

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Virtual Extraordinary Meeting held on Zoom on Monday 19th October 2020 at 10am.

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

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs White, Kirby, Loudoun / Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. None.

2. Public Participation. None.

4. LMPC's Formal response to the Govt White Paper 'Planning for the Future'.

The Clerk had prepared a response using submissions from Cllrs, which was approved point by point, with some adjustments. When complete, it was **RESOLVED: To accept the document as LMPC's formal response to the Consultation. ACTION: Clerk to submit online. Copies to be sent to: Purbeck DAPTC, DAPTC, 'Rowbarrow' Parishes group, Richard Drax, MP, Cllr David Walsh (DC Portfolio Holder for Planning), CPRE Dorset.**

5. Planning Matters.

a) TWA/2020/108 - Land adjacent to public footpath SE16/37 - to east of Albi's Barn, Castle View, Langton Matravers. (601) Sycamore - remove stem with deadwood overhanging public footpath Acton Conservation Area. **Leave decision to Tree Officer.**

b) 6/2020/0385. Benjamin Young. : Nursery Bridge Farm, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, Swanage, BH19 3DX. Variation of condition 4 of planning permission 6/2020/0041 (Erect permanent agricultural workers dwelling), to remove reference to removal of the mobile home providing welfare facilities for farm workers, to allow for continued siting in accordance with Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) 6/2011/0706. After discussion on the visibility of the caravan, it was agreed:

No Objection

3. LMPC's formal response to the application by the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company to revise the charges for the use of the ferry between Sandbanks and South Haven Point.

Cllr Knight explained that the matter had been discussed at two meetings of the SE Purbeck Parishes ('Rowbarrow') group with Jack Wiltshire (DC Highways) and John Sellgren (DC, Exec Dir of Place). DC are preparing a joint response with BCP, and proposing stepped increases to avoid confusion. Swanage TC has joined with DC and BCP to get Counsel's opinion on a way forward with the Public Inquiry. Worth Matravers PC and Studland PC have additional concerns about excessive profit and the lack of ring-fenced reserves for a replacement ferry in the future, and will therefore not be making a joint response with STC/DC/BCP, despite the perceived importance of a common approach from all Councils at the inquiry. After discussion it was **RESOLVED: To adopt the draft paper already prepared by the Chair/Clerk, which expresses concerns about i) excessive profit, ii) lack of a ring-fenced reserve for ferry replacement, iii) excessive increases in fares for cyclists and foot passengers, and iv) discounts for local users.**

ACTION: Clerk to forward to relevant authority for inclusion in Inquiry papers, and circulate among 'Rowbarrow' parishes, copies to MP and JW/JS at DC.

It was agreed that changes/additions could be made to the Council's response if it chooses, before the inquiry begins; a response by 19th October is a 'holding objection', and means that LMPC will now be included in the overall process. The Rowbarrow group will meet Mr Sellgren and Mr Wiltshire on 23rd to explain parishes' formal responses and see if there is common ground.

Cllr Bell noted the possible deterrent effect of higher ferry prices, which will send more traffic through already-over-used roads elsewhere on the Purbeck peninsular.

It was agreed to give the Clerk delegated authority to enter into a statement of Common Ground with other parishes as long as LMPC's stated concerns are upheld.

6. Traffic Matters.

Following LMPC's October meeting, Cllr Brooks (Lead member for Highways) had invited the Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr V-A to a meeting with her and Matthew Piles (DC Corporate Director of Economic Growth and Infrastructure), to explore some of the Highways management issues and processes currently frustrating members of LMPC, and which seem to be creating blocks on progress. Cllr V-A is clear that there is no point in such a meeting until we have a full written response from Steve Mepham to LMPC's stated case for a 20mph speed limit; this has not so far been supplied. It was agreed that it would be helpful if Steve M were to attend Cllr Brooks' proposed meeting.

Cllr Pearson left the meeting at c. 11am.

It was agreed that Cllr V-A would get back to Steve M to check that he received his message. ***ACTION: Clerk to explain to CB that we are waiting on SM's response before setting up the meeting, and that we would like SM to be present too.***

Cllr Bell noted that a car had left the turning circle and driven into the ditch at the South end of Durnford Drove.

The meeting ended at 11.10 am.

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