

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes (notes) of a virtual meeting of a Working Party of the Council held on 'Zoom' on Thursday 10th June 2021 at 7 pm.

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

Cllr Brooks and 1 member of the public were also 'present'.

The meeting was recorded.

The Chair reminded those present that as this is not a legally constituted meeting, any decisions made by the Council will be phrased in the form of 'recommendations' which are not legally binding at this point: these decisions may be acted on by the Clerk as appropriate under the scheme of delegation (6.5.2021). Such decisions will be formally adopted by the Council at a legally-constituted meeting in the future.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs. White, Harding, Kirby; Tom Clarke (NT).
2. Declarations of interest / Grants of Dispensation. None.
3. National Trust Report. None.
4. Dorset Councillor's Report. Cllrs are reviewing feedback on the Local Plan. Cllr Brooks was thanked for the sign encouraging participants in this year's Jurassic cycle sportive to '**slow down**' through the village. Cyclists had behaved more safely than in previous years. Cllr Brooks reported that **towaway zones** are active and effective in Studland and Lulworth, but the scheme will not be extended elsewhere due to the need to have facilities to tow away to. Lulworth has reserved a site and Studland will be towed away to Poole across the ferry. DC Highways will consult soon on a 'right turn only' sign for **Coombe junction**. The TRO for extended 30mph speed limit there is in progress.
5. Public Participation. None. Therefore no Item 6.
7. Planning Matters.
 1. Receive comments from the public on the following applications: None.
 2. a) TWA/2021/052 Henry Jack Scott, Verge to north of Leeson House, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EU. T7 Sycamore - Crown reduction of up to 3m. Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **No Objection, but concern that the work may already have been done before the decision date. ACTION: Clerk to follow up with DC tree team.**
 - b) [6/2021/0046](#) PA and PM Earley, Spyway Farm, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HG. Erect a barn. **No Objection.**
3. Decisions by Dorset Council since last meeting:
 - a) [6/2020/0472](#) Mr Tim York, Palafox, The Hyde, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HE. Erect a replacement porch and replace windows. Part render and repoint exterior walls and quoin corners (Retrospective). **Approved.**
 - b) [6/2020/0465](#) Mr Tim York, Palafox, The Hyde, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HE. Two storey rear extension including loft conversion to form habitable accommodation with Juliet balcony. Garage side extension. **Approved.**
 - c) [6/2021/0036](#) Mr and Mrs S Peskin, South Barn Gully, LM BH19 3EX. Installation of 3no. ground mounted air source heat pumps on the eastern side of the single storey outbuilding. **Approved.**
 - d) [6/2021/0121](#) Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, South Barn, Gully, Swanage, BH19 3EX. Upgrade existing 11kV overhead line from 2 wire to 3 wire. **Approved.**
 - e) [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. **Approved.**
4. Any other Planning Matters: None.
8. Minutes of the virtual Meeting held 6th May 2021 which included the Annual Parish Meeting. The Minutes of the meeting were agreed to be a correct record. It was recommended that they be signed by the Chair in due course.
9. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) Cllr Bell had met the retiring RoWLO, Christopher Hedley; he has promised to do another full footpath survey in September. b) Item 13.A5. Cemetery Bins. Cllr

Loudoun reported that no more 'general' litter had been deposited. It might be better to remove the bins and ask mourners to take their waste home. **ACTION: To be discussed at a future meeting.**

b) Item 17) Flood Management: funding bid. It seems that the PC will need to apply for any funding for flood alleviation measures. **ACTION: Clerk to work towards a structured proposal for a grant, with the help of a Working Group (membership tbc.)**

10. The Clerk's Report for the period 6.5. – 1.6.2021. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.2 of the agenda. Report received.

a) A7. Accident at Chapel Hill. Cllr V-A asked that he be sent a copy of this: **ACTION: Clerk; copy to Cllr Brooks.** Cllr Brooks noted that such 'local evidence' will be valuable when T&PCs apply for 20mph zones under the new criteria to be introduced soon. **ACTION: All Cllrs to list relevant incidents.**

b) A17. Use of Glyphosate on School Field boundary. Cllr Pearson expressed concern about this.

c) Invitation to attend Swanworth Quarry Liaison meeting 5pm 15th July. **ACTION: Cllr Pearson and Clerk to attend.**

d) C1 Ben Young, offer of tree planting at Nursery Bridge farm. It was agreed to accept Mr Young's offer, providing all Planning Terms and Conditions on the current development at the site have been met.

e) C2. Woodland Trail. It was agreed that Friends of the Woodland Trail might make it part of the planet Purbeck Festival in September. **ACTION: Clerk to inform FWT.**

f) C3. National Trust and Puffin Exclusion Zones. After discussion it was agreed that although such zones cannot be legally enforced, LMPC should encourage the Trust to set an advisory 50m exclusion zone in the puffin breeding area off local cliffs, and inform all those wishing to view puffins: markers buoys will be suggested as demarcation aid. **ACTION Clerk to contact NT.**

g) C4. LMPC Switch to Green energy ? It was agreed that the Clerk should get quotations from 3 'green' energy suppliers for supply to the toilet block, while checking carefully that they are 'green'. **ACTION: Clerk. Cllr Bell to suggest suitable suppliers, + Clerk to ask DAPTC.**

h) Queen's Green Canopy project. It was agreed to support this in principle. **ACTION: All.**

i) D1.DC – Draft 'Working Together' protocol. Cllrs feel that the Council has a good working relationship with officers and expressed doubts about the protocol's value, suggesting it might create more bureaucracy and be a form of 'gatekeeping' exercise which worked against effective communication and good relationships between Clerks and officers. Cllr Brooks explained the background to the protocol and offered to take LMPC's views back to the author and ask for more time to consult. **ACTION: Cllr Brooks.**

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 29th June 2021.

11. Chairman's Announcements. a) Cllr Knight asked that the **Play Area lease meeting** be discussed under Confidential Items (17). b) The Chair expressed doubts under the current Covid situation whether it would be safe to hold a **face-to-face PC meeting** in July. **ACTION: Clerk to use DAPTC Guidance to draft protocol for face-to-face meetings, and contact Village Hall to find out what their guidelines are.**

12. Highways Report. Cllr V-A proposed that as the recent cycle sportive had been safer than in previous years, a letter of thanks be sent to the organisers. **ACTION: Clerk.** It was **RECOMMENDED: To purchase a speed gun for £320.00 for the use of the Speedwatch team.** Cllr V-A has proposed 3 more **sites for Speedwatch:** Outside the Old Chapel, on Coombe Hill and at Putlake Farm, and awaits approval from the Police. The Arne lengthsmen is not available to **move the SID.** **ACTION: Clerk to ask Corfe CPC if they can help.** Cllr V-A was thanked by the Chair for all his work on Highways matters.

13. Connecting Rural Dorset. Cllrs Pearson and Kirby had attended. Much content was not directly relevant to Langton, but the Government will be launching a new 'Project Gigabyte', which can be accessed through Community Centres. Meetings will be held quarterly to keep T&PCs updated.

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

£ 35.00 Chowang Llama, Allotment fee, Plot 12b.

£ 100.00 Cremation tablet fee, the late Mrs M.E. Goodhand, Plot Cr Xa7

(2) Note the following Payments by cheque or cash to be made since last Meeting:

- £ 928.20 Clerk's salary (May).
- £ 26.38 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (May).
- £ 204.00 Ian Bugler, Grounds Maintenance (May).
- £ 495.74 Linda McMorrow. – cleaning of Public Conveniences + materials (May)
- £ 323.32 DAPTC – annual subscription + LCR magazine.
- £ 82.20 Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA); Play area safety survey and report.
- £ 91.16 Viking – printer ink for black printer.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

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

(4) Any other Financial Matters: None.

15. Confirmation of the date of the next monthly Council Meeting, 8th July 2021 at 7 pm.

16. Additional Items for future meetings: Neighbourhood Plan / Changes to Working Group/Cttee meeting structure / Allotment officer roles, fees and insurance / Listing of Street furniture / Lost paths / Review Action Plan / Removal of Cemetery bins.

18. Additional Item: Purbeck DAPTC Report. (Cllr Christie). Concern had been expressed that current Planning training might not be valuable if the new Govt Planning proposals become law. Cllr Christie had represented LMPC in supporting a motion from the meeting that Swanage's Ambulance car be retained.

17. Confidential Items (3). As a result of one of these, Council recommended that Dorset Council be asked to move the van and caravan from the layby in Crack Lane.

Closed 10.00 pm.

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