

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Virtual Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2020 at 7 pm.

The meeting was held remotely using 'Zoom' due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (CVP), under legislation 2020 No 392, allowing flexibility of Local Authority meetings (4th April 2020).

'Present': Cllr W Knight in the Chair: Cllrs P Christie, P White, D Pearson, A Bell, I Vaughan-Arbuckle. There were no members of the public 'present'. Dorset Cllr Brooks sent her apologies.

The meeting was Zoom-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Loudoun. The Clerk was unable to join the meeting owing to technical issues: she sent her apologies by telephone.

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

3. Planning Matters. 1 -3. There were no current Planning applications to discuss, nor decisions to note.

4. Other Planning matters: a) Spyway Reserved Matters (6/2018/0606) Planning Committee April 2nd 2020. The Council had been advised by Cllr Brooks that planning meetings would be postponed during the CVP; it now seems that Dorset Council may hold virtual committee and Council meetings. ***ACTION: Clerk to clarify with Cllr Brooks.***

b) Proposal to move gate at South Barn. Cllr V-A had enquired of Katie Black (DC RoW) why the change was necessary. It was suggested that a site meeting should be held after the CVP; ***ACTION: Clerk to contact K Black and plan a site meeting to clarify the situation (after CVP), and ensure that no work be done until after meeting has been held.***

4. Minutes of the Meeting held 12th March 2020. These were agreed to be a correct record. (They were signed by the Chair on 10th April). Confidential Minutes were also approved and signed at the same time.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) Item 7.b.iii) Cllr. V-A has started work on a **paper on weight and speed restrictions**. He will continue work and delay presentation to Council until after lockdown is lifted.

b) Item 8.4.a) **Responses to Construction Traffic Management Requirements** doc. Cllr V-A said that OMH's Marcus Clarke has written to residents of Old Malthouse Lane imposing requirements on them about use and upkeep of the lane.

c) Cllr White had reported that the parish defibrillator had recently saved a life. This had been missed from the draft March Minutes (in place in approved version).

The meeting was temporarily closed owing to timeout. When it reconvened, Cllr White was not 'present'.

6. Clerk's Report for the period 4.3. – 30.3.2020. As the Clerk was not present, this item was held over until the next meeting.

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 5th May 2020.

7. Chairman's Announcements. Coronavirus Pandemic: a) The work on Timson Cottage windows is in hand; this is not an LMPC matter. b) Cllr Christie noted that recent car registrations observed outside his house suggest 'outside' visitors during the CVP, in contravention of Govt rules. Cllr Knight noted that LMPC has no role in controlling access to the area: the Police could be informed.

8. Implement temporary changes to Standing Orders to accommodate virtual meetings.

a) **RESOLVED: a) That the following articles or parts thereof be suspended for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency: 1. The second sentence of Article A1. 2. Article C2.** (Nem Con)

b) **RESOLVED: As required by Article A7, that virtual meetings of the Council, pending the development and adoption of appropriate and robust video conferencing facilities, will not be open to the public.** (Nem Con) It was agreed that, in the interests of democracy and transparency, members of the public could submit written questions to the Council which could be read out by the Clerk at the meeting. ***ACTION: Clerk to advise in Dubber report and website.***

9. Financial Matters: (1) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting:
£ 70.00 Allotment fees 2020; Plots 10b/19b.
£ 900.00 Dorset Community Fund – Grant for water dispenser at Public Toilet block.

(2) Note the following Payments by cheque or cash to be made since last Meeting:
£ 894.20 Clerk’s salary (March).
£ 24.18 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (March).
£ 102.00 Ian Bugler, Grounds Maintenance (March).
£ 170.50 Elliott’s Cleaning Co. Public Toilets
£ 117.33 SSE supply to Public Toilets 20.12.2019 – 20.3.2020.
£ 14.51 Water2business - Allotment Water supply.
£ 144.38 Water2business - Public Toilets water supply 20.9.2019 – 17.03.2020.
£ 82.80 SSE Enterprise – mend lamp 2 at Three Acre Lane.
£ 40.00 LMVH – Hire of hall for LPA ‘Leap Day’ event.
£ 110.00 Goldi-Locksmith: new locks and keys at disabled toilet.
£ 49.34 Viking Direct – office supplies (printer paper).
£ 516.02 Acorn Thorn – Water dispenser (cheque to Clerk).
£ 20.00 Vodaphone – ‘Burner’ phone for village support group – cheque to Angela Bell.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:
£ 61.31 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (March).
£ 26.83 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk’s pension (March)

(4) Any other Financial Matters: None.

10. Proposed date of the next (virtual) Council Meeting, to include Annual Meeting: 14th May 2020 at 7 pm. Agreed by Council. It was agreed that the Annual Meeting go ahead, despite Govt advice that it is not necessary to hold such a meeting under CVP conditions. ***ACTION: Clerk to send out message to Cllrs inviting them to take on officer roles. Cllr V-A offered to deputise as RoW in absence of Christopher Hedley (CVP).***

11. Additional Items for future meetings: Neighbourhood Plans / 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 / Co-option.

a) It was agreed to leave the agenda as ‘flexible’ as possible; Cllrs to send suggestions to Clerk/Cllr Knight.

b) Future of Purbeck Local Plan ? The Inspector’s ‘Post Hearing note’ challenges the proposed Principal Residence policy.

c) Cllr Bell reported that the Community Support group is going well, though some are finding the work/technology challenging. There have been more than 30 requests for help. Richard Purchase is delivering prescriptions from Corfe surgery daily throughout the area.

d) Co-option: One name has so far come forward. The list for volunteers will be kept open until the end of April. The decision will be made at the May meeting. ***ACTION: Clerk to advise in Dubber report.*** The Dubber is to be published online during the CVP.

Closed c.8 pm.

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