

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a virtual Council Meeting held on 'Zoom' on Thursday 9th July 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.

Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks joined the meeting at c.8.15 pm.

There were 2 members of the public 'present'.

The meeting was recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. Tom Clarke, National Trust.

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

3. National Trust Report. Tom Clarke had sent a report. There have been overnight camping/toileting issues at Spyway car park; signs have been put up to deter. Climbers are clearing up after others along the coast. 6 puffins have been seen. The pandemic has created challenges for the Trust's funding stream, and some re-structuring is likely over the next few months; some staff are still on furlough. Tom will send cycling data to Cllr V-A. **ACTION: TC**

4a. Public Participation. The meeting was adjourned for this item.

a) Sabrina Moss (Pre-School leader) followed up her previous letter to the Council with a request for support with legal advice/funding regarding the temporary move, proposed by St George's Primary, to the Scout and Guide hut in the Autumn.

b) Peter Bowyer spoke about proposed revisions to the DAPTC constitution. He asked that the Council respond to the consultation, asking for a larger role for Parish Council reps, who are currently sidelined in favour of larger councils.

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

2. a) TWA/2020/044. Mr John Wright. 85 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HA. (T1) Purple beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'purpurea') - prune overhanging canopy back to suitable points: Prune to achieve clearance of 2m between tips of branches & fabric of the building; Prune to raise canopy by not more than 4m above the bottom of the drystone wall; Prune to reduce canopy overhanging the property back to not less than 5m out from the main stem (as indicated by broken cyan arc on submitted site plan) Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Approved, subject to balanced pruning of the tree. (ie on both sides, not just the part that overhangs Mr Wright's development)**

3. Decisions since last meeting: 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. **Approved.**

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. **Approved.**

c) [6/2020/02010](#) Mr and Mrs S Peskin, South Barn, Gully, Swanage, BH19 3EX. Apply external wall cladding to western gable. **Approved.**

4. Other Planning Matters: None.

6. Minutes of the virtual Meeting held 11th June 2020. These were agreed to be a correct record.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) Item 8 DA11. Putlake intend to include the PO in their shop plans: the Clerk had sent a letter in favour of their grant application. b) Item 11. No further information regarding on **future of the ferry**, though it was noted that it had recently been out of action again.

8. Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting held 18th June 2020. These were agreed to be a correct record.

9. The Clerk's Report for the period 3.6. – 30.6.2020. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) B.2. Play Area. After discussion and in the light of the latest RoSPA report, it was **RESOLVED: To keep the Play Area closed until further notice on the grounds of safety. ACTIONS: Clerk, Cllr Loudoun to get wrap-around mesh fencing to seal off the area visually. Clerk to get quotation for costs of repairs to make area safe while tendering/funding is prepared for new equipment.**

b) A14 – Future of Pre-School; temporary move ? After discussion it was **RESOLVED: To send a letter to the Governors of St George’s School expressing the Council’s serious concerns about the proposal to move the Pre-School to temporary accommodation to enable the Primary to follow Govt guidelines on Covid safety.** Letter to be copied to the Headteacher, Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education, Dorset Council. **ACTION: Clerk.** Ms Moss was invited to contact LMPC with a request for funding to manage the costs of the move and safety provision etc. **ACTION: Sabrina Moss.**

c) A17.Tree and Hedgerow Planting map. It was agreed to pass this on to representatives of the LPA, once sharing of contact details has been agreed. **ACTION: Clerk.**

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 4th August 2020.

10. Chairman’s Announcements. None.

Cllr Brooks joined the meeting.

11. Traffic Matters. a). Durnford House-St George’s Close footway. It was **RESOLVED: To ask DC Highways to use ‘Imprint’ as a replacement surface for the pavement from Durnford House to the edge of St George’s Close.** **ACTION: Clerk to contact DC Highways.**

b). Residual Problems with Construction Traffic Management document. **ACTION: Clerk to open dialogue with Aster with the aim of setting up a meeting to discuss aspects of future development.** Cllr Brooks will make sure that LMPC’s CTMR document is noted as part of the forthcoming OMH outline application. **ACTION: Cllr Brooks.**

c). 20mph request. More Bus are not averse to speed bumps or rumble strips on their routes. British Cycling confirm that there is nothing to stop cyclists exceeding to speed limit. Cllr V-A offered to undertake Speedwatch training to encourage others to join in: the council accepted. **ACTION: Cllr V-A.**

4. Dorset Cllr’s Report. DC are moving into the ‘Recovery’ phase of the pandemic, and are decommissioning homeless hostels etc, though Council offices are not yet open. Council meetings are still virtual, with half the Council observing.

12. Natural Burial Site. Cllr Pearson had prepared a paper outlining the proposals and exploratory actions to be taken. It was **RESOLVED: To explore the possibility of making the North extension at Crack Lane Cemetery into a Natural Burial ground. It was further RESOLVED to allow up to £250 for exploratory works.** Cllrs Pearson, Loudoun, Clerk to be Working party.

13. DC Housing Allocation Consultation. Cllrs. looked particularly at the sections relating to rural allocation. It was agreed to respond and seek clarification that current and future s106 agreements cannot be over-riden by DC criteria, and ask that people qualifying for new RES developments be advised of when bidding will start. **ACTION: Clerk.**

14. DAPTC AGM proposals. It was **RESOLVED: That LMPC propose an amendment of the DAPTC constitution: ‘This Council requests the executive committee to further review the constitution and propose all necessary amendments to ensure that the structures and workings of DAPTC fully reflect the issues and views of smaller parish councils by increasing their representation within the executive and its sub committees.’ which could either go to the AGM or form part of the revisions to the constitution.** **ACTION: Cllrs Pearson and Christie to take LMPC’s proposal to the next Purbeck DAPTC meeting for discussion. Clerk to feed back to DAPTC.**

15. Allotment Policy. It was **RESOLVED: To add a clause to the Council’s Allotment Policy saying that tenants must remove all rubbish from their plots on termination of tenancy.** **ACTION: Clerk to revise.** It was also agreed to revise the ALO role to include inspection of plots with outgoing tenants to ensure that plots are left clear. **ACTION: Clerk.**

16. Financial Matters: (1) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting: None.

£ 894.20 Clerk’s salary (June).

£ 22.38 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (June).

£ 204.00 Ian Bugler, Grounds Maintenance (June).

£ 478.24 Linda Mc Morrow. – cleaning of Public Conveniences + materials (June)

£ 117.26 SSE Electricity Toilet block 21st March- 25th June 2020.

- £ 22.07 SSE Unmetered electricity supply (footway lights), 26th March – 26th June.
- £ 314.40 Annual subscription to DAPTC 2020/21
- £ 107.32 R. Nunn – Materials for painting of street furniture etc. in Langton.
- £ 82.20 Playsafety Ltd – Annual RoSPA safety inspection.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

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

(4) Any other Financial Matters: None.

17. Confirmation of the date of the next virtual Council Meeting 10th September 2020 at 7 pm (August meeting cancelled).

18. Additional Items for future meetings: Neighbourhood Plan / Changes to Working Group/Cttee/ Meeting structure / Memorial to the late Cllr Lovell / Local hospital improvements / Review Action Plan / Street Lights.

Closed 9.17 pm.

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

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