

# Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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## Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th November 2018 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllr W Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Christie, M Turner, P White, P Loudoun, C Drayson, M Lovell. Cllr Lucas joined the meeting during Item 10.

There were 8 members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr Sheppard.

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

3. National Trust Report. Mr Kershaw thanked the 14 volunteers who had attended the **Woodland Day**. Wood produced is now being used for beacons and other events at the castle. Andrews Plant will be starting the **remedial work on the Priests' Way** before Xmas. Pitching work continues on the new **path to Dancing Ledge**. Mr Kershaw gave more detail on the **environmental project** which the Trust has rolled out nationally, in conjunction with their tenants. He offered the Council a presentation on the topic for the January meeting. Mr Kershaw has also been working with Cllr Loudoun and DCC water management team to look at **water run-off issues** to the South of the village. The Chair thanked Mr Kershaw for his report and asked for a full written version giving more detail of the environmental project. **ACTION Mr Kershaw**. The Council agreed that they would like a presentation, but it might be better as an open meeting which the public could attend and ask questions. **ACTION: JK to liaise with Clerk about possible date etc.**

4. County Councillor's report. Cllr Brooks was not present and had not sent a report.

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

a) Chris Spilling reported a successful year for the **Woodland Trail and Community Orchard**. The Woodland Trust are offering **free saplings** which could be used to fill some of the gaps along the northern boundary left by DCC's fencing work; would the Council like him to request some of these ?

b) Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle said that we owe Mr Kershaw and his team a **vote of thanks** for all they do in the area; he thanked JK personally, and the Council also recorded their thanks.

c) Tim Cattle noted his **support for the King's Arms**, and said that the Council should support local businesses. Having grown up in the village and recently returned to live, he is disappointed in how the **village and its community spirit have declined** since he has been away.

d) Both Maureen Sizer and George Crabb expressed concern about a proposal to have **yellow lines in Gypshayes**. George is also concerned about **access for emergency vehicles in Durnford Drove**. He noted that **Spyway car park** is no longer fit for purpose and asked that its use be reviewed.

e) Kay Burgess asked the Council to support her planning application (**7.1.a**) for off-road parking on the corner of Three Acre Lane.

The meeting was reconvened.

6. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a) Sapling request. All in favour. **ACTION: Dr Spilling.**

c) Support for Kings Arms and changes in village and community spirit. The Chair thanked Mr Cattle for his comments and advised that the Council does not get involved in civil disputes. Other Cllrs observed the loss of football teams etc., the adverse effect of second and holiday homes and the difficulty of encouraging volunteers to get involved. Cllr White encouraged positive thinking on the matter.

d) Traffic issues in the village. Cllr Christie and team have made proposals which address several problem areas, and he is in the process of preparing a questionnaire for parishioners so everyone can give their views; this may go to all homes, and will be on the website: the team are 'open to meaningful suggestions'. **ACTION: Cllr Christie, Clerk.**

8. Planning Matters.

1. Receive comments from the public concerning the following plan:- None.
2. a) 6/2018/0544 Mrs Kay Burgess, 1 Serrells Oak, Coombe Hill, Coombe, Langton Matravers Swanage, BH19 3DW. Create a 2 car driveway by extending the existing dropped kerb & by removing part of wall, a tree & 2 holly bushes. **No Objection**  
b) TWA/2018/203 Mr Dennis Browne, Mulberry Cottage, 62 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (G1) Group of bay & unknown bush - prune to lower height - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Leave decision to Tree Officer.**
3. a) TWA/2018/161 Mr Dennis Browne, Mulberry Cottage, High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (T4) Horse chestnut - re-pollard just above previous pruning points - Langton Matravers Conservation Area **Approved**  
b) 6/2018/0372 Mr K&S Bower, Verney Farm, Gully, Swanage, BH19 3EX. Erect an agricultural workers dwelling to replace temporary agricultural workers caravan. **Approved**  
c) 6/2017/0683 Mr S Legg and Mrs K Cobb, Putlake Adventure Farm, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3EU. Extension of existing shop for class use A1 (retail), removal of condition 6 of 6/2009/0584 restricting goods which may be sold and change to general Class use A1 (retail) including post office, removal of condition 7 of 6/2009/0584 restricting opening hours of 10am to 5pm, change of use of part of Mainhyde Field to use as a car park, change of use of field to North East of farmyard to use as a campsite for 60 days from Easter to the end of October annually. **Approved**
4. Other planning matters. The Clerk was asked to check that the condition on 3b) the agricultural building, that it remain as such, is in place. **ACTION: Clerk.**
9. Minutes of the Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed. The confidential minute was also approved and signed.
9. Matters Arising from the Minutes. Item 11c) New Slide supports at Play Area. Southern Counties Engineering have had their estimate accepted by the Clerk, and will complete the work shortly.
10. The Clerk's Report for the period 6.10. – 30.10.2018. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.
  - a) Item A2. Langton's new SID has been inadvertently dispatched to Ireland. A replacement will be sent at the end of the month. Signs have been offered as a goodwill gesture.
  - b) Item A8. 'Recharging' for costs of the next Parish Council election. Langton's charge is likely to be about £1,140, and this figure will be included in the next budget.
  - c) Senior wall claim (A20, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018): The Clerk updated the Council regarding Mr David Senior's claim against the Council for damage to his wall which he says resulted from the position of the Council's grit bin: he claims that it affected ivy growing in his adjacent wall. He has sent a bill for interim work. The Council, without prejudice, has asked Mr Senior to present a formal claim based on legal principles which can be passed to the Council's insurers for consideration.
  - d) Item A11. PDC Local Plan Consultation. The Chair noted that the consultation related to due process in preparation of the plan, rather than content. After discussion, Council **RESOLVED to: Record its concern that PDC have not followed due process in preparation of the plan for final consultation, in that although key policies were in place, several significant evidence documents giving supporting detail which enabled proper understanding of the impact of these policies were not made available to the public until the actual start of the consultation.**  
Cllr Lucas joined the meeting.
  - e) Item B3. Ferry Toll increases. (Matter raised at the 'Rowbarrow Hundred' meeting). It was agreed to send a letter to our MP objecting to the proposed increases and asking him to lobby the Minister concerned, with a copy to Cllr G Suttle. **ACTION: Clerk**
  - f) Item C2. Proposed Dorset National Park Update. It was agreed to accept Mr Brown's invitation to update the Council at the December meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Mr Brown.**
  - g) Timson Cottages. It was agreed to welcome the PDC Policy Group recommendation made on 17<sup>th</sup> October to set up a legally-constituted Trust to manage the cottages. **ACTION: Clerk to write to PDC Cllrs asking them to support the proposal, with priority for local elderly people.**
- The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018**
11. Chairman's Announcements. Cllr Sheppard will be resigning in December. As there are less than six months before the next election, there is no requirement to advertise a vacancy or co-opt. The Council agreed that they are happy to leave the vacancy unfilled in these circumstances.

12. District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell had represented the district at a meeting of the Dorset Health Scrutiny Cttee which had agreed to send the **CCG proposals for future Dorset Healthcare** back to the Secretary of State for Health for review. He has been liaising with DCC Highways engineers about the 'fine tuning' of the layout of the **new Coombe corner junction**, which is almost complete.

13. Snow Plan update. It was **RESOLVED: That the 'spare' grit bin be placed east of the phone box on the High Street near the King's Arms.** **ACTION: Clerk to unlock bin and advise DCC of new position.**

14. Trees at Hyde/Closed cemetery. a) Cllr Drayson proposed that the Council plant a replacement tree, type of its choice, somewhere other than the end of the Hyde, where it would block visibility for exiting vehicles. Cllr Knight reminded the meeting that the decision to approve the planting of a crab apple tree to replace a tree felled at the end of the Hyde had been made by the Council in 2016 and was now a DCC matter. It was suggested that a rowan be planted instead. It was agreed to ask DCC to vary the condition of the Tree Works Application to do this. **ACTION: Clerk.** b) Cllr Loudoun had discussed the condition of the wych elm in the closed cemetery with DCC's Tree Officer, and the order to fell has been revoked. Cllr Loudoun had also spoken to David Kitcatt, DCC's Building Control Manager, who said that his main concern is safety, and that the owner of the Old Rectory is not obliged to either remove the saplings in the Old Rectory garden which have pushed his wall over, or rebuild the wall. It was agreed to send an encouraging letter to the owner of the Old Rectory advising him that the elm is not causing a problem with the wall and therefore will not be felled, and looking forward to the rebuilding of his wall. **ACTION: Clerk.** It was agreed to put the matter of Closed Cemetery Maintenance on the next agenda.

15. Financial Matters:

(1) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting: None.

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

£ 794.53	Clerk's salary (October).
£ 12.77	HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (October).
£ 150.00	Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (October).
£ 487.50	Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets + Bus shelter (October).
£ 70.00	DAPTC – Clerk's seminar fee.
£ 384.00	Flavourfy – Website hosting and annual retainer.
£ 18.00	Scott Estate – Rent for Toilet block site 2018-19.
£ 20.00	St George's Church PCC – Hire of church for Local Democracy meeting 22nd

November.

£ 25.00	British Legion – poppy wreath for new war memorial – CASH payment.
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(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 53.93	XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (October).
£ 23.83	NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (October)

(4) Any other Financial Matters: Mis - recording of SSE payment (July minutes). **RESOLVED to alter record of SSE payment in July minutes from £145 to £165.** The Chair signed the amendment.

16. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7 pm, Village Hall.

17. Confidential Item: Cllrs only.

18. Additional Items for future meetings: Approve new Allotment Lease / Approve budget / Closed Cemetery Maintenance / Review of National Parks and AONB consultation / Comments on Proposed Dorset National Park plans..

Closed 8.55 pm.

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