Clerk to look for best place for gateway immediately beyond the Acton turning and ask DCC to put matter in hand. Also ask for a date for the meeting about Crack Lane drains.*** Cllr Christie said that DCC's response to the RoSPA document on 20mph zones should be challenged.

16. Annual Cemetery Report. Report received. The cemetery has capacity for at least the next 35 years.

17. PDC Housing Forum report. Toller Porcorum CLT said that their housing project, though successful, had been challenging. It seems clear that all local groups involved with the provision of genuinely affordable housing are in need of district-wide Second Home and Genuinely Affordable Housing policies. Cllr Miller had reported that PDC were in communication with other areas and ministers on these subjects. Cllrs Drayson and Christie were thanked for their report.

#### Financial Matters:

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

£ 1,160.00 Plot and Interment fee, the late Marion Audley R11.

£ 575.00 Ramblers Holidays Charitable Trust – grant for 10,000 Priest's Way leaflets.

£ 60.00 Allotment fees, Plots 6B and 19A (£30 CASH).

£ 11,255.00 PDC - 2<sup>nd</sup> payment Parish Precept.

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

£ 778.97 Clerk's salary (August).

£ 13.66 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (August).

£ 225.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (August).

£ 465.00 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (August).

£ 575.00 Maria Burns, 10,000 Priest's Way leaflets.

£ 200.00 Flavourfy Annual website retainer 2017-18.

£ 117.90 Keith Coombs – materials for fencing at allotments – CASH payment.

£ 4.79 WH Smith – Office sundries –CASH payment.

(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: None.

17. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7 pm

18. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting:

Closed 9.10 pm.

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