

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Langton Matravers Village Hall on Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7 pm.

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

There were 9 members of the public present. Dorset Cllr Brooks also attended.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Harding, Christopher Hedley (RoWLO).

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Christie (Item 13, Allotments), Cllr Loudoun (Item 8.1, Planning).

3. National Trust Report Following problems with **flooding** in February, the Trust have done work on the Priests' Way and Spyway Car Park, and cleared out traps and gullies at the South end of Durnford Drive. Mr Clarke was very pleased to be part of the **LPA environmental event** on 29th February, and congratulated the team on their work. The Trust are working on their **response to the Coronavirus** crisis.

4. RoWLO's Report: Mr Hedley will be walking the parish paths in March and will report in April.

5. Dorset Councillors' Report. Cllr Brooks said that Dorset Council has agreed **budgets and priorities**.

There will be an **increase in Council Tax** of just under 4% to meet the rising cost of adult social care.

There is over £4 million for **5G connectivity** in rural areas. There are **funds for rough sleepers**. Climate Emergency is a key priority. Cllr Bell asked if Dorset Council are developing '**greener' building**

controls: Cllr Brooks explained that DC's 'hands are tied' by current National standards, but their new Local Plan will work towards this.

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

a) Colette Drayson i) supports Cllr Bell's comment re: **greener building controls**, and noted that the NPPF does encourage sustainability: DC should revisit the NPPF and review its own policies.

b) Beryl Mitchell complained i) about the **state of Crack Lane** and the caravan which is still in one of the passing places. ii) She also noted a **moped** left on the High Street near the King's Arms; nobody appears willing to take responsibility. iii) What is LMPC's stance on the new law on **parking on pavements?**

c) Jasmine Cattle asked when anyone might act to mend the windows at **34 High Street**.

d) Julie Baker spoke in support of the LMAA's proposal (Item 13) to ban **herbicides and pesticides on the allotments**.

e) Ben Young asked for the Council's support for his **planning application**.

The meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Participation.

a) Greener building controls. Cllr Brooks said that DC's new Local Plan would be working on this, but it cannot be done overnight.

b) Crack Lane. i) The Clerk reported that LMPC is still awaiting DC Highways Planning's Colin Graham's report on Crack Lane, before inviting him to meet the Council to discuss this further. Cllr V-A had met Steve Mephram (DC Highways), who promised to get the lane fully surveyed; proposed works will go on the work schedule if approved. ii) **ACTION: Clerk to report moped to DC if not moved by April 1st.** iii) Parking on pavements. LMPC will monitor. Cllr V-A will draft a proposal about **weight and speed restrictions** for the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr V-A.**

8. Planning Matters. 1. Ms Collette Drayson has commented on the application.

2. a) 6/2020/0041 Ben Young, Nursery Bridge Farm, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, Swanage, BH19 3DX. Erect permanent agricultural workers dwelling. **The council supports this application.**

3. Planning decisions received within the last month:

a) TWA/2019/283 Mr Ben Cooke, Northern boundary of Leas Wood House, High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (376) Poplar - re-pollard; (541) Sycamore - reduce on south side of tree by approximately 4-5m - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Approved.**

4. Other Planning matters: a) Responses to Construction Traffic Management Requirements doc. The Clerk had received positive responses from both OMH and Spyway schemes' management teams.

b) Spyway Reserved Matters (6/2018/0606) Planning Committee April 2nd 2020. Cllrs White and V-A will represent LMPC at Wimborne. Cllr Brooks was asked to express the Council's displeasure and disappointment that the meeting was so far away from LM, without adequate transport links; this is an unacceptable barrier to democracy. **ACTION: Cllr Brooks**. Cllr Brooks suggested that the Council write to Cllrs Alford and Walsh (the Planning Portfolio holder). **ACTION: Clerk**.

9. Minutes of the Meeting held 13th February 2020. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes. Item 6 (Developers' responsibility for providing affordable Housing). Cllr Brooks reported that developers are allowed to 'offsite' affordable housing. She confirmed that there will be a Council tax premium of 200% for unoccupied unfurnished dwellings left empty for at least 5 years from April 2020, and of 300% for dwellings left empty for at least 10 years from April 2021.

11. Clerk's Report for the period 7.2. – 3.3.2020. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

A14. Sarah Bibra – Diamond pane windows. It was agreed to write to the planning officer stating that diamond pane windows should be a condition of Planning approval and that we should ask that houses already sold at the site should not be allowed to change their fenestration. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Cari Wooldridge**.

B1. Play equipment. As Corfe PC are removing their adult Play equipment, the Clerk suggested that parishioners be asked if they would use such equipment before going any further with plans. **ACTION: Clerk**. It was suggested that a larger set of swings might be better.

C.1. Litter Liaison Officer ? There were no offers to assume the role

C3. Dementia Friendly Purbeck. It was agreed that the Council has too much on its agenda at present to accept the offer of a presentation, though they asked to be kept informed of the group's work.

C.4. DC workshops at Furzebrook, 25th March. CllrBell, Clerk to attend.

D.1. It was **RESOLVED: To accept J.Taylor Electrical's quotation to supply LED lighting at the toilet block, for the sum of £540.00 + VAT.**

Cllr White reported that the parish defibrillator had recently been used, and saved a life.

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 31st March 2020.

12. Chairman's Announcements. **Coronavirus:** a) It was **RESOLVED: To postpone the Parish Assembly planned for 22nd April**. b) It was **RESOLVED: To set up a volunteer group to support parishioners. To make emergency funds available as necessary to help with shopping etc. Clerk to have delegated powers to act on the Council's behalf in this matter. ACTION: Clerk, Cllr Bell to make plan.**

13. Allotment Tenancy Agreement change re: pesticides and weedkillers. After discussion and the casting vote of the Chair to remain with the status quo, the LMAA's proposal to change the agreement was not accepted by the Council.

14. Environmental Working Group (LPA) update. The 'Leap Day' event had been a huge success and was very well attended. The group are planning to go for independent status, and donations received will be retained until this is done. The LPA will inform LMPC of its plans re; tree/hedge ordering.

15. See 12 above.

16. Saville Memorial bench. This is now ready to fit: Ian Bugler has been asked to remove the old wooden bench and make the plinth sound before fitting. **ACTION: Clerk to inform Saville family.**

17. DC proposal re: Waiting restrictions at Durnford Drove and High Street. **RESOLVED: To approve proposal.**

18. Replacement of Purbeck DAPTC LMPC representative. **RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr Pearson as the new Purbeck DAPTC LMPC representative.**

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

£ 70.00 Allotment fees 2020; Plots 10a/12b.

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

£ 894.20 Clerk's salary (February).

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

£ 153.00 Ian Bugler, Grounds Maintenance (February).

£ 132.00 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets

£ 463.69 Viking Direct - Printer ink.

£ 5.78 SSE Unmetered electricity supply (1 month).

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 61.31 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (February).

£ 26.83 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (February)

(4) Any other Financial Matters: None.

20. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting: 9th April 2020 at 7 pm, Village Hall.

21. Additional Items for future meetings: Possible changes to meeting/working group/committee structures / Memorial to Cllr Lovell / Improvements to local hospitals / Woodland burial site / Weight and speed restrictions / Play Area.

There were 2 Confidential Items.

Closed 9.44 pm.

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