

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a virtual Council Meeting held on 'Zoom' on Thursday 10th December 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, M Kirby. There were 4 members of the public 'present'.

The meeting was recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Harding. Cllr Brooks (attending DC meeting).
2. Declarations of interest/ Grants of Dispensation. Cllrs Loudoun, Planning 1b) (professional relationship), Cllr Christie, Planning 1c) (neighbour).
3. National Trust Report. Mr Clarke noted that **Activity group Terms and Conditions and Code of Conduct** have been rolled over to next year; the main providers are still solvent. Despite work, there is still **Google misinformation on vehicular access to Dancing Ledge**; please feed back to them if you see it. The **Acton sign** should be established shortly. **Rangers** are back in full strength after furlough. The Trust have made a **successful bid** for half a million pounds from the Green Recovery Challenge Fund for a year's work on **management of Purbeck Heaths**; this work will include plans relating to sustainable tourism. Mr Clarke agreed to support scrub clearance around trees at the Millennium wood at Acton gate, and to extend the planting. **ACTION: Tom Clarke**.
4. Dorset Cllr's Report. Cllr Brooks had previously sent a general DC report.
5. Public Participation. The meeting was adjourned for this item.
 - a) Bridget Mayes i) reported on the Love Langton Litter picks, and concerns about the toxicity of discarded cigarette butts. She invites Cllrs to join in with the next pick, and said that some individuals were choosing to pick independently: ii) asked if LMPC would be teaming up with Studland and Lulworth to complain about the removal of phone boxes without proper consultation.
 - b) Nick O'Connor objected to Planning Item 1b) on the grounds of AONB status, Highway issues and appearance/layout of the proposed building. The meeting was reconvened.
6. Planning Matters.
 1. Receive comments from the public on the following applications: A written objection had been received from Mr and Mrs O'Connor, neighbours, on application 1b).
 - 2.a) 6/2019/0641, P & J Dyer Ltd, Knaveswell Farm, Knitson, Corfe Castle, Wareham, BH20 5JB. Outline Planning Permission for conversion and alteration of farm buildings to tourist accommodation and formation of new car park with landscaping as a Reserved Matter. **No Objection, as long as mitigation is put in place for bats/swallows as necessary. If a change is made to residential use, this should be for local families. The conversion should have a low carbon footprint in the build and use.**

Cllr Loudoun left the meeting.
 - b) 6/2020/0449 Mr S Lock, Land south of North Lease Farm, Knitson To Valley Road, Knitson, Corfe Castle, BH20 5JB. Change of use of rural building to residential dwelling, with associated alterations, parking provision and defined curtilage. **No Objection, but would ask that: 1. Proper mitigation is put in place for the bats. 2. The building has a zero-carbon footprint. 3. Residential use should remain in perpetuity for local people 4. The Highways officer should visit the site if he has not already done so, to assess the relative difficulties of vehicular access in the lane before making his report.**

Cllr Loudoun rejoined the meeting. Cllr Christie left the meeting.
 - c) TWA/2020/133 82 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HD. (1) Common ash - crown thin by 30%; (2) Common walnut - crown thin by 30%, reduce branches on side that the tree leans towards to reduce crown to a 4m spread, remove lower branch as indicated by red line on annotated photograph. Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **No Objection to work on the Ash. Work on the Walnut: this should have a maximum 20% crown thin, not 30%, as that could cause damage. Furthermore, work should be carried out in early Autumn to avoid sap loss.**

Cllr Christie rejoined the meeting
3. Decisions since last meeting:

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. **Approved**

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). **Approved**

4. Other Planning Matters. a) Length of time for Crack Lane site decision. It has been a year since LMPC considered the application. Mr Lytton-Trevers (DC) had been awaiting advice from the District Valuer and legal team regarding the proportion of affordable housing proposed and which version of the RES policy is applicable. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Head of DC planning to ask when a decision can be expected and whether this will go to Planning Cttee as requested by LMPC.**

b) Apparent change of plans re: market/shared ownership at Spyway Orchard site. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Head of DC planning to ask why LMPC were not consulted about proposed changes and who made the decision ?**

7. Minutes of the virtual Meeting held 12th November 2020. These were agreed to be a correct record. They will be signed by the Chair in due course.

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

9. The Clerk's Report for the period 4.11. – 1.12.2020. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.2 of the agenda. Report received.

a) A4. Litter pick. **ACTION: Clerk to find out if individuals litter picking along roads with a National Speed limit are covered by LMPC insurance.** It was again suggested that people might 'adopt' an area to pick: **ACTION: Cllr Bell/Ms Mayes to include suggestion in Dubber.**

b) A7. Removal of Phone box. **ACTIONS: i) Clerk to write to Dorset Council Chief Executive saying that LMPC considers them to be negligent for not passing on details of the consultation: ii) similar letter to CE of BT recording dissatisfaction at the process of consultation iii) find out if other villages in the UK have lost phone boxes in similar circumstance.**

c) A17. Suspicious evening behaviour at Public Toilets. Suggestions for CCTV and automatic locking were proposed, but it was agreed to wait to see if this behaviour was repeated.

d) C1/A13. Request for postal copies of Minutes. Cllr Christie suggested that the Council reviews its communication strategy, especially in relation to the website, which currently is not well-visited. E-mailing of a news update might be one idea. **ACTION: Clerk, All Cllrs.**

e) C2/A15 – Covid research: Cllrs were happy with the request for involvement; **ACTION: Clerk.**

f) B1. Reprint of Priest's Way leaflets. **RESOLVED: To move to digital-only, with option of printed samples and directions for where PDF can be downloaded.**

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 5th January 2021.

10. Chairman's Announcements. a) Ferry Inquiry update. The inquiry has been adjourned until 5th Jan.

b) Meeting with Matthew Piles (DC Corporate Director, Economic Growth and Infrastructure) and Cllr Brooks. This had been a useful opportunity to air LMPC concerns re: Highways and Planning issues, and Mr Piles listened and responded. A meeting is planned for 6 months' time to review progress. Cllr Christie noted that he will leave his 'No Confidence' proposal on the table until June 2021.

c) The Clerk's annual appraisal had taken place on 7th December: she was thanked for her work.

11. Purbeck DAPTC meeting report, 18th Nov. Council received a report from Cllrs Christie and Pearson; minutes will be circulated when available.

12. Procedures for Zoom Meetings and payments for Village Hall 2021. It was agreed: **ACTIONS: Clerk to count votes and feed back: Cllrs should use bigger hand gestures to attract attention: Chair to look at ways to increase public participation: Clerk to write to Village Hall Cttee explaining situation, and that we will book/pay as soon as it is safe to hold face-to-face meetings again.**

13. Highways. 20mph Proposal. Cllr V-A reported another response from Steve Mephram (DC) to his latest points. Steve had said that the B3069 is a strategic route and therefore is not eligible for a 20 mph. This is NOT national policy and will be challenged. If LMPC pays for the speed tests we can choose

where they are carried out. On 17th Dec DC's Overview and Scrutiny group will consider a change to 20mph policy: Cllr VA will present a paper in support on behalf of PTAG. **RESOLVED: In principle, to spend £250, at a suitable time, on a speed survey.**

14. Play Area update. Following recommendations from the Working Group, it was **RESOLVED:**
A: that a new lease be negotiated with DC, changes to include: i) 20 year term, ii) Extension into NE corner of the field in line with the current fence to the S of the swings, iii) Hedge or egg stone boundary demarcation instead of a requirement for a fence.

B: That LMPC accept Redlynch (Lappset)'s quotation for £34,130 (ex VAT).

C: That Aster/Drew Smith (Spyway Orchard project) and SATA group (OMH project) be approached for funding. Clerk to apply to eg Lottery, DCF for grant funds of c.£15,000 on Council's behalf.

ACTION: Clerk, as above.

15. Final Review of Purbeck Local Plan + CIL Modifications. Cllr Knight reminded Council that LMPC can only comment on changes. **RESOLVED: To respond in the following way: i) Policy H12: the Council requests the reinsertion of the final deleted paragraph so as to ensure that the vast majority of rural exception site housing would be affordable. DC's suggested amendment drives a horse and cart through the whole raison d'etre for RESs; ii) Policy H14. The Council requests the insertion at the end of the 2nd paragraph, "in the event that such a planning condition/obligation is not complied with or the permission/obligation is withdrawn then the property in question will, in perpetuity, be subject to the principal residence restriction which would have applied if the commercial holiday let planning permission had not been granted"; iii) (CIL) The Council agree to request the deletion of the newly inserted clauses on reduced CIL charges in both Swanage & Coast and Wareham & Purbeck Fringe.**

ACTION: Clerk to send through LMPC responses.

16. Memorial to late Cllr Lovell. **RESOLVED: To plant a tree in Cllr Lovell's memory at the Parish Office at Putlake. ACTION: Clerk/Cllrs White and Loudoun to make proposal re: type of tree etc.**

17. A Volunteer of the Year 2020 for Langton had been approved by all. It was proposed that the award be celebrated at next year's Parish Assembly. **ACTION: Cllr Pearson to prepare citation.**

18. It was **RESOLVED: To prepare an updated survey of housing in the village to determine occupation. ACTION: All Cllrs; Clerk to prepare survey maps and collate information.**

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

£ 200.00 Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial E60, Mrs Caroline Dorland, Plot XaCr7.

£ 20.00 Additional Monument inscription fee, the late Jeanette Burrow, Plot N17.

£ 250.00 Interment fee, the late Clarice Wellstead, Plot M14.

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

£ 918.68 Clerk's salary (November).

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

£150.00 Ian Bugler, Grounds Maintenance (November).

£ 233.39 Linda Mc Morrow. – cleaning of Public Conv. + Bus shelter (November)

£ 14.00 DAPTC – Training module – Time Management.

£ 26.40 DC – No Dog signs.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 109.13 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband + new router (November).

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

(4) Any other Financial Matters: a) Approve Budget. Revisions were suggested by Cllrs. **RESOLVED: To approve the revised budget. To spend c.£1,000 on allotment fence renewal works (posts/rabbit wire)**

20. Confirmation of the date of the next virtual Council Meeting 14th January 2021 at 7 pm.

21. Additional Items for future meetings: Street Lights / Allotment officer roles, / Phone box Closed 10.00 pm.

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