

# Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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

Present: Cllr W Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Christie, M Turner, P White, C Drayson,

There were 12 members of the public present, and Anthony Bird, PDC Case Officer for the Spyway Orchard application was also in attendance.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr Lovell, Cllr Loudoun, DCC Cllr Brooks.

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

3. National Trust Report. Following the departure of David Wraith, a **new Area Ranger**, Ben Cook, will be starting on 15<sup>th</sup> April. Mark Singleton is to be a **new Countryside Manager**, responsible for grasslands and heathlands: he was previously at RSPB Arne. The **activity providers' meeting** will be at Currendon on **30<sup>th</sup> April** at 7pm; all Cllrs are invited. Representatives from WMPC have also been invited. Mr Kershaw explained that the **controlled burning on North hill** is part of a five-year strategy to manage the gorse and return the down to chalk grassland. **ACTION: Cllrs Knight and Drayson to attend meeting: Clerk also to attend to take notes.** Mr Kershaw was thanked for his report.

4. RoWLO Report. Mr Hedley will walk the parish's footpaths in the next week and note any issues. He will also look at the **area South of Putlake affected by tractor work** mentioned in a letter of concern to the Council from a parishioner, and liaise with the NT and the parishioner. **ACTION: Mr Hedley, Mr Kershaw.** Cllr Knight thanked Mr Hedley for his report.

5. County Councillor's Report. Cllr Brooks was unable to be present, but asked that it be noted that she would continue as Shadow Cllr for our area until the May elections.

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

a) Vicky Marshall, resident of East Acton Fields, explained the problems experienced by residents of Acton Fields as a result of the **increased traffic to the campsite at Acton Field**. The bridleway which provides access goes past their front doors, and as vehicle size and numbers increase, this creates noise, dust etc. can the access be re-routed? Mr Kershaw reported that the NT will meet the campsite owners soon, and will then report back to Council on this and comments submitted by residents. **ACTION: JK**

b) David Senior, expressed concern that as Cllr Lovell, our District Cllr, is on PDC planning Cttee, **Langton has effectively no representative for planning matters**. The same applies to Cllr Brooks.

c) Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle thanked the National Trust and the RoWLO for their work on the repairs to **the Priests' Way**.

The meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Participation.

a) Acton Fields campsite access. It was agreed to seek clarification from PDC about the planning status of the camp site. **ACTION: Clerk.** Cllr Drayson noted that the site was being used for 'working holidays' and that there was a large replacement caravan. Cllr Knight asked that Mr Kershaw take back to the NT the Council and parishioners' concerns. **ACTION: Mr Kershaw.**

b) Planning Representation at PDC. Cllr Knight is happy to assume the role of 'Planning Cllr' if necessary. **ACTION: Clerk to ask if LMPC can call on a neighbouring District Cllr for this role if required.**

8. Planning Matters.

1. Receive comments from the public concerning the following plans: Letter from Mr and Mrs Priddle Re Item 4.2 (Changes to Spyway Orchard plan ([6/2018/0606](#))).

2. a) [6/2019/0075](#) Mr S Jones, 3 East Acton Field access To Acton Fields Langton Matravers BH19 3HR. Demolish existing garage and erect new garage. **No Objection**

b) [6/2019/0147](#) Lovell Purbeck Ltd. Quarry 4, Quarry Field, Acton, Swanage, Dorset. Purbeck limestone quarry with ancillary temporary overburden and soil storage area, without compliance with conditions 3, 6, 7 and 8 of permission 6/2012/0007 to facilitate extended and deeper quarrying. **No Objection**

c) [6/2019/0146](#) Lovell Purbeck Ltd. Quarry 4, Quarry Field, Acton, Swanage, Dorset. Continue small scale extension of quarry without compliance with conditions 3, 6, 7 and 8 of permission 6/2012/0006 to facilitate extended and deeper quarrying. **No Objection**

d) [6/2019/0132](#) Mr and Mrs B Donovan, Halam, Serrells Mead, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3JB. Single storey side extension & single storey extension. **No Objection**

e) [6/2019/0137](#) Mr and Mrs M Robinson, Meadowcroft, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HG. Replace existing conservatory. Erect a single storey side extension to create annexe. **No Objection.**

3. 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. **No Objection.**

b) [6/2018/0682](#) Mr A and Mrs W Paterson, Little Orchard, The Hyde, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HE. Roof extension including dormer window and rooflights. New porch canopy and detached workshop. **Approved**

c) [6/2018/0676](#) Mr D and Mrs L Browne, Mulberry Cottage, 62 High Street, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HB. Single storey side extension. **Approved**

d) [6/2018/0656](#) Mr K and S Bower, Verney Farm, Gully, Swanage, BH19 3EX. Non-material amendment to planning permission 6/2018/0372 (Erect agricultural workers dwelling to replace temporary agricultural workers caravan) to amend footprint, design and internal layout to allow for a continuous roof form. (For information only). **Approved**

e) [6/2019/0093](#) Mr Robert Ayres, Stone Haven, Acton, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3JS. Non material amendment to planning permission 6/2017/0635 (roof alterations to include amended loft layout and installation of two dormer windows in the northern roof slope) to replace 3 dormer window sides with glass and one with lead. **REFUSED**

4.1. **T&PC Role in Planning after Local Government Reorganisation.** As LMPC have not so far received any formal information about their future role in the planning system after the change to Dorset Council, it was **RESOLVED: To write to both the Shadow Council and Dorset Councils asking them to confirm that T&PCs will continue to have the same role in the Planning system as at present: will their views carry more weight than individual members of the public ?** It was also **RESOLVED: To lobby through Dorset Council/DAPTC to NALC to change the law so that T&PCs are statutory consultees for all aspects of the Planning system.** **ACTION: Clerk, Cllrs.** Mr Bird informed the meeting that, from April, there will be an 'East Area Planning Committee' based at Westport House.

2. **Changes to Spyway Orchard plan (6/2018/0606).** Mr Bird was thanked for his attendance. He explained the difference between 'Reserved Matters' and 'Planning Conditions' such as Drainage, Trees and Biodiversity relating to this application. The Conditions are dealt with separately from the Reserved Matters, and the developers must comply with these as well as the RMs. The RMs will go to Planning Cttee; the Conditions will not, as they are technical matters, but they can be referred by T&PCs. The applicants have revised several documents already, and Mr Bird said that is likely that the RMs will not go to Cttee until May, under the new Council, at which point there should be an opportunity for LMPC to comment further. Mr Bird was asked about who will be responsible for enforcement if there is a breach of planning control: he responded that there will still be an Enforcement Officer under DC, but that it is up to the public to play a role in raising concerns. In response to a question, he said that the emerging Local Plan will not affect the RMs for Spyway Orchard; however if the Cttee stage is further delayed, it may be relevant. The Clerk read out the letter of objection from Mr and Mrs Priddle about aspects of the RMs. Mr Bird noted that the s106 agreement for the site stated that the affordable homes must be affordable in perpetuity. It was hoped that the s106 fits with PDC's generic version, to which LMPC contributed.

9. **Minutes of the Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019.** These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

10. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.** a) Item 10b). **Closed Cemetery:** PDC had informed the Clerk that the contractors will be asked to undertake minor trimming of peripheral bushes etc. where possible. Council agreed to approve a request to PDC to trim a tree at the NW corner. Contractors had been using a ride-on-mower, contrary to specifications: this will also be reported to PDC. **ACTION: Clerk.**

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 6.2. – 5.3.2019. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

B5 Work at Play Area – It was agreed not to get balance stumps replaced. ***ACTION: Clerk to advise contractor, and put other work in hand.***

D1. Newquay traffic survey. The Clerk was authorised to fill this in on LMPC's behalf. ***ACTION: Clerk***

D2. Letter from Mr B Tomes offering funding for additional work at the Closed Cemetery. Though it was noted that LMPC has no responsibility for the Closed Cemetery, it was ***RESOLVED: To accept further donations to the Closed Cemetery Fund.*** Funds to be used for the mending of headstones; St George's PCC will be asked before any work is done. ***ACTION: Clerk to write to Mr Tomes, accepting his offer, with thanks.***

**The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019.**

12. Chairman's Announcements. The chair reminded the meeting of the LMPC elections to be held in May: nominations for Council are welcome by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Langton's Volunteer of the Year was Mrs Marjorie Glassock for her tireless work for good causes in the parish; she was congratulated on her award,

13. District Councillor's Report. The Clerk reported that Cllr Lovell had met the group involved with legally constituting the **Timson Trust**. The legal work is in progress; the new Trust will have 5 members, including 1 DC officer, 1 Dorset Council member, 2 LMPC members and a Langton parish member.

14. Results of Traffic Questionnaire. Cllrs Christie announced that there had been a 20% response to the questionnaire, with several suggestions. His team are considering ideas, and will report to a future meeting. ***ACTION: Cllrs Christie, Loudoun and White to prepare proposals.***

15. New Play Equipment. ***RESOLVED: To actively explore the provision of new play equipment for children and adults at the play area on St George's school field.*** It was proposed that parents, carers, school etc be invited to make suggestions/be involved. ***ACTION: All Cllrs. Clerk to research grant funding/costs etc.***

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

£ 250.00 Interment fee, the late Mark Kelly, Plot R16.

£ 40.00 Monument additional inscription fee – the late Marion Attwood, Plot G7.

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

£ 794.53 Clerk's salary (February).

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

£ 0 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (February).

£ 108.50 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (February).

£ 87.72 A R Harris – repairs to lighting at Public Conveniences.

£ 299.00. New colour printer/scanner (Currys) – cheque to P Christie (already paid).

£ 30.00 Whizzbits – work on sorting out old and setting up new printer – CASH

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 54.11 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (February).

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

(4) Any other Financial Matters: a) ***RESOLVED: To set up a savings account. ACTION Clerk.***

17. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7 pm, Village Hall.

18. Additional Items for future meetings: Meeting with National Trust re; Land/habitat management / Role of T&PCs in Local Government (PC) / Proposed Plan of Action relating to traffic/parking questionnaire, inc. Traffic wardens.

Closed 9.02 pm.

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

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