

# Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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## Minutes of a virtual Council Meeting held on 'Zoom' on Thursday 11th June 2020 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllr W Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Christie, A Bell, P White, D Pearson, P Loudoun, I Vaughan-Arbuckle, N Harding, M Kirby. Cllr White was unable to establish a viable connection and left the meeting within the first 20 minutes. Cllr Christie left the meeting and rejoined.

Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks and Tom Clarke of the National Trust 'attended'.

Members of the public were not able to attend owing to technical concerns. The meeting was recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. None.

2. Declarations of interest/ Grants of Dispensation. None.

3. National Trust Report. Tom Clarke reported that NT car parks had been re-opened the weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May in response to the pressure of visitor numbers following the PM's announcement of 10<sup>th</sup> May about unlimited travel; it has been "like Bank Holiday every day", though numbers are now easing with the cooler weather. Visitors had been exhibiting 'intense behaviour' in some cases, especially in coastal areas, necessitating interventions by police and emergency services, and there has been some camping, against Govt guidance. The Trust has been liaising with other agencies such as the RSPB, Dorset Council etc. about how this behaviour can best be managed. Activity companies are looking to re-start small scale coastering groups from early July. Cllrs expressed concerns about lack of control of exclusion zones for nesting birds etc. on the cliffs, and staff to manage visitor volumes at Studland with furloughed staff and volunteers unavailable: the Trust are using Facebook etc to send out messages to advise potential visitors.

4. Dorset Cllr's Report. Cllr Brooks had previously circulated a written report on DC's activities. The **review of the road layout at Coombe junction** will be delayed until September. Work on the **school build-out** will begin in July, with single lane traffic and road closure at times for 2-3 weeks. Cllr Knight asked about a communication from DC re: **Precept income**: apparently if there is a funding surplus, DC keep it, if a deficit, T&PCs may lose part of their precept. **ACTION: Clerk to send copy of relevant message to Cllr Brooks, who will make enquiries and respond.** Regarding the Planning Cttee meeting at which the approval of the Reserved Matters for the Spyway Orchard application was approved, she confirmed that a message about the application sent to MP Richard Drax which he mistakenly assumed to have come from LMPC, had not been presented at the meeting.

5. Planning Matters. 1. There were no comments received from members of the public.

2. a) [6/2020/0167](#) Mrs Helen Jackson, St Georges Primary School, 76 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. Alterations to field gate and creation of pedestrian gate. **The Council supports this application.**

b) [6/2020/0203](#) Mr and Mrs S Peskin, South Barn, Gully, Swanage, BH19 3EX. Demolish existing greenhouse & garden shed.

Proposed garden outbuilding and photovoltaic panels. **No Objection**

c) [6/2020/02010](#) Mr and Mrs S Peskin, South Barn, Gully, Swanage, BH19 3EX. Apply external wall cladding to western gable. **The Council objects to this application on the grounds of the visual appearance of the proposed cladding which is not in keeping with the surrounding area and the AONB.**

3. Decision since last meeting: 6/2018/0606. Spyway Orchard, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HG. Aster Homes Ltd. Rural exception site for a development of 28 dwellings (22 affordable and 6 open market) - Reserved Matters - access, layout, appearance, scale & landscaping, **Approved.** It was agreed to re-send the Council's Construction Traffic Management document (Feb 2020) to the Planning Officer, asking that it be included as part of the Planning Conditions, with copy to the developer. **ACTION: Clerk.**

4. Other Planning Matters a) Old Malthouse (6/2019/0604) revised plans. It was agreed to hold an Extraordinary virtual planning meeting on 18.6.2020. **ACTION: Clerk to send out notices.**

b) Cllr V-A had met Katie Black (DC Countryside) and the owner of South Barn re: **gate etc on Priest's Way.** The proposed changes mean that livestock stays on the E side of the bridleway, and is 'eminently sensible'. The Council were happy to accept this change.

6. Minutes of the virtual Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020. These were agreed to be a correct record.
7. Matters Arising from the Minutes. The Clerk noted that St George's School had responded positively to the query from LMPC under Item 8.
8. The Clerk's Report for the period 6.5.-2.6. 2020. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.2 of the agenda. Report received. The Clerk noted that at the DC virtual Recovery Planning workshop she had attended it had been made clear that there was as yet no recommendation that it was safe to open Play Areas: LMPC's will remain closed pending Govt guidance.
- D.A11. Letter of support for Putlake shop. The Council is happy to support in principle, but it was agreed to ask whether the plans would definitely include a Post Office before writing such a letter. **ACTION: Clerk to enquire of Putlake Farm.**
- The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 30th June 2020.**
9. Chairman's Announcements. The Chair welcomed Cllr Kirby to the Council.
10. Public attendance at virtual meetings. **RESOLVED: To revoke Resolution 8b made at Council meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April. Further, as required by Article 7 of LMPC Standing Orders, virtual meetings of the council will not be open to the public other than in accordance with 'LMPC's Virtual Meeting Public Attendance Procedure'. ACTION: Clerk to publish on website.**
11. Update on Future of ferry. After discussion it was agreed to gather further information and revisit at the next meeting before deciding what action, if any, to take. **ACTION: Clerk.**
12. Street Lights in the village. Cllr Christie reported that changing DC footway lights to LED units could save DC at least half the running costs, saving energy. DC's Rod Mainstone had said that it was too expensive to do the conversion, but research suggested that the units need not be as expensive as he had said. Cllr Christie proposed that LMPC fund two 'trial' units in the village at its own expense to gauge the reaction. **RESOLVED: To support the proposal in principle, but wait until Cllr Brooks has sought clarification from Mr Mainstone about costings before going further. ACTION: Cllr Brooks.**
13. Results of speed survey. Cllr V-A reported on the success of the survey, with a 36% response rate, and 92% respondents in favour of a 20mph. limit. Many useful comments/suggestions had been made. He will write a report for the Dubber. The possibility of speed bumps had been mentioned; the village would have to pay for these. Cllr V-A was asked to prepare a formal paper with proposals for action for the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr V-A; Tom Clarke (NT) to provide info re: cycle use in High Street.**
14. Woodland Burial site. Owing to technical difficulties, this item was held over to a future meeting.
15. Financial Matters:
- (1) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting: None.
  - £ 894.20 Clerk's salary (May).
  - £ 22.38 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (May).
  - £ 204.00 Ian Bugler, Grounds Maintenance (May).
  - £ 108.50 Elliots cleaning Co. – cleaning of Public Conveniences (May)
  - £ 18.00 The Purbeck Press – Speed survey flyers (cheque to Cllr V-A).
  - (3) Payment by Direct Debit:
    - £ 61.13 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (May).
    - £ 26.83 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (May).
  - (4) Any other Financial Matters: The Notification of Public Rights, starting on 15<sup>th</sup> June, has been posted.
16. Confirmation of the date of the next virtual Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7 pm.
17. Additional Items for future meetings: Neighbourhood Plan / Changes to Working Group/Cttee/ Meeting structure / Memorial to the late Cllr Lovell / Local hospital improvements / Woodland burial site/ Review Action Plan.
18. Confidential Item. The Council considered a report under the terms of the Complaints Procedure and resolved that action should be taken in the matter.
- Closed c. 9.30 pm.

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