

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Langton Matravers Village Hall on Thursday 11th November 2021 at 7 pm.

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

6 members of the public were present, and Tom Clarke (NT) and DC Ward Cllr Brooks also attended. The meeting was recorded. The LMPC Covid-safe protocol was observed.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr White.

2. Declarations of interest / Grants of Dispensation. Cllrs Christie and Kirby declared an interest in Item 22 as allotment holders; Cllr Christie declared an interest in Planning Item 1e) as a neighbour. Cllrs Knight and Bell declared an interest as neighbours in Planning Items 1a) and b). All left the room when these items were under discussion.

3. National Trust Report. Mr Clarke held the **annual meeting for activity licensees** this week: the groups are now working better with the coastguard/RNLI and he thinks that the 'right balance' has been achieved. Concerns had been expressed about **children changing for activities in public** at Spyway car park: he said that this was all within safeguarding guidelines. The Trust continue to explore other car parking options. The **Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve project** is going well; Cllrs received copies of the new leaflet. It is hoped that this national example will benefit locals, and that some aspects of the model to manage tourism could be used elsewhere in Purbeck. Cllr Knight encouraged Mr Clarke to actively involve neighbouring Councils in ongoing plans.

4. Dorset Councillor's Report. DC have launched a **survey** to find out what the public think of services. They will be asking the government for **support with Climate-emergency related projects**. DC have already delivered **electric vehicle charging points** in larger centres of population, and Phase 2 will be coming on stream shortly: T&PCs are encouraged to bid. DC are actively involved in the '**Bus Back Better**' project, and have bid for funding. Cllr Brooks now shares the DC portfolio for Adult Social Care and Health; she will keep LMPC updated as to when changes to the **20mph criteria** are agreed and advise the new Highways portfolio holder of LMPC's interest. **ACTION: Cllr Brooks**.

The meeting was adjourned.

5. Public Participation. a) Barrie Mayes, speaking as Chair of Langton CLT, noted that there will be a community meeting to seek local support for their project. He stressed that any CLT housing will be exclusively to meet local need.

b) Julie Baker, (LMAA), asked that any discussion on management of allotment insurance wait until after the new LMAA committee are in place.

The meeting was reconvened.

6. Matters arising from Public Participation. All items raised to be dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

7. Planning Matters. 1/2. Receive comments from the public on the following applications: None.

a) [P/FUL/2021/02912](#) Mr and Mrs Cox, Langton Manor Farm House B3069 Crack Lane To Steppes Hill Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3EU. New vehicular access from highway. **No Objection.**

b) [P/FUL/2021/02910](#) Mr and Mrs Cox, Langton Manor Farm House B3069 Crack Lane To Steppes Hill Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3EU. Internal and external alterations. **No Objection.**

c) [P/FUL/2021/03067](#) Putlake Adventure Farm B3069 Crack Lane To Steppes Hill Langton Matravers Swanage BH19 3EU. Extension to shop/post office. Erect pitched roof over with roof lights, alterations to doors & windows (all as per approval 6/2019/0509) Change of use of part of Main Hyde field to use as a car park. Change of use of field to North East of farmyard to use as a campsite for 60 days from Easter to the end of October annually. **No Objection.**

d) [P/TRC/2021/04199](#) 3 West Acton Field Langton Matravers Swanage BH19 3HS. T1 Ash - Crown reduction by 2.25m. **No Objection.**

e) [P/HOU/2021/03957](#) Mr Jim King, Coleman Cottage Old Malthouse Lane Langton Matravers BH19 3JA. To raise the boundary wall and construct a bicycle/ garden tool store. **The Council objects to this application on the**

following grounds: 1. The heightened wall would be out of keeping in a Conservation Area; it would adversely affect the historic streetscape at that point in the High Street.

2. The siting of the proposed shed ignores the fact that there is a special memorial tree already there: its root system must not be damaged by any building. The shed needs to be sited well clear of the tree.

3. The egress from the junction of Old Malthouse Lane onto the B3069 (High Street) is already difficult: a higher wall would further obscure the view of oncoming traffic from the west at a very narrow point in the road (Highways issue).

3. Decisions by Dorset Council since last meeting:

a) 6/2021/0179/0180 43-45 High Street Langton Matravers Swanage BH19 3HA. Single storey rear extension, infill extension at first floor to rear and associated alterations. **Granted.**

4. Any other Planning Matters: None.

8. Confirm and sign Minutes of the Meeting held 14th October 2021. The notes of the meeting were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) Item 16, Neighbourhood Plan. 2 firms of consultants had been approached, and Arne's plan had been circulated to Cllrs. There would need to be a tendering process for any consultant. Phase 1 would be to invite potential tenderers to give a presentation to the community.

10. The Clerk's Report for the period 6.10.-2.11.2021. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.2 of the agenda. Report received.

D.A1/5 Vehicle charging points. It was **RESOLVED to express formal interest to DC in electric charging points for the village.** **ACTION: Clerk.**

D.A10 All Cllrs agreed to vote for Cllr Parish to the NALC Smaller Councils Cttee. **ACTION: Clerk.**

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

11. Chairman's Announcements. a) **Remembrance:** A minute's silence was held to honour the fallen.

b) **Resignation of Cllr Bell.** Cllr Bell was warmly thanked for all her hard work while serving on the Council; she will be much missed by all. **ACTION: Clerk to advise DC Electoral Services of the vacancy.** c) **Burial Authority Survey.** The government is proposing changes to the law on space and proximity to watercourses etc. in cemeteries: it was **RESOLVED to grant the Clerk delegated powers to investigate the impact of the proposals and respond on Council's behalf.** **ACTION: Clerk.**

12. School Field and Play Area. a) Dorset Council had refused to transfer the school field to LMPC. b) The Governors had agreed that the Play Area might be extended as far as the east wall in the new lease, as long as LMPC accept responsibility for repairs to the wall in that area, and the word 'wall' is included in Clause 4.3.c) (Repairs) relating to boundaries. It was **RESOLVED to accept the offer of the space to the east wall, with the inclusion of the word 'wall' in the new lease.** It was also **RESOLVED: That LMPC will work closely with St George's School Governors regarding safety matters at the entrance to the field/Play Area.**

13. RoW report (Cllr Bell). Mr Hedley had carried out a very detailed report on the current state of the RoWs in the village; it was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent for all his hard work. **ACTION: Clerk.** He has promised to undertake a further 2 more reports. More volunteers are needed to clear the paths; Cllr Kirby was thanked for his work on clearing footpaths in the area. **ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Bell to put request in Dubber.** It was **RESOLVED: to set up an SLA with Dorset Council to clear path 34 at Acton for 1 year.** **ACTION: Clerk.** Several stiles need repair: the Trust have been advised: it might help if LMPC also wrote to them. **ACTION: Clerk**

14. Highways update. a) Car Park . The Working Group had met. Spyway CP should be closed and there is a need for an alternative National Trust car park outside the village. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED that members of the working group contact Tracey Churcher of the National Trust to look at a site outside the village.**

15. Local Housing Need. Cllr Kirby had presented Cllrs with a discussion paper giving details of numbers relating to declared local need for affordable housing and size of proposed homes at Spyway Orchard. He

is concerned that not all the 22 houses being built at Spyway Orchard will go to households with a direct Langton connection, as per the s106 policy. During discussion it was agreed that Dorset appears to be giving more weight to its Housing Allocation Policy than the relevant s106 when making allocations in Langton. LMPC needs to be pro-active in encouraging locals to come forward for housing in the village. It was therefore **RESOLVED: That the Parish Council set up a small working party to engage with the issues of promotion, registration for and allocation of, the new s106 properties in the village for the benefit of local people. ACTION: Cllrs to advise Cllr Kirby if they will serve on this working party.**

16. Plastic/rubbish policy at Crack Lane. It was **RESOLVED: To revise section 4 of the Cemetery Regulations to say: 1. The Cemetery is a plastic-free zone; all tributes should be of entirely natural materials. 2. Please remove all floral or other tributes from the cemetery when no longer required. 3. If, during an inspection, floral or other tributes are, in the view of the Parish Council, found: a) to be or to have become "tired", unsightly or hazardous, b) to impede effective lawn or grounds maintenance or c) otherwise to cause nuisance or be in breach of these regulations, then such tributes shall be removed and disposed of as the Council deems fit.**

17. Purbeck DAPTC report (Cllrs Christie and Pearson). Cllr Christie reported on discussion of traffic and planning issues in the wider area, and concerns about marginalisation of T&PCs by DC, as evidenced by the withdrawal of notification of tree applications. The group will fight to get these notifications reinstated. It was suggested that another meeting with Matthew Piles (DC) be set up, and that the matter be raised at the Rowbarrow group. **ACTION: Clerk to pass concerns to Rowbarrow group.**

18. It was **RESOLVED: To agree all dates as presented for monthly Council meetings in 2022.**

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

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- £ 600.00 A.S Goldingham, burial plot F20 at Crack Lane Cemetery, (E56).
- £ 75.00 + £50.00 Interment and monument fees, the late Caroline Dorland, CrXA8.
- £ 1,593.51 Community Playground fundraising – various donors.
- £ 150.00 Interment fee, the late Sheila Allen Plot A1.
- £ 5,000.00 Lottery funding for Community Playground.
- £ 5,000.00 Aster homes – donation for Community Playground.

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

- £ 944.40 Clerk's salary (October).
- £ 28.62 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (October).
- £ 204.00 Ian Bugler, Grounds Maintenance (October).
- £ 485.71 Linda McMorrow. – cleaning of Public Conveniences (October).
- £ 25.00 St George's Church – Hire of church for LMPC meeting 9th December.
- £ 93.32 Puzey and Co. – new tap at Gent's PC + valve.
- £ 30.32 Viking – new mouse.
- £ 215.15 Dorset Council – SLAs for 2 footpaths 2021/22.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

- £ 61.13 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (October).
- £ 28.33 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (October).

(4) Any other Financial Matters: None.

20. Confirmation of the date of the next monthly Council Meeting, 9th December 2021 at 7 pm.

21. Additional Items for future meetings: Listing of Street furniture / Lost paths / new bin at Putlake. Cllrs Christie and Kirby left the meeting.

22. Allotments. a) Proposed fees for 2023. After discussion it was **RESOLVED: That the allotment fee for 2023 be set at £60 per full plot.**

Closed 9.30 pm.

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

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