

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a virtual Council Meeting held on 'Zoom' on Thursday 11th February 2021 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllr W Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Christie, A Bell, P White, D Pearson, I Vaughan-Arbuckle, M Kirby, N Harding, P Loudoun.

Dorset Cllr Brooks, Tom Clarke (NT) and 3 members of the public were also 'present'.

The meeting was recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: None.

2. Declarations of interest / Grants of Dispensation. Cllr Bell, Item 12, Dubber grant application.

3. National Trust Report. Mr Clarke reported that **all rangers are back at work** and **Spyway car park** remains open for local residents taking exercise. There is concern about the potential **volume of visitors** once lockdown eases, and the Trust will be meeting with other land managers and local police in early March to make plans for how to manage such an influx. They are keen to have a greater presence on the South Purbeck coast; Tom will prepare a profile for **volunteers in an 'ambassadorial' role** and bring this to LMPC's March meeting for discussion. **ACTION: Tom Clarke**. Concern was expressed about use of the Spyway car park for camping etc. once lockdown is lifted; this will be discussed at the meeting with police etc. in March. Mr Clarke thought it unlikely that visiting restrictions will be broken over Half term, though the Easter break may be challenging.

4. Dorset Cllr's Report. Cllr Brooks reported **Covid** problems with some care homes in Swanage. Purbeck case numbers are going down. DC are working with Police and the NHS in a **Local Resilience Forum** on plans for managing future visitors to Dorset until the pandemic is over. DC have used capital funding to **buy a school** on the border with Wiltshire which will be used for Children and Adult Services to avoid having to use out-of-county facilities: residents are invited to consult on this. Cllr Brooks explained that though the **Purbeck Local Plan**, once adopted, will last until 2032, the new Dorset Local Plan will supersede it when adopted in 2024. Regarding the **Spyway Barn application**, (6/2020/0560), Cllr Brooks has already asked that it be referred to the Planning Committee, though she does not make the final decision. The **Crack Lane application**, (6/2019/0656), which was to have been discussed by the Planning Cttee on 10.2.2020, has been deferred to the March meeting to allow for finalisation of a report. Cllr Brooks will attend the **PTAG 20 is Plenty** meeting on 12.2.2021, as will Mike Potter, Policy Manager for Highways. Cllr Brooks had held a useful **telephone meeting with Cllr V-A** to explore Highways issues. Cllr Pearson asked Cllr Brooks about aspects of the DLP; she is concerned that **Langton Matravers is defined as 'sustainable' despite lack of facilities/infrastructure**. Cllr V-A said that he had also found his meeting with Cllr Brooks helpful, and was pleased the DC were working to develop a **new set of criteria for 20mph requests**: will PCs have sight of this before publication? Cllr Brooks will ask Mike Potter, and update Cllr V-A before the PTAG meeting. Cllr Christie asked that Cllr Brooks pass on thanks from a parishioner for **clearance work on the footway** at the W end of the village. **ACTION: Cllr Brooks**.

5. Public Participation. The meeting was adjourned for this item.

a) Barrie Mayes is pleased to hear that the Spyway Barn application is likely to be heard by the Planning Cttee.

b) Bridget Mayes: i) noted that the LMPC Facebook page is not used; this would be a 'soft way' to engage with the public. ii) asked for a minor revision to the 14.1.2021 Minutes, Item 5a). iii) asked that the Council re-consider its decision to ask for the reinstatement of the phone box: a working phone is needed, in the interests of emergency calls, rather than just street furniture.

The meeting was reconvened.

6. Matters Arising from Public Participation.

a) Cllr Brooks explained that under the current Scheme of Delegation the final decision on whether an application goes to Cttee is made by the Chief Planning Officer.

- b) The use of Facebook can be considered by the Policy and Governance group when reviewing its Communications Policy. A meeting of the group is scheduled for 19.2.2021.
- c) Phone Box. The Clerk updated the meeting with a letter from a representative of the CEO of BT saying that the removal formed part of their longstanding plans, (despite LMPC's objections) and they will not be replacing it. ***ACTION: Clerk to send a copy to Ms Mayes.***
7. Planning Matters. 1. Receive comments from the public on the following applications: 6 objections had been received relating to Item e). It was agreed to hold this item over until February 25th.
2. a) 6/2020/0563 Mr & Mrs J Yeung, Harris's Cottage, The Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3JS. Erect rear porch & alterations. **No details on website – decision deferred to March 11th.**
- b) 6/2020/0564 Mr & Mrs J Yeung, Harris's Cottage, The Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3JS. Erect rear porch, relocate ground floor bathroom, enlarge kitchen/dining window, enlarge bedroom and install ensuite, form new French doors and sidelights to kitchen. **No details on website – decision deferred to March 11th.**
- c) 6/2020/0565 Mr & Mrs J Yeung, Harris's Cottage, The Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3JS. Demolition of existing shed and erection of new timber outbuilding. New aluminium framed greenhouse. **No details on website – decision deferred to March 11th.**
- d) 6/2020/0584 Mrs Elizabeth Hedley, Burr Bank, Crack Lane, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3EF. Partial demolition of upper aspects of garage and lobby adjacent to garage Reconfiguration of garage upper structure and roof. **No Objection.**
- e) 6/2020/0560 Mr R Turner, Spyway Orchard Barn, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HG. Convert and extend existing barn into 4x2 bedroom residential units with parking re use existing access Use class C3.- **DEFERRED – see above.** Cllr Brooks explained that this application is not being considered under Class Q, relating to permitted devt. of agricultural buildings, but under Class C, and therefore will be subject to the usual rules in the NPPF and local plan relating to RES, settlement boundary etc.
3. Decisions since last meeting: a) 6/2020/0468 Mr Julian Harding. Corfe Way, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, Swanage, BH19 3DX. Provision of sewerage treatment plant to land at rear of Corfe Way. **Approved**
- 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. **Approved**
4. Other Planning Matters. None.
8. Minutes of the virtual Meeting held 14th January 2021. Subject to a change in Item 5a) to say the Ms Mayes 'concurred' rather than 'also expressed concern...', the Minutes were otherwise agreed to be a correct record. They will be signed by the Chair in due course.
9. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) Item 10a) Play Area lease. The Clerk reported that progress with the lease was awaiting a decision on safeguarding by St George's School after half term.
- b) Item 10 b). Flood Risk Management. Cllr Kirby noted that Mr Paterson of the Hyde had written again to LMPC regarding flooding there. It was ***RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders in order to rescind Council's decision at the last meeting to take no action in the matter. Clerk to write to Mr Paterson explaining context and suggesting that he contact other residents of the Hyde.***
10. The Clerk's Report for the period 6.1.-2.2.2021. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.2 of the agenda. Report received.
- a) C. B1. Play Area reports. It was agreed to write a regular report in the Dubber updating parishioners about the progress of our plans.
- b) CA5.DC Free Parking Policy. ***RESOLVED: To support the offer of free parking days. ACTION: Clerk to feed back.***
- c) DA6. Aster Press Release re; Spyway Orchard build – request for LMPC comment. As the draft press release had only just been received, the matter was deferred for discussion to 25th Feb. ***ACTION: Clerk to advise Aster and query some content in text.***
- d) DA10. DC- CIL hearings. Cllrs did not wish to attend: LMPC's comments have already been made.
- e) Re A1, Phone box removal. Cllrs Pearson and Christie agreed to raise the idea at the next Purbeck DAPTC meeting of a combined press release with Studland and West Lulworth PCs, who have also lost phone boxes recently.

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 2nd March 2021.

11. Chairman's Announcements. Cllr Knight reminded Cllrs that they should all be aware of the content of LMPC's Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct, ensuring that all actions carried out as Cllrs and in the name of the Council are in line with these.

12. Grant Awards 2021. It was **RESOLVED: To grant: 20 is Plenty, £50: The Dubber, £200: LM Village Hall kitchen refurbishment fund, £500: Purbeck Citizens Advice, £150. To make a donation of £500 to 'Will Does', subject to sight of a suitable Safeguarding Policy. ACTION: Clerk to ask 'Will Does' for copy of policy: Clerk to have delegated power to issue cheque for 'Will Does' on receipt of suitable Safeguarding Policy document.**

13. Plans for Parish Assembly. The date of 21st April had been 'pencilled in'; this is unlikely to be safe for the usual format under Covid restrictions. The idea of postponement or a 'virtual' format were considered, and it was agreed to defer a decision until the Govt gives further guidance on future Covid restrictions.

14. Safeguarding Policy. **RESOLVED: To adopt the Council's draft Safeguarding Policy.**

15. C&EE Meeting and Sustainable Swanage. Cllr Pearson reported on 2 very useful meetings which she had attended on LMPC's behalf. It had been useful to share ideas with Cllrs from across the region. Ideas on 20mph in villages had been shared. Swanage are keen to work with neighbouring parishes on Climate initiatives.

16. Dorset Local Plan Consultation. **RESOLVED: To hold an Extraordinary meeting on 25th February.** Cllr Brooks will attend. **ACTION: Clerk to re-send links for webinars etc so that Cllrs can review the draft plan before the meeting.** The outstanding planning matter e) will also form part of the agenda, as well as the Aster press release.

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

£ 560.00 Allotment fees 2021.

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

£ 918.68 Clerk's salary (January).

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

£ 119.00 ITB Gardening (January).

£ 215.00 Linda Mc Morrow. – cleaning of Public Conv. (January)

£ 136.55 Keith Coombs – materials for allotment fence repairs.

£ 59.98 Bullguard internet security (cheque to Clerk).

Grant Payments agreed under s.137.

£ 50.00 20 is Plenty (cheque to Cllr V-A)

£ 200.00 The Dubber.

£ 500.00 Langton Matravers Village Hall kitchen refurbishment fund.

£ 150.00 Purbeck Citizen's Advice.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

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

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

(4) Any other Financial Matters: a) Approve 3rd Quarter accounts **RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for the 3rd Quarter.**

20. Confirmation of the date of the next virtual monthly Council Meeting 11th March 2021 at 7 pm.

21. Additional Items for future meetings: Street Lights / Allotment officer roles, / NT Volunteer offering (March) / Listing of Street furniture / Highways report / Plans for Parish Assembly.

Closed 9.02 pm.

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