

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th October 2019 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllr W Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Christie, I Vaughan-Arbuckle, P White, D Pearson, P Loudoun, N Harding, A Bell, M Lovell.

There were 10 members of the public, and Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks arrived during the meeting. The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. None.

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

3. National Trust Report. Mark Singleton showed a map which indicated where **fencing** will go on National Trust land **at Acton, for grazing**, showing access points. The fencing will be going up over the winter. Cllr V-A asked that the NT ensure that Acton residents understand what is happening. Cllr Christie asked if the Trust are aware of a consultation about the storage of radioactive waste in the area, which took place last winter. Mr Singleton will ask colleagues. He was thanked for his report.

4. Rights of way Liaison Officer's report. Mr Hedley had recently cleared **Footpath 44** to St Michael's garage, which had been blocked by a fallen tree. He urged that people should send him reports of any footpath issues so that they can be sorted out. There is a problem with **standing water on the Priest's Way**, possibly caused by heavy vehicles: culverts need to be cleared. **ACTION: CH to liaise with Mark Singleton (NT) re: tenants and clearance of culverts.**

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

a) Jasmine Cattle expressed concern about i) the **speed and quantity of traffic going through the village.** ii) She deplored the **state of gutters and footways** which still are full of weeds in places.

b) Roger Free reported that the **SID is not working.** (This may be due to a lack of sunlight on that day).

c) Collette Drayson i) agreed that **speeding in the village** was terrible, and pedestrians did not feel safe on pavements. ii) Using volunteers to clear **gutters** is not an adequate solution.

d) Chris Spilling reported on a successful **Community Orchard Apple day**, with plenty of participants: some tidying happened as well as the apple-tasting, and the nest boxes were emptied. Three had nests, the contents of which will be passed to an expert for analysis.

e) Jan Marsh agreed that the **Priests Way** had been badly affected by large vehicles, particularly near the crossroads by Spyway barn.

f) Barrie Mayes observed that the latest Spyway Orchard development plans (Reserved Matters), apparently with Dorset Council planners, are not yet on their website. Ros Drane, from Dorset Planning East, had told Mr Mayes that Aster are planning a meeting with Alan Davies and Anthony Bird, both planning consultants attached to DPE. Mr Mayes is concerned that decisions may be made using delegated powers, rather than through the area Planning Committee, without the community having a further opportunity for comment, and urged this Council to ensure that this doesn't happen.

The meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Participation.

d) Mr and Mrs Spilling were thanked for their role in the Apple day.

f) Proposed Development at Spyway Orchard. Cllr Knight promised to hold an Extraordinary meeting to discuss the reserved matters once plans were in the public domain. It was suggested that LMPC should write to all members of the Planning Cttee advising them of the complexity and level of concern about the site before any decisions are made.

8. Planning Matters.

1. & 2. No plans had been received for comment.

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

a) 6/2019/0428 Mr and Mrs Roberts, Lifton, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, BH19 3DX. Use of part of an existing outbuilding as a separate dwelling Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing). **Approved**

b) TWA/2019/159 Mr Eric Bjorkstrand, Maycroft, Old Malthouse Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3JA. (T1) Maple - crown on northern side of tree to be reduced as part of planning permission ref. 6/2019/0291 - re-shape remaining crown by a maximum of 1m; (T2) Holly - trim away from telephone cables, reduce in size by approximately 30cm - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Approved**

c) 6/2019/0409 Mr and Mrs Hands, Sunray, East Drove, Langton Matravers BH19 3HF. Single storey side extension to existing bungalow. **Approved**

4. Any other planning matters: It was **RESOLVED: To invite Colin Graham to talk about Highways issues in relation to Planning applications, in particular about proposed Spyway Orchard and OMH developments. It was also agreed to invite a DCH officer to explain about weight and width restrictions and take general questions from members of the public. It was agreed to hold this meeting at 6.30 before the next Council meeting. ACTION: Clerk to arrange invitations etc.**

9. Minutes of the Meetings held 12th September 2019. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed. Minutes of the Confidential Item 20 were also approved.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) Saville Memorial bench. The Clerk had 2 prices for stone, 2 for wooden benches. It was **RESOLVED: To order a stone bench, with inscription, from Haysoms, for c.£2,000 to be installed by village sign at the edge of St George's Close. Public to be invited to contribute. ACTION: Clerk to order, announce in Dubber. Clerk and Cllr Lovell to devise suitable inscription.**

b) Item 9) Closure of Ship Inn. Ros Drane would like information from LMPC about closure date etc. **ACTION: Cllr Christie to find date.**

c) Item 9d) Trees at Spyway Orchard. Jenny Key (Tree Officer, DPE) advised that James Bennett had left DC. She is waiting for the revised Biodiversity and other plans from Aster before holding a site meeting.

d) Item 4. Dorset Council Climate change panel, Minutes are not apparently available, but reports of progress are on the DC website.

5. Dorset Councillor's Report. Cllr Brooks announced the first version of DC's **Corporate Plan**, which has gone to staff for consultation. The **Peer Review** has been mostly positive: a summary report will be sent to T&PCs shortly. **Children's services** are being revised, with a focus on maintaining support closer to children's own communities. DC are preparing for **Brexit**, with lots of information coming from Central Govt. DC will launch a **residents' survey**, to find out what the 'silent majority' want and need. This will inform a report to be published in December, which will support strategic planning. In response to a question about **parking on pavements**, Cllr Brooks said that DCH's Executive Advisory Panel will be looking at all Highways issues, including this: they must abide by the law. Cllr Christie asked if Cllr Brooks is aware of a consultation about the **storage of radioactive waste** in the area, which took place last winter. She will ask colleagues. Cllr Knight expressed concern that the new Planning Committee will not understand the issues involved in the proposed **Spyway Orchard application**: How can LMPC ensure that the concerns of the parish are effectively communicated to them? Cllr Brooks advised that Anna Lee, the new Manager of Dorset Planning East, will know about it, as will Cllrs Trite and Ezzard, two of the eleven-strong planning committee. **ACTION: Clerk to find names of other members of Planning Cttee.** Cllr Brooks was thanked for her report.

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 3.7. – 30.7.2019. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

A12. Introduction of Eurasian Beavers. The Council had no view on the subject. Mark Singleton (NT) advised that they create habitats.

A20. Dogs in Closed Cemetery After discussion it was **RESOLVED: To ask the PCC if they would be happy for LMPC to put a new 'No Dogs' sign on the Closed Cemetery gate ACTION: Clerk.**

B4. Peer Review. Cllr Knight asked that Cllr Brooks feed back the request from LMPC that future consultations are not skewed towards the urban areas: rural parishes are often sidelined at present.

ACTION: Cllr Brooks.

C1. Paint for Rob Nunn. The clerk was authorised to contact Mr Nunn and approve his proposal to paint street furniture in Langton, cost of paint to be paid by LMPC. **ACTION: Clerk.**

D1. FoI request figures about efficiency of turn-round for Planning Applications by District. It was **RESOLVED: To send the figures to DAPTC to support LMPC's proposal to allow 28 days for responding to Planning Applications. Clerk to write to Jonathan Mair explaining that figures don't support his reasons for 21 day time limit: letter to be shared with Rowbarrow group and Purbeck DAPTC Councils.**

D2. Change to allotment policy, Clause 5. **RESOLVED: To accept change, so that Termination of Tenancy after due time period can be agreed by ALOs and AAOs rather than full Council.**

D3. Retention of Pay Phone in Village centre. **RESOLVED: To apply to BT to retain phone on grounds of closeness to coast, mobile black spots etc. ACTION: Clerk.**

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

12. Chairman's Announcements. Rebecca Kirk (DC) is now responsible for establishing the new **Timson Trust**. Cllr Brooks is currently Chair. Some maintenance work has been done at No 36.

13. Highways Matters. Steve Mephram (DCH) had met some Cllrs and Clerk on 25.9.2019. a) **TROs** Steve will 'score' all those discussed. He recommended that the Durnford Drove yellow lines go on the EAST side. b) **Paving.** It was agreed to ask DCH to prepare a scheme to replace the paving between Durnford house and St George's Close. Cllr Brooks noted that the EAP will be looking at a Code of Practice for paving in Conservation areas. c) **Weight/speed limit,** Cllr V-A suggested that large vehicles should be prohibited from going through the village except for access. It was agreed to ask for more information from DCH about the viability of weight/width limits.

Cllr Harding left the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED: To ask again for a 20mph speed limit through the village.**

Cllr Knight proposed that a letter should be written to Steve Mephram recording LMPC's thanks for his work for the village. d) **Spraying.** At present different departments manage different aspects of the weed issue. Cllr Brooks said that the EAP will look to get these together to simplify procedures. It was agreed to accept Katie Black's offer of a meeting. e) **Raised table outside school.** It was **RESOLVED: To approve plans for raised table.** ACTION: Clerk to follow up all points above.

14. Car park Working Group update. Cllr V-A announced that the Scott Estate were not prepared to go further with plans on the Putlake site owing to concerns from the tenants relating to security. A member of the working group will meet Sarah Foot shortly to look at feasibility of land to the north of Putlake.

15. Environmental Working Group update. The group had met: there are 13 at present, and more would like to join. James Mercer (Parish Priest) has suggested an Open Meeting.

16. Radioactive waste in Purbeck. Cllr Christie wishes to establish that local Councils and parishes were unaware of the consultation last Winter about the search for 'Geological Disposal Facilities' for nuclear waste in this area. If DC knew, why were T&PCs not informed? It was agreed to write to all local Councils, MP, National Trust etc. to formally ask if they were aware that the consultation had taken place.

ACTION: Clerk.

17. Cemetery Report. Report received. There are no outstanding items.

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

£ 250.00 Interment fee – the late Jeanette Burrow, Plot N17.

£ 14,715.00 Dorset Council – 2nd half precept.

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

£ 894.20 Clerk's salary (September).

£ 24.18 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (September).

£ 187.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (September).

£ 466.66 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets. (September).

£ 384.00 Flavourfy Digital – Annual webhosting and updates retainer.

£ 60.00 Puzey and Co – leak at Gents' toilet.

£ 29.99 Currys – new phone – cheque to M.Lovell.

- £ 165.38 Water2business – Toilet Block 21.3.19 – 19.9.19.
- £ 313.52 Water2Business – Allotments 21.3.19 – 20.9.19
- £ 27.99 Kaspersky Total Security – internet protection, 1yr. (cheque to Clerk)
- £ 207.00 Dorset Council – SLA 2019-20 payment for Footpaths 16/13 and 16/15
- £ 94.47 SSE – Electricity supply to Toilet Block 29.6.-27.9.2019

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

- £ 61.13 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (September).
- £ 26.83 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk’s pension (September).

(4) Any other Financial Matters: a) **RESOLVED: To approve 2nd quarter accounts.**

b) It was agreed not to increase allotment fees for 2021.

20. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting: 14th November 2019 at 7 pm, Village Hall.

16. Additional Items for future meetings: Changes to meeting/working group/committee structures / Neighbourhood Plan / Parish Assembly / Primary Residence/2nd Homes policy / Litter pick insurance.

Closed 9.35 pm.

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

