

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a virtual Council Meeting held on 'Zoom' on Thursday 11th March 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.

Tom Clarke (NT) and 4 members of the public were also 'present': Cllr Brooks joined the meeting at c. 7.30pm.

The meeting was recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Loudoun, lambing.

2. Declarations of interest / Grants of Dispensation.

3. National Trust Report. **Corfe Castle** will re-open on 29th March. The Trust are preparing with other agencies for a **large volume of visitors** over the Easter period once Covid restrictions are lifted. Local litter pickers have reported large volumes of **dog poo** around the Priest's Way area: Mr Clarke will meet with Bridget Mayes and Julie Baker after Easter to discuss a way forward. Cllrs were not averse to his proposals for the '**voluntary ambassador**' role. It is hoped to recruit local people who can engage with visitors, starting at Easter. **ACTION: Clerk to note in Dubber.** Cllr Pearson suggested that volunteers might report back to LMPC at meetings. There are issues with some of the **footpaths** in the area, and a working group would be useful to prioritise maintenance. Cllr Bell advised that the NT section of the road up past Langton House is badly potholed.

5. Public Participation. None. Therefore no Item 6.

7. Planning Matters. 1. Receive comments from the public on the following applications: None.

2. a) 6/2020/0563 Mr & Mrs J Yeung, Harris's Cottage, The Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3JS. Erect rear porch & alterations. **No Objection**

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 Objection**

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 Objection**

d) TPO/2021/018 Mr Tarek Tabbah. Spyway Orchard, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers. Trees 236 to 286 Ash, Beech, Holly and Sycamore - Crown lift trees on northern boundary of site within area marked on plan to 4m above ground level District of Purbeck (Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers) TPO 2014 (Ref. TPO 434).

The Council OBJECTS to this application on 2 grounds:

1. **Further pruning (crown lifting) of the trees on the South side (the N side has already been pruned) may reduce viability to a point where the trees cannot sustain themselves.**

2. **The site's Biodiversity statement states that there should be a 'darkened corridor' along these trees to make a corridor for bats; reduction of the trees will adversely affect this corridor, and goes against the terms of the Biodiversity statement.**

3. Decisions since last meeting:

a) 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.

Approved.

b) (advised by Cllr Brooks following a Planning Cttee meeting 10.3.2021) 6/2019/0656 Ms Sarah Foot, Crack Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EF. Outline application on a rural exception site for a development of 8 dwellings (6 affordable & 2 open market) with details of access (all other matters reserved) **Approved.**

4. Dorset Cllr's Report. There were c.1,500 responses to the **Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy Consultation**. Dorset Council have received a **grant from central Govt.** of £18.17 million to reduce its carbon footprint across its buildings. There is a decrease in **Covid cases** across Dorset. There are challenges in setting the **new budget**: DC will cease to fund Tourist Information Centres to make

savings. The new criteria for **20mph speed limits** are being drafted; views from the public will be welcomed. **ACTION: CB and IVA to discuss detail.**

8. Minutes of the virtual Meetings held 11th and 25th (Extraordinary Meeting) February 2021. The Minutes of both meetings were agreed to be correct records. They will be signed by the Chair in due course.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) 11th Feb, Item 10a) Play Area. As no funding has so far been secured and a decision on the proposed 20yr. lease is still pending with DC premises team/St George's School, LMPC cannot go ahead with its order for new play equipment at present. It was **RESOLVED: To give the Play Area Working Group delegated powers to make the current play equipment safe, with budget for repairs up to c. £1,000, so that the play area can safely re-open as soon as possible.** The Clerk will continue to look for funding, and re-apply to SATA Group and Aster. **ACTION: Clerk, PA Working Group.**

10. The Clerk's Report for the period 3.2. – 2.3.2021. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.2 of the agenda. Report received.

a) A4. BT Phone Box. Members of Purbeck DAPTC are looking into getting boxes previously removed locally reinstalled. The possibility of community purchase of a replacement box for Langton was noted, and issues of siting, ongoing maintenance and payment were discussed. **ACTION: Cllr Brooks to find out if site of box in High Street could be re-used.**

b) C.A10. Changes to cutting regime at Closed Cemetery ? It was agreed to ask Ms Bibra to give a clearer idea of what is proposed before asking villagers for views, through the Dubber and website etc. **ACTION: Clerk.**

c) CA2. Flooding at the Hyde. Cllrs answered Mr Paterson's questions regarding the culvert and the role of the Parish Council. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Mr Paterson.**

d) A11. Zoom Link on LMPC agendas. Though it was understood that some PCs offer 'open' links, the Chair, who hosts PC virtual meetings, prefers to continue with the present system. He noted that all who requested a link had been included in meetings. Cllrs were happy to continue with this system.

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 30th March 2021.

11. Chairman's Announcements. None.

12. Proposals from Policy and Governance Group: It was **RESOLVED: To adopt revised versions of the Complaints Procedure, Communication and Social Media Policy and Clerk's contract.** **ACTION: Chair to send letter to Clerk formally advising of changes to contract related to a Holiday adjusted rate of pay.**

13. Purbeck DAPTC Extraordinary Meeting report and confirmation of LMPC responses to Dorset Local Plan Consultation. Purbeck DAPTC agreed with many of LMPC's responses. The meeting had not added any pressing points for inclusion in LMPC's formal response to the DLP. It was **RESOLVED: That the responses drafted at LMPC's Extraordinary Meeting on 25th Feb. be accepted as their submission to the consultation.** **ACTION: Clerk to forward to DC.**

14. Highways Update. With a growing impetus for **20mph in Dorset**, there is now a Dorset '20 is Plenty' campaign. Cllr V-A is LMPC representative. There has been a presentation to Dorset Cllrs on the topic. It was **RESOLVED: To spend £250 to have a DC speed survey done in Langton after lockdown to make LMPC's case for 20mph.** Cllr V-A will 'resurrect' the volunteer team for **Community Speed Watch** once Covid restrictions allow. Cllr Brooks advised that the plan for a **reduced speed limit on the A351** between the Swanage School and the west side of Coombe junction is still under review.

15. Digital Record of Monuments in Crack Lane Cemetery. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED: To create a digital survey of individual graves/monuments in Crack Lane Cemetery.** **ACTION: Clerk to put note in Dubber asking for volunteers.**

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

£ 105.00 Allotment fees 2021.

£ 500.00 Interment fee, the late Mr Robert Hall, Plot J2.

- £ 250.00 Interment fee, the late Ruth Turner, Plot Q15.
- £ 100.00 Monument fee, the late Mark Kelly, Plot R16.
- £ 20.00 Additional inscription 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 (February).
- £ 25.76 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (February).
- £ 119.00 ITB Gardening (February).
- £ 199.20 Linda Mc Morrow. – cleaning of Public Conv. (February)
- £ 66.00 LM PO – 100x 2nd class stamps (cheque to Clerk).
- £ 61.85 Initial – Hygiene unit at PCs – annual fee.
- £ 35.00 DAPTC – Cllr training – ‘Finding new Cllrs’.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

- £ 61.13 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (February).
- £ 27.56 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (February).

(4) Any other Financial Matters: None.

17. Confirmation of the date of the next virtual monthly Council Meeting 8th April 2021 at 7 pm.

18. Additional Items for future meetings: Neighbourhood Plan / Street Lights / Allotment officer roles, / Listing of Street furniture / Plans for Parish Assembly.

Closed 9.05 pm.

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