

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in St George's Church on Thursday 8th June 2017 at 7 pm.

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

There were 4 members of the public present, and Cllr Cherry Brooks (County Councillor).

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs Drayson and Loudoun.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Knight, Planning 1c. (Neighbour)

3. National Trust Report. A **donation box has been set up at Acton car park**, with an information board to follow. The pay and display machine and signage are now in place at **Spyway car park**. Local residents can get free passes to park there; ask at the NT's Currendon office or the Parish Office for further information. There will be **botanical surveys** each Thursday for the next couple of months, and **sea bird surveys** will be carried out. Work continues on **fencing** at Talbot's Wood, **walling, track maintenance and access infrastructure**. Saturday July 1st is a **Woodland Day**, with opportunities to learn about wood turning and charcoal making. Mr Kershaw was thanked for his report. **RESOLVED: That this Council will host a meeting with an independent Chair on behalf of the community, where a presentation on the quarry restoration options at Acton could be made by the National Trust, and the options discussed. These options could include a quarry restoration working group for the Acton area. This group would report back to the local community through the Parish Council.** Mr Vaughan-Arbuckle had already been approached to act as a Chair to the meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Mr V-A and Mr Kershaw and set meeting date.**

Cllr Lucas joined the meeting.

4. County Councillor's report. Cllr Brooks explained that activities have been curtailed by the election. The Review of Local Government papers have gone to the Prime Minister and are now with the Secretary of State; a decision may be made by September-October. Cllr Brooks agreed to view problems with drains on the East side of Crack Lane with Cllr Lovell. **ACTION: Cllrs Brooks and Lovell.**

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

a) Dr Chris Spilling thanked Cllr Loudoun and Mr Kershaw and the National Trust for supplying and fitting the new gates for the **Natural Amenity Area**. A small working party will complete the path and clear nettles. The fruit trees have flowered. Dr Spilling was thanked for his work on the project.

b) Mrs Sue Hutchings (Acton) looks forward to knowing the date of the community meeting about the **quarry restoration work**. In response to her question about stones at the Acton car park, Mr Kershaw replied that this is about 'spirit of place' and to allow access for people into the tree plantation.

c) Mrs Maggie Sutton (Acton) reiterated objections to the Acton fencing expressed in letters to the NT from residents.

The meeting was reconvened.

6. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a) **Quarry Restoration work at Acton.** It was agreed that concerns could best be addressed at the agreed community meeting on the subject.

7. Planning Matters.

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

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

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. **Approve.**

c) Cllr Christie chaired this item. 6/2017/0292 Mr Peter Curtis, 1 Serrells Mead Cottages, Serrells Mead, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HU. Demolish existing timber shed & erect new timber shed in rear garden. **No Objection.**

3. Planning Decisions since the last meeting;

a) TWA/2017/054 Mr John Curtis, Coombe Orchard, Coombe, Langton Matravers, BH19. (T1) Sycamore/Ash stems - reduce by 3DW. approximately 20ft; (T2) Sycamore - reduce by up to 20ft; (T3) Eucalyptus - fell - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Approved.**

b) 6/2017/0162 Mr D Pearson & Ms Chapman, Fields End, The Hyde, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HE. Erection of a single storey rear extension and porch to side. **Approved.**

4. Other planning matters: none.

8. Minutes of the Meeting held 11th May 2017. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a) Item 17. 'Gateways' It was agreed to discuss this further under Item 13.

b) Item 18. Langton Housing Stock Survey. It was agreed to put a note in the Dubber requesting help from parishioners.

10. The Clerk's Report for the period 4.5.-30.5.2017. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item B1). RoSPA report on Play Area equipment. Minor issues raised have been dealt with by Cllr Christie. A recently-broken toddler swing has been removed and photos of corrosion on all swing seats will be sent to suppliers. ***ACTION: Clerk to contact suppliers under guarantee, and write to RoSPA inspectors asking why corrosion was not picked up in their report.***

b) Item B2) Insurance Claim for Cemetery gates. The quote for hardwood gates from Bartletts has been accepted: the Clerk is negotiating a price for fitting with Brian Glassock. Formal thanks were extended to Mr Richard Simpson for mending the central gate pin without charge. ***ACTION: Clerk to inspect condition of lower (north) gate at Cemetery.***

c) Item B3) Allotments. The Clerk has agreed a price with ITB Gardening to trim, supply black plastic and cover the three vacant half plots. Another inspection was carried out on 6.6.2017; there is no need for a rubbish skip at present.

d) Item C1) Defibrillator ? Cllr White offered the wall on the front of the Old Bakery as a space to put it. Cllr Knight reminded the meeting that previous reasons not to have one included placing in such a long village: given timing constraints to reach it, would this be the best use of public funds ? ***ACTION: Clerk to research insurance and other issues and circulate before next meeting.***

e) Item C2) Dropped Kerbs on the High Street. ***ACTION: Clerk to set up a meeting with Steve Mepham (DCC Highways) + Cllr Brooks + Cllrs + Mrs Wright to look into this, and also other Highways-related matters (20 mph, Crack Lane drains, village gateways position).***

f) Item D1) Proposals for DAPTC AGM. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. ***ACTION: Cllrs to prepare proposals and circulate to other Cllrs before meeting.***

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 4th July 2017

11. Chairman's Announcements. Cllr Knight thanked Cllr Christie for clearing up after part of the Putlake noticeboard was broken. The Clerk is organising replacement glass.

12. District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell had nothing to report owing to County and national elections.

12. 20mph speed limit. After discussion, it was ***RESOLVED: To invite Dorset Highways to a) Comment on RoSPA's '20mph Zones and Speed Limits Factsheet' (April 2017), and b) Reconsider their opposition to this Council's continuing request for a 20mph speed limit in the High Street, Langton Matravers.*** It was suggested in relation to this and the 'gateway' discussion, that it might be good to extend the 30mph further to the west. Cllr Sheppard recommended a long-term plan for traffic management which could be worked at a little at a time. ***RESOLVED: To move forward with current gateway plan, with a view to extending the 30 mph limit westwards at a later date. ACTION: Clerk to advise DCC Highways that we want a simple gate shape with sign for Langton Matravers + speed limit.*** It was suggested that CIL money might be used to pay for this.

14. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Knight advised the Council that undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan would require much time, money and effort. It was **RESOLVED: To set up a small working party consisting of Cllrs Knight, Christie, Lovell and the Clerk to do an information gathering-exercise to outline advantages and disadvantages of LMPC undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan, and report back to the Council. ACTION: Clerk, Cllrs, Knight, Christie, Lovell.**

20. Financial Matters: Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting:

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None

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

£ 746.54 Clerk's salary (May).
£ 9.18 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (May).
£ 150.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (May).
£ 465.00 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (May).
£ 27.99 Kaspersky Internet Security renewal (cheque to Clerk).
£ 13.19 UK2 – Renewal of domain name (cheque to M.Lovell).
£ 79.80 RoSPA Play Area inspection fee.
£ 728.54 Zurich Insurance (PC insurance Year 2 of 3). Already paid.

(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: a) **RESOLVED: To approve the Internally Audited Accounts for 2016-17.**

16. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 13th July 2017 at 7 pm at Langton Matravers Village Hall.

17. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: DAPTC AGM proposals / Rise in Cemetery Maintenance fee / Drains at Crack Lane / Dropped kerbs.

Closed 8.30 pm.

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