

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 7 pm.

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

There were 12 members of the public present, and County Cllr Cherry Brooks.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. The meeting opened with a minute's silence to honour the memory of Reg Saville, who served as Parish Clerk between 1971 and 2008.

2. Apologies for absence. Cllr Knight, Christopher Hedley (RoWLO).

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

5. County Councillor's Report. The constitution for the Shadow Council was adopted at a recent meeting, including **arrangements for consultation with Town and Parish Councils on planning matters** in the future. This will be reviewed when the new Council starts. DCC Highway's new report on '**Working Together**' has not picked up on PDP agreements such as not using tarmac to mend pavements in Conservation Areas: Cllr Brooks is working to amend this. She recommended that she should be T&PC's first point of reference if we have Highways complaints/concerns not being addressed by DCC.

4. National Trust Presentation 'Land, Outdoors and Nature' and Report.

Using slides, ecologist David Brown explained the Trust's nationwide project to halt the decline in wild species in the natural environment, and measures which are being taken in Purbeck to work with tenants and on Trust-managed land in the area to improve, extend and join up natural habitats. He took questions from Cllrs and from the floor during Public Participation on sustainability, NT holiday cottages, pesticide use, impacts of tourism and farm subsidies.

Jon Kershaw reported that work on Priest's Way and the community woodland are complete, and 200m of stone wall had been restored in 2018. Meetings will be held with Acton and Acton Fields residents shortly. **ACTIONS: i) Clerk and JK to agree a date for LMPC's meeting with activity groups/NT about Code of Conduct and coastal activities. ii) JK to report back to LMPC on the results of meetings with Acton and Acton Fields residents/camp site owners.**

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

(Questions to the National Trust already noted in 4 above)

a) Mrs Ali Burnett, Trustee, St George's Pre-School, updated Council on the Pre-School's improved status, both financially and in terms of number of children on roll; they recently achieved a 'Good' Ofsted inspection. She asked for Council's support to fund a new outdoor playhouse for adventure play.

The meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion. As there had been insufficient time for a full discussion on matters raised in Items 4 and 6, Cllr Christie proposed an open meeting with the Trust in the future to explore the topics further; this will be on the next agenda.

8. Planning Matters.

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

2. a) [TWA/2019/008](#) Mr Roderick Watt, Grayling, Acton, Langton Matravers, BH19 3LA. (T1-T5) Cherry, bay and Sorbus - reduce and reshape by up to 2m to suitable pruning points leaving an even and flowing branch line - Acton Conservation Area.

The Council supports this application

b) [6/2019/0039](#) Dorset County Council, Leeson House Field Studies Centre, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3EU. Replace eight crittal windows with aluminium double glazed heritage windows. **No Objection**

c) [6/2019/0027](#) Mr and Mrs Earl, Peartrees, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3HG. Raise roof ridge height to form habitable accommodation at first floor including dormer window, roof lights and balcony to east elevation. Erect front porch. **No Objection**

d) [6/2019/0021](#) Lovell Purbeck Ltd, Quarry 4 Quarry Field Acton Swanage Dorset. Small western extension and deeper working to enable extraction of Downs vein stone beds at Quarry 4 Quarry Field Acton. **No Objection**

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

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 Conservation Area. **Approved**

4. T&PC Role in Planning after Local Government Reorganisation. Cllr Christie confirmed that, despite guidance from some sources, T&PCs are not statutory consultees for most planning applications: Council comments only have the same weight as comments from individuals. Cllr Christie will bring forward a proposal on the topic to the next meeting. ***ACTION: Matter to be raised with other Councils to see how they are proceeding (Cllr Christie and Clerk at Rowbarrow group).***

9. Minutes of the Meeting held 10th January 2019. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) Item 7a). **Coombe Junction**: Andrew Bradley has been advised of Dorset Waste Partnership's difficulties with negotiating the new junction.

b) Item 10b). **Closed Cemetery Wall**. The Clerk had discussed the matter with the manager of the Old Rectory: the work to remove necessary trees is now in hand, and the section of wall should be rebuilt shortly. Cllr Turner provided an annual LMPC report form 2006-7 which seemed to show that PDC had agreed then to regularly carry out other clearance work at the cemetery. ***ACTION: Clerk to check file on subject, as present PDC contract specification does not include such work, and refer back to PDC.***

c) Item 16). Traffic Questionnaire: so far, 58 responses: just over 10% of the total sent.

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 3.1. – 5.2.2019. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

A.1. B Graham, **Wild toileting** around village: it was agreed that Bridget's letter should be discussed at the NT/LMPC meeting with activity groups. ***ACTION: Clerk.***

B.8. Cllr Lovell reported that a meeting will be held on 19th February to discuss the terms of the setting up of the new **Timson Trust**. He will report back to LMPC's next meeting. ***ACTION: Cllr Lovell.***

C.1. Council agreed that a notice should go in the Dubber and on the website encouraging **nominations for the new Council**.

C.2. RESOLVED: To allow up to £500 to purchase a new laser printer/scanner for the office. Cllrs Christie and Lovell will research best possibilities, and purchase.

C.3. RESOLVED: To hold the Parish Assembly on Weds April 24th: £100 be made available for refreshments. ***ACTION: Cllr Drayson, Clerk.***

(Items C2 and C3 were not on the Clerk's report, but Council agreed that, owing to tight timing issues, they could be discussed.)

D.1. PDC – **Poole Harbour Supplementary Planning Document**. Cllrs agreed to ask Cllr Christie to prepare a response which could be circulated and sent on the Council's behalf. ***ACTION: Cllr Christie.***

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 5th March 2019.

12. Chairman's Announcements. None.

13. Replacement of Pavers in the High Street. Cllr Lovell had met with DCC Highways' Steve Mephram to find a way to avoid tarmac. After discussion it was ***RESOLVED: To buy a stock (initially 5 sq.m) of Wetson Bed paving from Keates' quarries @ £75 per sq.m. ex VAT, to be stored at Wilkswood Farm, for use by DCC when replacing pavers in the High Street as necessary. ACTION: Clerk to inform quarries who gave quotations and order stone when DCC ready.***

14. Crack Lane Cemetery Report. Cllrs Christie, Lovell and Loudoun had inspected the cemetery recently. Cllr Loudoun had mended the small upper gate and removed the redundant large gate on the North side of the drive. It was agreed to ask for quotations to treat the timbers and make other repairs to the cemetery shed: ***ACTION: Clerk.*** The Clerk has completed a digital version of the cemetery plan, showing interments as per the LMPC Burial records. This will be posted on the website and circulated to local funeral directors. ***ACTION: Clerk.***

15. Replacement Tree Policy. Cllr Loudoun had discussed his proposals with James Bennett, PDC Tree Officer, who says that only trees with a TPO are subject to mandatory replacement. Cllr Loudoun strongly recommends that LMPC always responds to TWAs, suggesting that we could offer a replanting site such

as the Woodland Trail if a tree is threatened with removal. **ACTION: Whole Council.** The matter to be referred to the Rowbarrow group for comment: **ACTION: Clerk.**

16. PDC Chairs and Clerks Meeting report. Cllr Drayson had attended on LMPC's behalf. This, the last meeting, included updates on the Local Plan and LGR: there is some concern as to whether the DAPTC Purbeck group meetings will continue after LGR.

17. Comments to PDC on new Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule. None.

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

£ 750.00 Allotment fees 2019.

£ 150.00 Interment of Ashes fee, the late Marion Attwood, Plot G7

£ 250.00 Interment fee, the late Reg Saville, Plot B7.

£ 330.00 Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial, Plot R16, the late Mark Kelly.

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

£ 794.53 Clerk's salary (January).

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

£ 0 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (January).

£ 163.50 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets and Bus shelter. (January).

£ 50.00. DAPTC, allotment seminar (Clerk) Oct. 2017.

£ 564.00 DCC – Solar panels and brackets for SID poles.

£ 408.00 Southern Counties Engineering – slide supports and swings mend.

£ 4.20 Office sundries – CASH payment to Clerk.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

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

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

(4) Any other Financial Matters: a) **RESOLVED: To approve grants under s137: Purbeck Citizens' Advice, £150; Burngate mental health project, £100; St George's Pre-School (playhouse), £200; Dubber, £200; Love Langton (Litter picks) £200 (to be paid when paperwork received).**

18. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 14th March 2019 at 7 pm, Village Hall.

19. Additional Items for future meetings: Meeting with National Trust / Role of T&PCs in Planning.

Closed 9.18 pm.

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