

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a virtual Council Meeting held on 'Zoom' on Thursday 8th October 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, also attended.

There were 3 members of the public 'present', including Helen ffitch, journalist.

The meeting was recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. Tom Clarke (National Trust) and Christopher Hedley (RoW).

2. Declarations of interest/ Grants of Dispensation. Cllr Pearson, Planning 1a), Neighbour. Cllrs Kirby and Christie asked if they needed a dispensation to discuss Item 15, (allotment rent 2022): this item was later deferred to the next meeting, owing to time constraints.

3. National Trust Report. The Clerk read out Mr Clarke's report. **Visitor numbers** have reduced somewhat in the last month. Following issues with the **ditch leading to Spyway car park**, the Trust will ensure that vegetation is cut back in the lane on that side in future. The Trust have been involved in various conversations around **transport and green recovery** which should lead to positive change. Cllr V-A suggested that the Trust might need to consider a new site for their car park owing to construction work at Spyway Orchard; Cllr Kirby noted that the work need not create access problems for the car park. **ACTION: Clerk to make Mr Clarke aware of possible access issues**. Cllr White suggested that an **alternative route to Spyway car park** might run from the Durnford Drove turning circle along the W side of the wall, alongside the current permissive footpath.

4. Dorset Cllr's Report. Cllr Brooks said that Covid restrictions are still in place at DC, and officers may be diverted to other work. **Rebecca Kirk** has left, to be replaced by Andrew Billany. There will be **£500 Govt payments for people unable to work or made redundant** because of Covid: the support line number is 0344 411 1444. Highways maintenance gangs are working across the County. DC are looking at making **flooding** onto the public highway by private individuals chargeable in the same way that overhanging trees currently are. DC have been in touch with **CyclingUK** about future 'sportives' through the village: they have promised risk assessments. Parishioners should call the Police to report speeding vehicles in the village. DC cannot help with a **20mph speed limit** as it needs to be based on evidence: there is none for collisions etc. However, the PC could apply for a '20 is plenty' zone. Cllr Brooks is doing more work on getting the **section of footway by the church** repaired. **ACTION: Cllr Brooks**. Cllr Harding asked if any sound paving slabs moved when the surface was re-done could be kept by LMPC to recycle: **ACTION: Cllr Brooks to ask**. Cllrs V-A and Knight expressed frustration that LMPC's case for a 20mph speed limit seemed not to have been properly addressed by Highways. Cllr Brooks reiterated that there is not sufficient evidence to justify it. She was asked to check that the recent Govt scheme for temporary 20mph zones was mainly for urban areas, as DC supposes. **ACTION: Cllr Brooks**.

5. Public Participation. a) Sabrina Moss, St George's Pre-School. Sabrina thanked LMPC for its support during a challenging time. She asked for financial support to help the Pre-School pay to rent a new staff toilet, made necessary by Covid restrictions, and also for a contribution to legal costs of advice regarding a new 'Transfer of Control Agreement' between the Primary and Pre-School. Cllr V-A proposed an immediate grant and it was **RESOLVED: To grant £500.00 towards the cost of these outgoings**.

b) Jonathan Kershaw announced the arrival of his son, Archie, in July. He thanked the Council for its letters of support; he has now decided to take voluntary redundancy from the Trust, finishing in December. He thanked the Council for a successful partnership over the years; he has enjoyed working with us. He was warmly thanked by all for his contributions.

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

2. a) TWA/2020/094 Ms Ann Hitchcock, 47 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HA, (T1) Ash - crown reduce back to previous pruning points Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Leave decision to Tree Officer**.

b) 6/2020/0356. Mr & Mrs S V Robbens, 1-2 Coombe Court, Coombe Hill, Coombe, Swanage, BH19 3DP. Erect a rear 2 storey & a rear single storey extension. Extension of rear terrace area. **No Objection.**

c) [6/2020/0357](#) Mr & Mrs S V Robbens, 1-2 Coombe Court, Coombe Hill, Coombe, Swanage, BH19 3DP. Erect a rear 2 storey & a rear single storey extension with internal & external alterations. Extension of rear terrace area.(Listed Building Consent).**No Objection.**

d) [TWA/2020/101](#) Mr Dennis Browne, Mulberry Cottage, 62 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. **Leave decision to Tree Officer.**

3. Decisions since last meeting: a) 6/2019/0604, Old Malthouse (Purbeck) Limited, The Old Malthouse, High Street, Langton Matravers BH19 3HB. Redevelopment of site including demolition of several school buildings, conversion & construction of new buildings to provide 19 dwellings with vehicular access, off street parking, gardens & landscaping. **Approved.** Cllrs expressed their disappointment and frustration that despite much work to express legitimate concerns about the plans, such as lack of affordable housing, traffic safety and no stop on second homes, the majority of the Planning Cttee had seen fit to ignore these, as had our ward member and the DC Highways Officer, Colin Graham. Cllr Brooks responded that she had read the reports, but thought that the concern was more in the detail; she explained why the emerging 2nd Homes Policy cannot at present be applied.

4. Other Planning Matters. There is a non-material amendment to [6/2020/0203](#) Mr and Mrs S Peskin, South Barn.

7. Minutes of the virtual Meeting held 10th September 2020. These were agreed to be a correct record.

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) Item 5. Obstacles in the High Street to control traffic. **ACTION: Cllr Brooks to ask DC Highways about rumble strips/speed humps.** Cllr Bell suggested model children. Cllr Brooks left the meeting at c.8.25pm.

9. The Clerk's Report for the period 2.9.-29.9.2020. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) A1. 'Planet Purbeck' meeting. Cllrs Christie and Pearson had attended. There had been an enquiry about 'rewilding' the Closed cemetery: **ACTION: Clerk to pass on details to DP of DC Officer responsible for cemetery.** Cllr Christie asked about the possibility of installing solar panels on the land around the Parish Office. **ACTION: Clerk to explore further.**

b) A16. DAPTC response to LMPC motion about Statutory consultee status for T&PCs. Mr Wedge states that PCs **are** statutory consultees. There is still an issue regarding the relative weight our comments are given by planning officers. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Jonathan Mair to ask for legal opinion.**

c) C.A17. Acton sign size. It was agreed to ask that it be 75cm x 50cm, and that the wording be 'No Access to Coast. No Unauthorised vehicles, please.' **ACTION: Clerk to move matter forward.**

d) C.A14. DAPTC AGM, 14th November. Cllr Knight and Clerk to attend. **ACTION: Clerk to book.**

e) C.A19. Cllr Kirby reported that all grit bins are full. Reserves are unused.

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 3rd November 2020.

10. Chairman's Announcements. The Council had held a constructive informal fact-finding meeting with representatives of Aster and Drew Smith, who will be building the Spyway Orchard development. Mr Mole of Drew Smith is keen to establish e-mail links with parishioners to disseminate ongoing information about the progress of the development. It was agreed that a note be put in the Dubber inviting interested persons to give their e-mail addresses to the Clerk for forwarding to Mr Mole. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to Drew Smith asking if they might be prepared to make a contribution to the new Play Area. **ACTION: Clerk.**

11 Highways. a) 20mph Proposal – see above. b) PTAG report. Cllr V-A had attended, and received support from other parishes. He had prepared LMPC's response to PTAG's Transport strategy document; Cllrs suggested various amendments. **ACTION: Cllr V-A.** He was warmly thanked by the Chair for his work. The draft strategy will be adopted at the next meeting. c) There are 7 Speedwatch volunteers. Once training had been given the parish will have to purchase a camera from Dorset Police for £300.00.

d) Langton CLT stated explicitly at their AGM that they are not prepared to consider a village car park as part of any future CLT project. They wish to focus specifically on their primary aim of producing Affordable Homes.

e) 30 mph to the West of Coombe junction. DC Highways had formally proposed this in the past.

ACTION: Clerk to find paperwork and re-visit with Highways team.

12. Proposals for the Play Area. The Working group had met. It was **RESOLVED: That like-for-like tenders from Sovereign Play, Streetscape and HAGS (1) be rejected: the shortlist, for more adventurous layouts, to be Sutcliffe Play, Redlynch and HAGS (2).** **ACTION: Clerk to advise rejected tenderers.** It was further **RESOLVED: i) That additional land in the NE corner of the field be used if possible; ii) that the current swings be removed iii) that all suppliers on the shortlist be asked to re-quote using a spec agreed by the working group.** **ACTION: Clerk.** It was further **RESOLVED: That the Clerk discuss the option of a 20-year lease with Dorset Council.** She will ask if they feel that a boundary hedge/fence would be necessary in the future. Clerk to write formally to St George's School Governors to ask if they would be happy for LMPC to take the additional land into use for the Play Area. **ACTIONS: Clerk.**

13. 'Planning for the Future' Consultation. Cllrs gave opinions about the content of the report; there were positive comments, but also many negative. After discussion it was agreed that Cllrs should feed back key points of response to the Clerk by 14th October: she will then draft response based on these for LMPC for circulation before submitting. An Extraordinary Meeting might be held if necessary. **ACTION: Clerk.**

14. Volunteer of the Year. Cllrs were happy to continue this for the village: it was agreed to put the idea of a joint event to a SE Purbeck Chairs and Clerks meeting on 9th October. **ACTION: Clerk, Cllr Knight.**

15. Allotment Rent 2022 Held over to November meeting.

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

£ 15,000.00 Dorset Council - 2nd Half year payment of Precept.

(2) Note the following Payments by cheque or cash made since the last meeting:

£ 918.68 Clerk's salary (September).

£ 25.76 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (September).

£ 264.00 Ian Bugler, Grounds Maintenance (September).

£ 503.90 Linda Mc Morrow. – cleaning of Public Conv. + materials

£ 17.16 SSE – Unmetered electricity supply for footway lights 27 Jun-23 Sept..

£ 32.50 LM Post Office – 50x Second Class stamps (cheque to Clerk)

£ 384.00 Mark Gracey, Annual website hosting and update retainer fee.

REISSUE of cheque 162, £ 49.34 (cancelled) to Viking.

£ 557.61 Water2business – Water supply to allotments Mch-Sept.2020.

£ 301.29 Water2business – Water supply to toilet block Mch-Sept.2020.

£ 129.31 SSE – Supply to toilet block 30th June-28th Sept. 2020.

£ 18.00 Scott Estate – annual ground rent for toilet block 9.2020-9.2021.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 61.13 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (September).

£ 27.56 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (September).

(6) Any other Financial Matters: a) Approve first quarter accounts. **RESOLVED: To approve the first quarter accounts.**

17. Confirmation of the date of the next virtual Council Meeting 12th November 2020 at 7 pm.

18. Additional Items for future meetings: Adopt Transport Strategy / Response to Ferry enquiry .

Closed 9.45 pm.

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