

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7 pm.

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

There were 13 members of the public present, plus County Cllr Brooks.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr P Loudoun: Family matters.

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

4. RoWLO Report. Read by the Clerk. The Dicker field path has been improved by the setting up of a new permissive path; this is muddy, but passable. The footpath proper remains obstructed by cattle feeders. The gate on the path still cannot be opened, owing to a bent latch. Mr Hedley has cleared several bags of litter while walking LM paths in the New Year. The Council did not wish to proceed with Mr Hedley's suggestion about linking the new permissive path to RoW 16/13, feeling that the original path should be accessible. It was **RESOLVED: That DCC be urged to proceed to prosecute Mr. Dicker for obstructing the path, and that the gate latch should be made good so that the gate can be opened.**

Cllr Lucas joined the meeting.

3. National Trust Report. Mr Kershaw reported on a successful Community Woodland Day, thanking all who had attended, and announced that the next would be on 3rd Feb. The Trust had responded to the Minerals and Waste consultation, excluding a section of Broad Mead which is a wildlife habitat. There are 5 local quarry operators working NT land. There will be no change to NT policy for quarrying, which allows each operator to quarry a quarter of an acre every 2 years. Future Activity Group Numbers at Dancing Ledge. Mr Kershaw explained the reasons behind his proposal to increase potential numbers of groups from 4 to 5 per session (meaning 120 instead of 96 people + instructors) Monday-Saturday, with up to 60 on Sundays and Bank Holidays. This is to overcome difficulties with block booking which squeeze out smaller operators. Seacombe will remain 'off limits'. He proposes that these numbers be trialled for a year, with a review next December. After lengthy discussion the Council **RESOLVED: That Activity group numbers for Dancing Ledge should stay as they are.**

5. County Councillor's Report. Cllr Brooks expects a decision on Local Government Reorganisation shortly. County and District Councils have set up 'Task and Finish' groups; she is on one looking at Local Area Decision Making, to include Planning and Area Boards. The Corfe-Studland road will be closed for 2 weeks (9am-4pm) from 5th March, and the Upton bypass will be partially closed from next week. DCC are putting an extra £1 million into funding Social Workers. Cllr Brooks was asked if she knew how many Town and Parish Councils had voted against the LGR plans: **ACTION: Cllr Brooks to find out, and advise Debbie Ward (DCC) who seems to think that all were in favour; also advise LMPC.**

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

a) Mrs Sally Feben-Smith, representing some villagers at Kingston, spoke against the DMW Plan for **extension of Swanworth quarry** to the west, stressing the importance of the AONB, the presence of sufficient aggregate elsewhere, and concerns about the impact on the historic landscape, including a Bronze Age Site.

b) Mr John Suttle of Suttle's quarries, noted his appreciation of LMPC's previous support for the **extension at Swanworth**. He reminded the meeting that the site employed 30 people full-time, and that the extension would be a continuation of present operations, not an expansion: vehicle movements would not be increased.

c) Mrs Honor Vass, Island Cottage Holidays, emphasised the role of Tourism in the local economy; the **extension at Swanworth** might jeopardise this. The Council must take a balanced view of pros and cons.

- d) Mrs Jasmine Cattle asked if there had been any response from the Old Rectory regarding the **collapsed section of wall near the road in the Closed cemetery.**
- e) Mr Richard Cottrell noted the number of cars visiting Spyway car park for activity sessions as well as minibuses. He asked for remedial work on the **footpath by the car park.** **ACTION: Jon Kershaw.**
- f) Mr George Crabb asked for an update on the delayed **Coombe junction work**, and asked that the Council support the **extension to Swanworth quarry** on the grounds that it provides local employment.
- g) Mr Roger Khanna, local resident, expressed concern about intrusion into the AONB of two proposed car parking spaces at Acton, listed on the Planning agenda; he suggested that the Council made best use of its local knowledge in commenting on these 'Certificates of Lawfulness proposed'.
- h) Mr Matthew Suttle, Suttle's Quarries, said that the family firm is proud to employ local people, and does not wish to have to make people redundant.

The meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion. i) g) – Acton parking spaces: Jon Kershaw said that if the land had been sold by the NT to the people concerned, it would have covenants on it. **ACTION: Jon Kershaw to look up possible covenants on land at Acton and report back to LMPC.** ii) e) Cllr Christie noted that the footpath to the east of the Durnford Drove turning circle is also in a muddy condition. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Mr Hedley.**

8. Planning Matters.

1. The Clerk had received a letter from Mr Roger Khanna objecting to Items 2a) and e), which was read to the meeting.

2. a) [6/2017/0726](#) Mr Stephen Jones, 1 Highland Cottages, The Lane, Acton, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LA. Parking for maximum 2 vehicles (cars only). **LMPC does not support the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the engineering work required to create the parking space: if the applicant wishes to pursue this, he should do it through a Planning Application.**
- b) [6/2017/0739](#) Brian Smith, Home Field Quarry 1, Acton, Langton Matravers, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 3LD. Deepening of home Field Quarry 1 to allow extraction of New Vein stone beds. **No Objection.**
- c) [TWA/2018/001](#) Mr John Curtis, Coombe Orchard, Coombe, Langton Matravers, BH19 3DW. (T1) Weeping willow - fell - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Leave Decision to Tree Officer.**
- d) [6/2017/0748](#) Mr and Mrs Cartwright, Thornes Mead, Toms Field Road, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HN. Demolish existing conservatory and replace with single storey rear extension. First floor extension and dormer window. **No Objection.**
- e) [6/2017/0753](#) Mr Nigel Clarke, 2 Highland Cottages, The Lane, Acton, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LA. Use of land for parking and amenity land. **LMPC does not support the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the engineering work required to create the parking space: if the applicant wishes to pursue this, he should do it through a Planning Application.**

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

- a) [TWA/2017/222](#) Mrs Diana Butement, The Walled Garden, The Old Malthouse, Mount Pleasant Lane, Langton Matravers. (1) Bay trees - fell; (2) Self-set thorn & wild fruit in scrub area - fell - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. Tree Works CA – **No Objection.**
- b) [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. **Approved.**

4. Any other planning matters: a) PDC Local Plan Review Consultation opens on 29th January until 12th March. It was agreed that Cllr Drayson and the Clerk should attend the launch event at PDC for T&PCs on 30th January. b) Cllr Drayson expressed concerns about PDC creating 'hope value' for agricultural land through, for example, its SHLAA policy.

9. Minutes of the Meeting held 14th December 2017. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) Item 7; Closed Cemetery wall. The Clerk had not so far had a response from the Old Rectory owner. **ACTION: Clerk to ask again.** b) Owing to illness, the Clerk had not yet written to DCC's Debbie Ward, the Secretary of State, the Encombe Estate and the DCC Health Scrutiny Cttee. **ACTION: Clerk.**

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 6.12.2017 – 22.12.2017. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item A13). SWAST- Ambulance response times in the BH19 area. It was agreed to thank the SWAST for the information already given, and ask, also under the FoIA, for further information about mean response time in the BH19 area for Category 1 cases from time the call is made to arrival at hospital; also the time within which 90% of calls for Category 1 in the area are responded to. **ACTION: Clerk.**
The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 30th January 2017.

12. Chairman's Announcements. Cllr Knight will be away in New Zealand for the next meeting.

13. County and District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell is on the 'Member Involvement' group preparing for possible Local Govt Reorganisation.

14. Dorset Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation. Cllrs felt that the waste proposals would have minimal impact and could be left on the table. The general feeling in relation to quarrying proposals is that quarrying is part of the area's local industrial heritage, provides local employment and is to be encouraged. In relation to the Swanworth extension, Policy MS-3, it was **RESOLVED: To support Policy MS-3 as long as it does not create any significant increase in vehicle movements.** The Council is generally supportive of the National Trust's policy on quarrying in the area which relates to the smaller operators, and it was **RESOLVED: To support Policy MS-6 (sites for the provision of Purbeck Stone) as long as it does not create any significant increase in vehicle movements.** **ACTION: Clerk to advise DCC.**

15. Financial Matters:

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

£ 40.00 Lander Plot K15, 2nd inscription fee.

£ 630.00 Allotment rents 2018 (inc CASH payments).

£ 10.00 Gavin Curtis, part payment on Burial Plot T11 (CASH payment made 20th Sept.2107)

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

£ 778.97 Clerk's salary (December).

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

£ 157.84 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (December).

£ 120.00 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (December).

£ 78.23 SSE Electric supply to Public Toilet block 22.9.- 20. 12.2017.

£ 50.00 SLCC – Extension payment, Clerks CILCA fee.

£ 167.64 Bluefin – Annual allotment insurance 2018.

£ 15.00 Langton Matravers Village Hall, fee for OMH Open meeting.

£ 56.00 Langton Matravers PO – 100x 2nd class stamps; 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: a) Set Precept; It was **RESOLVED: To set the precept for 2018-19 at £25, 560.** b) The 3rd Quarter accounts were approved by Cllrs, subject to internal audit.

16. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 8th February 2018 at 7 pm.

18. Additional Items for the Agenda of the next Council Meeting: Purbeck Local Plan Review / Rabbit fencing at Allotment / 'Hope value' for agricultural land.

Closed 8.55 pm.

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