

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a virtual Council Meeting to include the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 'Zoom' Thursday 6th May 2021 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.

Tom Clarke of the National Trust 'attended': Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks joined the meeting later.

3 Members of the public were present.

The meeting was recorded.

1. Election of Chairman. **RESOLVED: That Cllr Knight be elected.**

2. Election of Vice-Chairman. **RESOLVED: That Cllr Christie be elected.**

3. Apologies for absence: None.

4. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations / Submission of Registers of Interests. No declarations or requests were made, and no-one asked to submit a revised register of interests.

5. Appoint or confirm Council Officers and Representatives. **RESOLVED: To accept the following:**

RoWLO: Cllr Bell.

Tree and Hedgerow: Cllr Loudoun

Emergency Liaison: Cllr V-A

Representatives on Purbeck DAPTC: Cllrs Pearson and Christie

Allotment Liaison Officers: Cllrs Bell and Pearson

Representatives on the Timson Trust: Cllrs Knight, Loudoun and Harding (subject to change on formal setting up of Trust by DC)

Internal Auditor: Mr John Kennedy

Bank: Lloyds

SEDACC: Chair, Vice-Chair, Cllr White

SACC: Cllr V-A (Chair), Cllrs Bell and Harding.

PTAG representative: Cllr V-A (and Cllr V-A continues as **Traffic and Highways Liaison**)

Environment: Cllrs Pearson and Christie

It was agreed to write formally to Mr Hedley to thank him for his work as RoWLO. **ACTION: Clerk**

6. Review Standing Orders. Finance Regulations, Risk and Asset Registers, policies. Cllrs had had an opportunity to review all documents before the meeting. **RESOLVED: To accept minor change to Cemetery Regulations. To add seating in Community Orchard and Putlake noticeboard to Asset Register. All other documents accepted without further revision. ACTION: Clerk to record/revise as necessary and inform Funeral Directors.**

7. St George's School Report. Report received and noted. **ACTION: Clerk to thank School for report.**

8. Dorset Cllr's Report. (See Item 15 below)

9. National Trust Report. Mr Clarke said that though the Trust cannot afford to clean **Portaloos at Spyway car park** under current Covid restrictions, they hope to install 2 Portaloos over the summer once these restrictions lift. They will be trialling a 'cut out' cow (scheme previously used at Studland) to get across the 'don't dump your dog poo' message at Spyway car park, and are working with Jurassic Bark Purbeck on this: perhaps pupils from St George's School could paint the cow? They are struggling to get **volunteer ambassadors** – please contact Tom if you can help. **Risk Assessments** are under review, with the aim to change the NT website to reflect challenges of access to eg Dancing Ledge; other websites are being checked to ensure they give an accurate picture of difficulties. Dorset Police are actively managing 'overnight hotspots' and Spyway CP will be included. It has been a good year for Early Spider orchids. Tom offered a **parish puffin walk**, possibly at the end of June. **ACTION: Clerk to liaise with TC on date and publicise in Dubber etc.** Cllr Christie expressed concern that the Trust are promoting on their website areas of the cliff which are part of the agreed **exclusion zone** for nesting birds; these should not be

included for access. It was **RESOLVED: To formally ask the National Trust to remove Scratch Arse ware from their website.** Further it was **RESOLVED: To ask the Trust to contact eg the Dorset Nature and Wildlife Group and others running boat trips to look at sea birds on the cliffs, to ensure that they are respecting the distances for the exclusion zones.** **ACTION: Clerk.**

9a. Public Participation. No member if the public wished to speak.

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

a) TWA/2021/036 Mrs Julie Crabb, 57 High Street Langton Matravers, BH19 3HA. T1 Ash - Crown reduce to previous pruning points Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **NO OBJECTION**

b) TPO/2021/019 Langton House, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HG. (T1) Oak - Fell to ground level. Replace with red oak in location specified on replacement planting plan. TPO: District of Purbeck (Spyway House, Langton Matravers) TPO 1976 (Ref. TPO 44) **NO OBJECTION**

c) 6/2021/00506 Mr Rod Watt, Grayling, Acton, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LA. To install a cat-slide dormer window at first floor level. **NO OBJECTION**

3. Decisions since last meeting:

a) 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). **APPROVED**

b) TPO/2021/023 Moll, The Old Malthouse School, High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. T1 Beech - fell due to excessive overhang into school playground T2 Chestnut - fell due to excessive overhang into school playground T3 Beech - fell due to excessive overhang into school playground T4 Pine - fell due to no amenity value and recent limb drop No replacement planting proposed District of Purbeck (The Old Malthouse School No.1) TPO 2007 (Ref. TPO 332). **REFUSED**

c) 6/2020/0563 Mr & Mrs J Yeung, Harris's Cottage, The Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3JS. Erect rear porch & alterations. **APPROVED**

d) 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. **APPROVED**

e) 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. **APPROVED**

4. Other Planning Matters. Cllrs were disappointed with the approval of 3a) (Spyway Orchard trees) as they feel that they may be irreparably damaged by the works proposed. Thanks were extended to Langton Planet Action and Planet Purbeck for their support in opposing 3b) (OMH trees) which has been refused by DC. **ACTION: Clerk to thank both groups on Council's behalf.**

b) Cllr Knight noted that a 'sitting out' licence has been granted by Dorset Highways to the King's Arms pub for outside tables on the High Street, subject to conditions: if these are not met, the licence can be revoked.

11. Minutes of the virtual Meeting held 8th April 2021. Apart from a clerical error regarding dates at Item 10, these were agreed to be a correct record and will be signed in due course.

12. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

13. The Clerk's Report for the period 1.4. – 27.4. 2020. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

A3. Water Butt at Cemetery. This has re-filled after rain: Cllr Loudoun has adjusted the feed pipe.

A5. Household waste at Cemetery. Cllr Loudoun reported that the waste is grocery and drink rubbish; this is not what the bins are intended for. He is checking every day. A 'CCTV' type notice was suggested as a deterrent. **ACTION: Clerk to look at costs.**

A report had been received of a white van parked on the High Street adjacent to the OMH lane junction, obstructing visibility to the E. **ACTION: Clerk to contact police and ask that it be moved.**

A8. Pre-School site proposals. It was made clear that this was only an idea at this stage, and Cllr Knight said that the *status quo* remains the best option.

Cllr Brooks joined the meeting.

B5. Meeting with St George's School about terms for a new Play Area lease. The Clerk had attended as Council's representative. Though strongly supportive of the project, the school would prefer a 10 year lease (rather than 20); they see LMPC's hedge boundary proposal as a safeguarding issue and would prefer a metal fence; they would prefer that any extension goes to the S of the swings rather than the E corner to protect the E wall. After considerable discussion, it was **RESOLVED: That the Council takes the view that if a 20 year lease cannot be agreed with the landlord, it will be unable to go ahead with plans for purchasing and installing new equipment at the Play Area, and will have to close down the current equipment when it becomes unsafe to use.** **ACTION: Clerk to report in Dubber. ACTION: Cllr Brooks to discuss lease tenure with DC premises team and estate manager and report back.**

Planet Purbeck Festival /LMAA request. The council has already noted its support for the festival. They agreed in principle with Ms Baker's request that the allotments be involved, though they would wish to ensure that all allotments tenants are informed and that they are happy with arrangements.

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

14. Chairman's Announcements. None.

15. Highways report (Cllr V-A). The final draft of Dorset Council's **20mph criteria** is being circulated to Cllrs before being formally considered. Cllr V-A is in touch with Arne PC, to see if their Lengthsman might do LMPC's '**SID swap**', in order to save the Council £500.00 p.a. It was agreed to delay payment of this year's fee to DC until it is known if this can be done. The **Community Speed Watch** team will be trained on Weds.12th May, though the equipment cannot be used for tracking cyclists. Dorset Council and Police have offered extra support in the form of signage and there will be marshals for the cycling/running events (now 3) scheduled for 22nd May. The final **PTAG transport strategy** has been circulated. Cllr Brooks reported that she had checked the **High Street pavements**, and some repairs have been put in hand. She intends to move towards a **policy of prevention rather than reaction**, using a common sense approach, and will be reviewing the DC Code of Practice to reflect this. DC are looking to revive **Parish Maintenance Units**, which may help.

16. Delegated Powers under current Covid restrictions. As it is still illegal to hold PC meetings inside and virtual meetings can no longer be used as a legitimate alternative under the current restrictions, it was **RESOLVED: That in response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. This will be carried out where possible by consultation with members by electronic means or telephone. The clerk will further consult with the chairman for guidance as necessary. The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first meeting of the council after the council meeting at which the delegation was put in place.** If Govt. restrictions are eased in June, it is hoped to start face-to-face meetings from July. **ACTION: Clerk to provisionally book Village Hall from July. Cllrs Pearson and Christie to discuss issue of meeting restrictions at Purbeck DAPTC on 12th May.**

17. Flooding on South side of the village. Following a brief report of a meeting of some Cllrs with Steve and Karen from Putlake, and Gary Cleaver and Dan Williams, engineers with the DC Flood Management Team, it was **RESOLVED: That this Council formally asks the Dorset Council Flood Management Team to explore long term solutions to the flooding problems in Durnford Drove, Gypshayes, the Hyde and Putlake.** **ACTION: Clerk.**

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

£ 550.00 Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial E62 and interment of ashes fee, the late Mrs Winifred Coles, Plot CR Zc5.

£ 15.097.50 Dorset Council – First half Precept payment 2021-22.

- £ 200.00 Monument fee, the late William Ormerod, Plot N19
- (2) Note the following Payments by cheque or cash to be made since last Meeting:
 - £ 928.20 Clerk's salary (April).
 - £ 27.07 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (April).
 - £ 187.00 Ian Bugler, Grounds Maintenance (April).
 - £ 465.00 Linda McMorrow – cleaning of PCs (April).
 - £ 78.27 SSE – Electricity supply to Toilet block, 5.1.-13.4.2021
 - £ 200.00 John Kennedy – Annual internal audit fee.
 - £ 566.33 Came and Company – Annual Council Insurance fee.
 - £ 143.88 Zoom annual fee (cheque to Chair).
 - £ 416.87 Emery Carpentry – repairs to Play Area.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

- £ 61.13 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (April).
- £ 27.85 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (April).

(4) Any other Financial Matters: a) **RESOLVED: To approve Annual Governance Statement.** b) **To approve annual accounts 2020-21.**

19. Confirmation of the date of the next (unofficial) virtual Council Meeting 10th June 2020 at 7 pm, Village Hall. **The next official meeting of the Council will be announced when it is safe and legal to do so.**

20. Additional Items for future meetings: Neighbourhood Plan / Changes to Working Group/Cttee/Meeting structure / Review Action Plan / Allotment officer roles, fees and insurance ? Listing of street furniture / 'Lost paths'.

Closed 9.30 pm.

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