

# Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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## **Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 13th December 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 8 members of the public present, including PCSO Carl Snooks.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. County Cllr Brooks, Jon Kershaw (NT), Christopher Hedley (RoWLO).
2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. None.
3. National Park Update. Mr Richard Brown explained that the proposed park would be a form of 'specialist local authority', which will manage Heritage and tourism, be a planning authority with a remit to provide genuinely affordable homes in the area, and promote the economic and social wellbeing of local communities. The park would not be subject to top-down assessments of housing numbers. 25% of the management board would be Town and Parish Councillors. Funding comes from central Govt.
4. National Trust Report. The Trust held a successful **Woodland Day** in early December, and will be having another on Jan.5th: meet Wilkswood Farm 10.30 am. **Fencing in the Acton area** will take place in January, following feedback from residents about access points etc. **Priest's Way restoration work** has been held up by bad weather. The Trust will shortly be reviewing their **Coasteering/Activity group Code of Conduct** and booking system; the Council will consider this at the January meeting. The Trust will give a presentation at the start of the Council's meeting on 14th February 2019 about their new national environmental project 'Land Outdoors and Nature'(LON).
5. County Councillor's report. (Read by Clerk) The Shadow Council is now taking more responsibility, so little to report from County. Cllr Brooks has been selected as the Conservative candidate for the South East Purbeck Ward.
6. Public Discussion Period. The meeting was adjourned for this agenda item.
  - a) PCSO Carl Snooks issued a short report advising members of the public to be especially vigilant over the Christmas period, not leaving Christmas presents on view to opportunistic thieves. Parishioners should feel free to say 'no' to eg. released prisoners selling door-to-door.
  - b) Chris Spilling reported that his bid for saplings for the **Woodland Trail and Community Orchard** had been successful: St George's School Nature Club plan to come and help with planting in the Spring.
  - c) Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle reported that the **Old Malthouse site** has been deemed by PDC to be unsuitable for large-scale development (see SHLAA). Stour Developments now own the site and are presently selling the Science block. It is likely that Stour Developments will initially concentrate on the area inside the Settlement Boundary, as it is potentially less contentious.
  - d) Maggie Sutton (Acton) reported that an **Acton Residents Association** had been formed in July. Representatives had met Jon Kershaw to discuss NT plans perimeter fencing in the area and discuss issues relating to access points, boundaries and parking. Ms Sutton will meet Mr Kershaw again in mid-January to finalise plans
  - e) George Crabb i) noted that a Fire engine on call had been forced to stop at the new **Coombe Junction** to let a bus get out before proceeding; ii) asked that a letter go to David Senior, thanking him for the **new war memorial** project.
  - f) Tim Cattle i) noted that some bus drivers are having problems with the **new junction**; ii) has concerns that the National Trust are planning to **use some local housing stock for holiday lets** as part of the LON project, rather than supporting the local community by using it for local needs housing.
  - g) Jasmine Cattle asked if there was any progress with the rebuilding of the **Old Rectory wall**.

The meeting was reconvened.

## 7. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

The Chair welcomed updates regarding the Woodland Trail trees, Old Malthouse and fencing at Acton.

e.i)/f.i) Coombe Junction. While acknowledging issues reported, it was noted that pedestrian safety is definitely improved, with traffic joining the B3069 proceeding more slowly. Traffic on the B3069 eastbound should turn left at Three Acre lane if intending to travel in a Wareham direction, rather than attempting to turn left at Coombe. It was **RESOLVED: To express concern to DCC Highways that plans to extend the speed limit of 30mph past the junction westwards had not so far been implemented, and ask that this be done**. Regarding the matter of the Fire Engine etc, it was agreed to wait until after Andrew Bradley has carried out a Safety Audit of the layout, hopefully before Christmas, and consider the results of the audit at the January meeting.

e.ii) It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Mr Senior about the new War Memorial. **ACTION: Clerk**

f.ii) Use of NT Housing Stock. The matter will be addressed at the February meeting when the NT will provide a presentation and Q&A.

## 8. Planning Matters.

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

2. a) TWA/2018/245 Dr Christopher Spilling, Garfield Cottage, Garfield Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HJ. (T1) Lime - remove limbs marked in yellow on submitted photograph 'Photo 2' - Langton Matravers CA. **Leave decision to Tree Officer**.

b) TWA/2018/229 Mr Gavin Bibra, 66 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (T1) Silver birch - fell to ground level; (G1) Ash x3 - remove dead wood; (T2) Ash - reduce branch growing towards property by 2m, remove dead wood; (T3) Lombardy poplar - fell to ground level - Langton Matravers. **LDTO (as above)**.

c) TWA/2018/230 Mrs Hazel Dorrington, Stoney Yarrows, St Georges Close, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HZ. (T1) Goat willow - reduce entire crown by 3-4m retaining the natural shape of the tree; remove major dead wood, crossing and rubbing branches - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **LDTO**.

d) TWA/2018/239 Mrs Diana Butement, Durnford House, 64 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (T1) Eucalyptus - fell; (G1) Sycamores - pollard by removal of all branches back to main stem - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **LDTO**.

**3. Applications decided by PDC since the last meeting:**

a) 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. **Approved**

b) 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. **Approved**

4. Other planning matters: The Reserved Matters application relating to the Spyway Orchard site will be held over to the January meeting to give parishioners a chance to make their views known to LMPC.

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

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes. There were none.

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 31.10 - 4.12.2018. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item A6. Wytch farm business update (Perenco). Cllrs Lovell and Drayson had attended. Oil is still being produced at the rate of 20,000 barrels per day, though a new electricity system is being planned to support production. Further exploration is being carried out, and refining sometimes takes place beyond Fawley. Perenco support local good causes with funding.

b) Item C1 (A7). Tree at end of Hyde: DCC Tree Officers had offered a *sorbus aria* (Whitebeam) instead of a crab apple tree: the Council preferred this option, though asked if it could be planted elsewhere. **ACTION: Clerk to advise PDC**. Cllr Loudoun suggested that the Council develop a policy to encourage replacement of any trees felled, at another location; this will be discussed at the January meeting.

c) Item D.1 (A14) SID Deployment. **RESOLVED: To accept DCC Highways' quotation of £500 p.a. for deployment, plus associated setup costs**. The Chair suggested that future deployment costs should be discussed with the Rowbarrow Hundred group to see if joint savings could be made. **ACTION: Clerk**.

d) Item D.2. (A.16) DAPTC Planning Training. It was agreed to review after election of the new Council. **The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

12. Chairman's Announcements. The Chair paid tribute to Cllr Sheppard, who is stepping down as a Councillor as from this meeting, thanking him for his wise and insightful contributions to debate.

13. Allotment Lease 2019-29. **RESOLVED; To accept the draft lease as presented by the NT. ACTION: Clerk to ask land agent to prepare copies of lease to sign.**

14. Comments on proposed Dorset National Park Plans. After discussion, the Council resolved to respond to the Glover Review consultation by saying: ***'While LMPC wishes to record their desire to maximise democratic involvement, they fully support the proposal for a Dorset National Park.'***

15. Review of National Parks and AONB Consultation. Questions 15, 18 and 20 were directly addressed. ***RESOLVED: Qu 15: 'LMPC would like to see an increase in democratic representation as may be required'. Qu.18: LMPC are concerned that in the recent past funding for National Parks has been reduced: we would like to see historic funding replaced.' Qu.20: 'We encourage the Glover Review panel to support a Dorset National Park and to ask Natural England to undertake a full assessment at the earliest opportunity'.*** Richard Brown was permitted by the Chair to report that Ian Wilson, Assistant Director of the NT (SW Region) has said that all General Managers in the area support the Park proposal. The National Park team were congratulated for work already done on the project, and formal thanks were extended by LMPC.

16. Closed Cemetery. ***RESOLVED: That PDC be asked what are their statutory obligations regarding the maintenance of Langton's Closed Cemetery. ACTION: Clerk.*** The Clerk will also write to Mr Haig of the Old Rectory encouraging him to rebuild his wall, as per minute 14, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.2018. ***ACTION: Clerk.***

17. Financial Matters:

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

- £ 40.00 Mr Gavin Curtis – Part payment on Burial Plot (T11) – CASH payment.
- £ 660.00 Mr Alan Audley - Burial plot purchase fee (R12).
- £ 580.00 James Smith – Burial Plot & interment fee, the late John Dawson. (U10).

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

- £ 794.53 Clerk's salary (November).
- £ 12.77 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (November).
- £ 153.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (November).
- £ 124.00 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets. (November).
- £ 167.64 Jelf - Allotment Insurance 2019.
- £ 195.00 LM Village Hall – Hire of Hall for 13 meetings in 2019.
- £ 89.97 Office Outlet – office supplies (cheque to M Lovell).
- £ 28.36 W H Smith – office supplies (cheque to Clerk).
- £ 60.72 OCS (Cannon Hygiene) – Sanitary Unit costs 2019.
- £ 79.18 HSDOnline – 2 x Toilet roll dispensers (cheque to Clerk).
- £ 58.00 Langton Matravers Post Office – 100 2<sup>nd</sup> Class stamps. CASH payment.
- £ 5.00 Ellis Jones – Commissioner's fee re: allotment lease. CASH payment.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

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

(4) Any other Financial Matters: ***RESOLVED: To approve the draft budget for 2018-19.***

18. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7 pm, Village Hall.

19. Additional Items for future meetings: Review Coastering Cde of Conduct / Replacement tree policy / DCC Highways explanation of 'Working Together' / Replacement of pavers in High Street / Results of Coombe junction Safety Audit.

Closed 9.22 pm.

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