

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7 pm.

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

There were 8 members of the public present, plus County Cllr Brooks.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Knight, Sheppard.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. None.

3. National Trust Report. Mr Kershaw reported on restoration of the **permissive path to Dancing Ledge**; they are creating a pitched surface to combat erosion. A **permissive path has been redirected** south of Acton due to subsidence of a nearby quarry.

4. RoWLO Report. Further to last October's Minutes, Mr Hedley suggested that the Council wait for a year to see how the Footpath Monitoring scheme is working before asking DCC for additions to the SLA. He stressed that **volunteers should let him know if there are problems with footpaths**. He is still waiting to hear from Katie Black (DCC) regarding legal action against **Mr Dicker. Swanage Walking Group** will manage c. 4 miles of footpaths in Langton. Mr Hedley still wants to see all volunteers.

5. County Councillor's Report. Cllr Brooks is working on rescinding the DCC Highways policy whereby **stone pavements in Conservation areas** are mended with tarmac. The Secretary of State has made a 'minded to' decision on Dorset's **change to two Unitary Authorities**. Local groups have 8 weeks to reach agreement; the decision will be made on January 8th 2018 whether to go for the 'Future Dorset' proposal. There will be 18 months to make necessary changes, after which District Councils and the County Council would cease to exist in their current form and one new organisation would take their place if the Secretary of State approves the submission. She will aim to organise quarterly meetings for local parishes, in order to take feedback on local matters, rather than attending all T&PC meetings. There is a campaign to encourage people to plan for their **future social care needs**, and plans for a 'care home village' are being piloted.

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

a) Mr Martin Kirby supports the proposal to **extend allotment tenancy to residents of Corfe**.

b) Mr Leigh Van De Zande explained the problem with **coach access to Leeson**.

c) Mrs Jasmine Cattle returned to the question of the locked gate at the school field: the Clerk explained the school's Health and Safety concerns about access to the woodland area.

d) Mrs Collette Drayson, speaking on behalf of the CLT, thanked Cllrs who attended their meeting on 6th November. The meeting, with Chris McDermott (PDC) had been very positive and informative.

The meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion. There were none not covered elsewhere.

8. Planning Matters.

1. There were no comments on the plans.

2. a) [6/2017/0573](#) Mrs Val Murray, Acton Field Langton Matravers BH19 3HR. Variation of condition 3 of planning application 6/1982/0463 (Station of a Caravan) to allow for replacement of existing caravan with a new caravan. **No Objection**

b) [TWA/2017/216](#) Mr Alan Hudson, White House, Crack Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EF. (T1) Eucalyptus - fell - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Leave decision to Tree Officer.**

3. Planning Decisions affecting the Council since the last Council meeting:

a) [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). **Approved**

4. Any other planning matters: None.

9. Minutes of the Meeting held 10th October 2017. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed. The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 1st November 2017 to make a formal response to the 'Right Homes in The Right Places' consultation, were also agreed to be a correct record and signed.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

a) Item 13, Allotment fencing. Cllr Christie had surveyed the fence, and proposed repairs. It was **RESOLVED: To replace posts and rabbit fencing as necessary. ACTION: Cllr Loudoun to organise contractor to put work in hand.**

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 4.10.2017 – 31.10.2017. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item A5). Chris McDermott's letter re: Purbeck s106. The Chair asked Cllrs to re-read this before discussion at the December meeting.

b) Item B1) Clerk's Allotment Training. The Clerk noted several points. It was agreed that she should find out more about the need for separate LMAA insurance, and that she and the ALOs should meet allotment tenants once a year; she will also advise tenants before inspections. **ACTION: Clerk.**

c) Item C/A.7) DAPTC- NALC Guides **ACTION: Clerk to order a set of the new 'Good Councillor's Guide' and other guides as requested.**

d) Item D/A.16) Allotment enquiry from Corfe. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED: To allow Corfe residents to become Langton allotments tenants, on the understanding that Langton residents will always have priority. ACTION: Clerk to inform Mr Godsmark, and alter policy document accordingly. The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 5th December 2017.**

12. Chairman's Announcements. None.

13. County and District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell advised that he had sent a letter to PDC's Chief Executive about the transfer of **Timson Trust** houses in Langton; this could be to the Langton CLT, as it should be in perpetuity. The matter will be discussed at the December PDC meeting. It is hoped that the Local Plan can be completed before the change to **Unitary Authority.**

14. Open Village Meeting on future of OMH site, 16th November. Cllr Knight will chair the meeting, and the Clerk will take notes. Microphones will be used. The Cothill Trust's representative will give a brief outline at the start. Cllr Lovell also wishes to speak on his ideas for the site. Some village organisations have also said that they wish to speak.

15. Highways Matters. The Clerk reported on a meeting with Dawn Atkin and Paul Eastwood of DCC Highways on 6th Nov. They advised that the movement of the **30mph zone** to Acton gate does not meet the criteria. **ACTION: Clerk to order 'gateway' as planned: Mr Eastwood will organize '3,2,1,' markings when it is installed. Sign to say 'Langton Matravers. Please drive and cycle carefully'. The criteria for zebra crossings mean there can be no change to the decision about the proposed crossing outside the school. The dropped kerbs at St George's Close will be re-done, using stone paving, and another installed opposite the Old Rectory at DCC's expense. Various proposals were made regarding coach access for Leeson up Three Acre Lane. It was agreed to accept DCC's offer of white lines painted along the narrowest part. ACTION: Clerk to advise Ms Atkin.** The **Coombe junction** new layout has been put off until the next financial year. Cllr Loudoun noted that the **gully-clearing** to the West of Langton had been so effective that in places his sheep were now able to escape. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Ms Atkin.**

16. Retention of Post Office in Village. Cllr Drayson expressed concern that, though new plans for Putlake will be submitted shortly, it isn't clear if the Post Office part of the business will move there. It was agreed to reiterate that the council supports PO services being kept, as part of the Putlake plans.

17. Policy and Governance meeting report and proposals. Papers had already been circulated.

RESOLVED: To adopt all proposals, including new Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures; ToRs for Staff Employment, Discipline and Complaints Cttee, (SEDACC) and Staff Appeals Cttee,(SAC); minor

changes to Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Appraisal Policy; the recommendation that the Clerk re-structure the Asset Register and research a new bank account. ACTION: Clerk.

18. DAPTC AGM Report. Cllr Drayson reported that all motions proposed were carried, with some amendment. H. Trevorah will contact the Clerk about the proposals from Langton which were missed off last year's agenda.

19. St George's School PAN Consultation. Cllr Christie had been present at the school's meeting where the context for the proposal had been explained. There seemed a clear case in the present economic climate. It was noted that if more housing were built in the village and more school places needed, the PAN could easily be revised upwards again. It was **RESOLVED: That LMPC supports St George's School in reducing their PAN from 20 to 15. ACTION: Clerk to advise Governors.**

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

£ 600.00 Mrs Veronica Scanu, Burial Plot A14.

£ 75.00 Mr D. Butters, Interment of ashes fee, the late Brenda Butters, Plot B14.

£ 20.00 James Smith, Additional inscription fee, the late Ivan Woodrow, E14.

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

£ 778.97 Clerk's salary (October).

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

£ 150.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (October).

£ 157.50 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets + Bus shelter (October).

£ 60.00 DAPTC – Clerk's Seminar fee.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 48.53 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband.

£ 23.37 NEST - PC monthly contribution to Clerk's pension.

4) Any other Financial Matters: None

21. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 14th December 2017 at 7 pm.

22. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: Purbeck s106

Closed 8.52 pm.

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