

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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

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

There were 6 members of the public present, and County Cllr Cherry Brooks.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr Lucas, RoWLO Christopher Hedley.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Turner, Planning Item 1a).

3. National Trust Report. A contractor, Andrews, has been appointed to do the **remedial work on the Priests' Way**. At the November meeting Mr Kershaw will be presenting more detail about installation of **new fences and access points at Acton**; maps for the PC will be available. There has been further work on access infrastructure along the SW Coast path, including pitching work on the new path to Dancing Ledge. The Trust have started a new conservation project to promote higher nature standards: 5,000 hectares are designated for the SW. One option to help to fund the project might mean that some buildings owned by the Trust may in future be used for holiday letting. Five rangers are currently employed in the area in order to keep up the level of support needed to manage the estate, access infrastructure etc. Cllr Drayson noted her strong objection to any increased use of NT housing for holiday lets, and suggested that the Trust find other ways to increase its funding. Cllr Loudoun said that the Trust is primarily a conservation body, not a social housing provider. The Chair asked for details of the new project so that LMPC may give a considered response. ***ACTION: Jon Kershaw to provide further information.*** Mr Kershaw was thanked for his report.

4. RoWLO report. None.

5. County Councillor's report. Matt Prosser has been appointed as the **new Chief Executive**, and is now working with the Shadow Executive. The aim is to get all legal and financial instruments in place by 1st April: matters such as Area Boards will be addressed thereafter. The **Policy Development Panel** called by Cllr Brooks to address issues of the results of undue cost-cutting of the Highways budget has had its proposal accepted by Council: £1.4 million more will be put into the road-mending budget in the next three months, and more next year. This means, amongst other things, that pavements etc. in Conservation Areas will no longer be patched with tarmac. DCC has informed the landlord of the King's Arms at Langton that **barrels must be removed from the footway outside the pub** as a matter of highway safety. They will work with the landlord to ensure that his business is supported, and look for a solution. Cllr Brooks was thanked for her report.

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

a) Jon Kershaw informed the Council that there had been **no evictions of long-term NT tenants** in the previous 15 years while he has been working for the Trust. In response to a question from Dr Spilling, he said that holiday lets produce a much bigger income than ordinary rents.

b) Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle a) supported the NT's plans to move forward with the **remedial work on the Priests' Way**; he hopes that the worst section, between Spyway Barn and South Barn will be addressed: b) as a member of the **OMH Community Group**, he reported that the purchase of the site by Stour Developments is in its closing stages, though at present the Cothill Trust retain responsibility for the maintenance of buildings and grounds. The Chair thanked Mr V-A for the update.

c) Jasmine Cattle asked if there had been any more progress with mending the **wall between the closed cemetery and the Old Rectory**.

d) George Crabb asked, following the **grant of planning permission on appeal at Durnford Drove**, if the Council could write to express its disapproval.

The meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a) Closed cemetery wall. The Clerk had repeatedly contacted the PDC Tree Officer involved (trees have to be taken down before the wall can be rebuilt), so far without success. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up with PDC.**

b) Letter to Inspector re: Planning appeal at Durnford Drove. After discussion and a formal proposal, on the Chair's casting vote the Council decided not to write to the Inspector.

c) OMH site. Following a question from Cllr Drayson as to whom to contact if there are concerns about the state of the site, Mr V-A was permitted to reply that the Cothill Estate bursar is the responsible person.

8. Planning Matters.

1. Receive comments from the public concerning the following plan:- None.

2. a) [6/2018/0496](#) Mr S Fenech, Hollyhocks, The Hyde, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HE. Roof extension including the addition of dormer windows, roof lights and a Juliet balcony. **No Objection.**

3. a) [6/2018/0399](#) Mr Richard Simpson, Crab Apple Cottage, The Hyde, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HE. Convert and extend existing garage to form lounge and entrance hall, alter existing garage roof and insert rooflights. **Approved.**

b) [6/2018/0409](#) Mr and Mrs Derek Gillingwater, 57 High Street, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HA. Remove existing rear first floor vertical sliding sash window and install a painted timber casement window to the existing opening. **Approved.**

c) a) **PINS Appeal Reference Number:** APP/B1225/W/18/3201451 **Appellant:** Mr & Mrs Smith. **Location:** Land adjacent to Meadowcroft, Durnford Drove, LANGTON MATRAVERS, BH19 3HG **Description:** Erect two dwellings on a vacant plot and alter access. **Planning Permission granted.**

4. Other planning matters. None.

9. Minutes of the Meeting held 13th September 2018. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed. The confidential minute was also approved and signed. The Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting on 27th September were also agreed to be a correct record and signed.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 5.9.-5.10. 2018. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item A8. PDC Local Plan, Pre-submission Publication. Following her attendance and presentation at the PDC meeting on 9th Oct. at which the plan was discussed, Cllr Drayson has been invited to a meeting with PDC Planning Officers and Cllrs Suttle and Miller to consider strengthening the wording of the proposed 2nd Homes policy. She asked if she should go as an LMPC representative or a private individual. As LMPC's latest comments on the plan were those of the Extraordinary Meeting on 27th September, the Chair suggested that she attend as an individual.

b) Item A16. 'Pub damaging character of village'. The Chair noted that matters raised in Mr and Mrs Collins's letter are the responsibility of the DCC Highways and PDC Environmental Health departments. The Clerk has already contacted as necessary and action was being taken. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Mr and Mrs Collins.**

c) Item C1. New Slide supports at Play Area. It was agreed to get quotes from other suppliers. **ACTION: Clerk, Cllr Christie.**

d) Item C2. It was agreed to support Friends of the Woodland Trail's Wassail event next January, to be held in the Council's Community Orchard.

e) Item C3. **RESOLVED: To accept all proposed dates for LMPC meetings in 2019, including Parish Assembly on April 24th.**

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 30th October 2018

12. Chairman's Announcements. All Cllrs are invited by Mr and Mrs Senior to attend the inauguration of the new War Memorial at 2.30 pm on 11th November.

13. District Councillor's Report. The PDC Local Plan will be going out to consultation on 22nd October, before being presented to the Inspector.

14. Traffic in Langton. Cllr Christie had circulated a discussion paper with several proposals to alleviate traffic issues in the parish. Cllr Loudoun noted that it should have contained a proposal for Gypshayes, that there be yellow lines down the S side. Cllr Lovell disagreed. It was agreed that the Traffic Working

group should fine-tune proposals, and prepare the document for consultation with parishioners. **ACTION: Cllr Christie and group.**

15. Snow Plan update. It was agreed to include Cllr Christie as Co-ordinator and make other minor changes to the Snow Plan. Cllrs were unsure about the best position for the remaining grit bin. **ACTION: Clerk to update document and do research with Highways: Cllr Loudoun to try out possible site below phone box ?**

16. Annual Allotment fee review. As the water bill had increased considerably, it was **RESOLVED: To increase the fee for 2019 by £10 for a full plot and £5 for a half plot (£70 and £35 per year).**

17. Planning for Local Democracy. The Clerk outlined plans for a poster campaign and a public meeting on 22nd November to inform parishioners about the role of the Council and to encourage them to consider standing as a Parish Councillor next May. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Cllrs to see if they can make 22nd November, and publicise event.**

18. SAC and SEDACC members: **RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr Loudoun as Chair of SAC (Cllr Loudoun to appoint rest of cttee as necessary): To appoint Cllr Drayson as 3rd member of SEDACC, joining Chair and Vice-Chair already appointed.**

19. Cycling Consultation. Council agreed with several proposals, though Cllrs felt that issues related to speed, warning devices, insurance and identification were not adequately addressed. **RESOLVED to answer 'Yes' to qus 1-5, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16. ACTION: Clerk to feed back.**

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

£ 12,780 PDC – 2nd Half Year precept payment 2018-19.

£ 75.00 Mrs M. Glassock – Interment of Ashes fee, the late Michael Glassock, Plot P18a

£ 100.00 Mrs T. Roe, Monument fee, the late John Roe, Plot A17.

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

£ 794.53 Clerk's salary (September).

£ 12.77 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (September).

£ 150.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (September).

£ 454.00 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets + supplies (September).

£ 2,994.00 Morelock Signs Ltd – SID and associated equipment.(Already paid).

£ 240.00 PKF Littlejohn – Annual External Audit.

£ 20.00 St George's PCC – Hire of Church for Extraordinary Meeting 27th Sept.

£ 74.84 Southern Electric – supply to Toilet Block 26th June – 24th September.

£ 173.30 Water2Business – water supply to Toilet block 21st March – 20th Sept.2018.

£ 420.71 Water2Business – water supply to Allotments 22nd March – 21st Sept. 2018.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 53.93 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (September).

£ 23.83 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension. (September)

4) Any other Financial Matters: a) **RESOLVED: To accept Tenders from ITB Gardening Ltd and Elliots Cleaning Co for 2018-2023.** (the only tenders in each case). Cllr Loudoun asked to see the specification for works at the cemetery. **ACTION: Clerk.** b) **RESOLVED: To accept and approve the accounts for the 2nd quarter.**

21. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 8th November 2018 at 7 pm, Village Hall.

22. Confidential Item: Cllrs only.

23. Additional Items for future meetings: None

Closed 9.30 pm.

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