

# Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7 pm.**  
Present: Cllr W Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Christie, M Turner, C Drayson, R Sheppard, P Loudoun, M Lovell.

There were 7 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr White, representing LMPC at PDC Volunteer of the Year Ceremony, Mr Christopher Hedley, Cllr Cherry Brooks.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Loudoun, Item 16, Snow Plan; Cllrs Loudoun, Turner, Knight, Lovell, Item 13, Trustees of Timson Trust; Cllrs Lovell, Drayson, Loudoun, Christie, Knight, Item 12/C/A4, members of LOMHCG.

3. National Trust Report. Maintenance work has been undertaken at **Spyway Car park**, and the Trust intends to increase parking charges there from 50p to £1 per hour in high season. Work has also been done on gates and stiles. Mr Kershaw had met with farm tenants to discuss issues relating to **deterioration of the Priest's Way**. A restoration plan has been put in place and will be actioned as the ground dries out. The **meeting with residents of Acton** to discuss quarry restoration and land use, access, track maintenance, residents' parking and litter issues is planned for July, and Mr Kershaw will prepare an agenda for Council's approval at the next meeting; this will be presented by his deputy, David Ralph.

***ACTION: Clerk to liaise with NT and Ian V-A (Chair) to find suitable date.***

4. RoWLO report Mr Hedley was not present, and had nothing to report.

5. County Councillor's Report. Cllr Brooks was not present. She had sent a report, which due to a Clerk's error, was not circulated to Council until after the meeting.

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

a) George Crabb (Langton) i) thanked Cllr Loudoun for clearing snow. ii) There has been **parking on a passing place** at Crack Lane.

b) Sue Hutchings, (Acton) thanked the NT for arranging the meeting, and noted that residents had only asked that the topics of fencing and quarry restoration be addressed.

c) Jasmine Cattle (Langton) asked that i) cars be discouraged from **parking on the Bus cage** by the King's Arms; this causes traffic blocks; ii) she expressed concern about the **future of the Timson cottages** in the context of proposed PDC decisions about the transfer of assets to the new Unitary Authority.

d) Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle (Langton) i) explained the role of the Langton Matravers Old Malthouse Community Group in working to retain the whole OMH site for educational use, and asked the Council to support **LOMHCG's petition to get PDC's SHLAA (Jan 2018) overturned** on the grounds that there are serious material constraints on the site which cannot be overcome. ii) he is concerned that the part of the **Priest's Way** going to South Barn has been damaged by heavy vehicles as well as bad weather; the Council is duty-bound, following external funding for the initial restoration, to ensure that the track is maintained.

The meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a) **Crack Lane**: Cllr Loudoun noted in relation to the March Minutes thanking him for his work there, that in fact the clearance was, he thinks, done by DCC.

c) i) **Bus cage**: It was agreed to seek clarification on the law regarding parking on pavements. ***ACTION: Clerk to print off more Police advisory notices to distribute, and write in the Dubber about the importance of parking safely, legally and considerately.***

8. Deterioration of Priest's Way. Jon Kershaw (NT) said that DCC will be asked if they did a 'condition assessment' when the original work was complete. Mr Kershaw accepts that the condition of the track is

partly the responsibility of the National Trust and its tenants. **ACTION: Clerk to write formally to the NT (JK) encouraging them to put the remedial work in hand as soon as possible.**

9. Planning Matters. 1,2. There were none.

3. Planning Decisions affecting the parish since the last Parish Council meeting.

a) [TWA/2018/029](#) Mr Simon Ferris, The Rectory, St Georges Close, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HZ. (T1) Mulberry - reduce tree's diameter spread by removal of 2-2.5m from branches extending from limbs on ground back to suitable pruning points not beyond point where supported by the ground; crown lift to approximately 1.8m above ground - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **No Objection**

b) [6/2018/0033](#) Mr D Gladding, Coridon, 3 Steppes Hill, Langton Matravers, BH19 3ET. Erect single storey rear extension. **APPROVED.**

c) [6/2018/0095](#) Mr and Mrs M Robinson, Meadowcroft, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HG. Demolish existing conservatory and erect a single storey rear extension. Erect a single storey side extension (annexe). **WITHDRAWN**

d) [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. **WITHDRAWN.**

e) [6/2017/0738](#) HPB Management Limited, Langton House, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HG. Erection of 5 two storey buildings for use as holiday lets. **WITHDRAWN**

4. Other Planning Matters: After discussion it was **RESOLVED: To write a letter of support for application [6/2017/0683](#) Mr S Legg & Mrs K Cobb, Putlake Adventure Farm, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3EU, which goes to PDC Planning Cttee on 25<sup>th</sup> April, asking members to look favourably on a small extension to the number of days camping presently allowed.**

10. Minutes of the Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> March were also agreed to be a correct record and signed.

11. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

12. The Clerk's Report for the period 28.2. – 3.4.2018. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item A2). Data Protection. **ACTION: Policy and Governance Cttee. to develop proposals for GDPR compliance for PC approval.**

b) Item B6). CiLCA. The Council formally congratulated the Clerk on gaining her Certificate in Local Council Administration.

c) Item C(A4). OMH SHLAA petition. After discussion it was **RESOLVED: To instruct the Clerk to sign the petition on behalf of the Council, and to write separately to PDC to record the PC's formal concerns.** It was also **RESOLVED: To write to PDC to ask that they ask LMPC for comments about any land put forward for SHLAA in the parish in future.**

d) Item D(A14). Chairs' and Clerks' Meeting, PDC, 26<sup>th</sup> April. There were no formal proposals for agenda items not already requested by other parishes.

**The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.**

13. Chairman's Announcements. a) As the Clerk is now suitably qualified and Councillors were all elected at the last election, it was **RESOLVED: That this Council meets the criteria for eligibility and declares that it has the General Power of Competence.**

b) Cllrs had learned from agenda papers for a PDC Policy Group meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 that PDC officers recommend the **transfer of the Timson cottages**, presently run by the Timson Trust, to the new Unitary Authority when PDC ceases to exist: it was suggested in the papers that rents might be charged in future and the cottages used for temporary accommodation, which is against the terms of Mrs E M Timson's will. It was **RESOLVED: i) To write immediately to members of the PDC Policy Group indicating the Council's concerns and asking that the cottages be transferred to LMPC: ii) To write to Humphries Kirk, Executors of the will, informing them of LMPC's concerns in the matter.** It was further **RESOLVED: to send copies of the letter to other members of PDC if/when appropriate.**

**RESOLVED: That this Council is prepared in principle to take on the responsibility of the Timson cottages and continue to run them in perpetuity. ACTION: Cllr Knight and Clerk to draft/send letters. ACTION: Cllr Knight to speak at PDC Policy Group meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April.**

14. District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell has proposed a **local internet forum** relating to the changes in Local Govt. which can be accessed by Parish Councillors. A report on the latest version of the **Local Plan** will be released next week.

15. Renewal of White Hazard Warning lines on B3069 between Langton and Kingston. **RESOLVED: That this Council agrees in principle to pay DCC £550 for new lines on the B3069 between Langton and Kingston, subject to discussion with Worth and a request for contributions from quarry owners.**

16. Revision of Snow plan. As Spring is on the way, it was agreed to leave the matter on the table.

17. Allotment Lease Renewal. The lease expires on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. It was **RESOLVED: To ask the National Trust for a new lease for the next ten years under the same conditions.**

18. Plan for Parish Assembly. Cllr Drayson asked everyone to come and support the Assembly, and to bring contributions of food for refreshments.

19. Financial Matters:

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

£ 60.00 Allotment rents 2018.

£ 200.00 Monument fee, the late Anthony Baxter, Ploy J19.

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

£ 778.97 Clerk's salary (March).

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

£ 125.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance + new dog bin post (March).

£ 135.00 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (March).

£ 60.00 LCPAS – new Data Protection Regulations packs (x2).

£ 69.06 Water2Business – water supply to Public Toilets 20/9/2017 – 20/03/2018

£ 14.60 Water2Business – water supply to allotments, 15.9 .2017 – 21.3.2018.

£ 15.00 DAPTC – Clerk training on Intro to new Auditor and new Limited Assurance.

£ 720.00 DCC Highways – dropped kerb at St George's Close.

£ 87.68 Electricity supply to Public Toilets 21 Dec 2017 – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

£ 274.85 National Trust – Allotment rent 1<sup>st</sup> April -31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

£ 70.00 DAPTC – Annual Conference fee.

£ 26.94 Mike Collins – materials for repair of Village sign. (CASH payment).

£ 20.58 Ryman – office sundries. (CASH).

(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) **RESOLVED: To approve the annual internally-audited accounts.**

20. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting, to include Annual Parish Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7 pm.

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

Closed 8.59 pm.

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