

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Langton Matravers Village Hall on Thursday 10th February 2022 at 7 pm.

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

9 members of the public were present.

The meeting was recorded. The LMPC Covid-safe protocol was observed.

1. Apologies for absence: Tom Clarke (NT).

2. Declarations of interest / Grants of Dispensation. Cllr Loudoun declared an interest in Planning 1a) as he had done during previous comment on the application. He left the room when this item was discussed.

3. National Trust Report. The Clerk read the report. **Coppicing work** continues in the West Wood. The Trust is allowing tradespeople working at Spyway Orchard to park in the **Spyway car park extension** in order to free up roadside parking at Durnford Drove. The Trust are working with activity providers and tenants at Spyway Farm to find **temporary changing facilities** for younger clients. The **Sustainable Tourism plan** for the heaths will be launched next month: plans for South Purbeck may follow a similar model. Cllr Christie expressed concern about the churning effect of cattle grazing at Hedbury/Badger's Knap on turf/plants. **ACTION: Clerk to advise National Trust of concern.**

4. Dorset Councillor's Report. Cllr Brooks was not present, nor had she sent a report.

The meeting was adjourned.

5. Public Participation. a) Bridget Mayes (Love Langton). There will be a 'solo' **Litter Pick** in March; volunteers were thanked. There are still problems with **fly-tipping in Crack Lane**, with glass uncollected by DWP. A '**Jurassic Bark**' poster encouraging owners to pick up after their dogs has been circulated to vets in the area. Mrs Mayes and Mrs Baker will meet Tom Clarke (NT) shortly to plan the summer campaign. Mrs Mayes proposed the development of a **Community Fund** to support local capital projects or young people.

b) Sean Lock explained that the revised plans for a family home at Knitson now include demolition of the original building; this will be more economic to build and better suit the family's needs. (Planning 1a).

The meeting was reconvened.

6. Matters arising from Public Participation. a) Cllr Christie had removed 18 bags of **dog waste** from the garden of Garfield Cottage. Dorset Council do not own or maintain all parts of the verge/roadside at **Crack Lane**. (see Highways below).

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

a) P/FUL/2021/05628 Land south of North Lease Farm Knitson to Valley Road Knitson Corfe Castle BH20 5JB. Proposal:

Demolition of existing building and erection of a new dwelling house. ***The Parish Council has no objection to this application as long as the conditions put in place by the previous decision on the site (6/2020/0449) still apply.***

b) P/HOU/2021/05533 2 Three Acre Lane Langton Matravers Swanage BH19 3DR. Erect single storey rear extension. **No Objection**

c) P/FUL/2022/00023 Downs Quarry, Kingston Road, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3JP. Erection of a water recycling silo. **No Objection**

3. Decisions by Dorset Council since last meeting: None.

4. Any other Planning Matters: None.

8. Confirm and sign Minutes of the Meeting held 10th January 2022. The notes of the meeting were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) Item 9c): The DC **Planning Webinar** had been postponed; LMPC's comments/concerns should receive a written response shortly.

b) Item 11. **Co-option of Cllrs.** As the time period for the request for an election is not yet past, it was agreed to delay any decision: it was suggested that if no election is requested Cllrs begin confidential discussion by e-mail, and approach candidates accordingly; new Cllrs could be formally voted in at the start of the next meeting.

c) Item 9b) **Fencing at Cemetery extension.** Cllr Loudoun reported on costs of deer-proof fencing for the proposed Jubilee hedge (Queen's Green Canopy). **ACTION: Cllr Pearson/Clerk to include in overall feasibility study for Natural Burial Ground.**

d) Item 12. **Issues in centre of village.** Cllr Kirby had approached the landlord, who will work to keep the bins tidier. A meeting to discuss issues had already taken place between complainants, DC Council officials and the landlord.

e) Item 8c) **SWOT meeting:** Cllr Christie will set a new date: venue tbc. **ACTION: Cllrs to advise Cllr Christie of availability etc.**

10. **The Clerk's Report for the period 5.1. – 1.2.2022.** Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.2 of the agenda. Report received.

a) B1. **Plans for a part-time Post Office.** A 'flying Postmaster' will come to Putlake Tea room, initially for a couple of hours on a Monday afternoon, hopefully from March onwards. Parishioners will need to 'use it or lose it'.

b) C/A7. It was agreed to accept (DC) Fiona Ajram's offer to make a presentation at the Parish Assembly about **Neighbourhood Plans**. No decision to move ahead with such a plan for Langton will be made without informal evidence of community support. **ACTION: Clerk.**

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 1st March 2022.

11. **Recruitment of New Clerk.** a) It was **RESOLVED: To adopt minor changes to the Contract and Job Description and accept the Skills Profile.** b) It was **RESOLVED: to delegate authority for the recruitment process, including re-advertising if necessary, to LMPC's SEDACC.** Provisional dates: Interviews wb. 14th March; Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to formally approve a candidate.

17th March. **ACTION: Clerk to make changes to documents and prepare recruitment packs, book hall.**

12. **Chairman's Announcements.** None.

13. **LMPC Footway Lighting.** Cllr Christie has done a huge amount of work in clarifying the grounds for the new quotation for the unmetered lighting contract. The Coombe junction light was removed (during Highways work ?) and the number of lights is therefore incorrect. It was **RESOLVED: To replace the 2 sodium lights (outside Leeson and at the S end of the Hyde) with LED lamps with part-night PECs.** **ACTION: Clerk to get quotation for replacement. Clerk to ask eg Swanage TC what their rate is pKWh and ask SSE for revised quotation for contract based on accurate information.**

The Clerk will advise neighbours of Council plans to replace the lamps.

14. **Highways Update.**

a) The **meeting with the National Trust** about parking in the parish was postponed.

b) There has been no update from **DC Highways Cllr Gibson**, despite repeated prompts.

c) **Passing places in Crack Lane.** Cllr V-A had been sent a map of which passing places are 'official' - maintained by DC: the others are not technically passing bays, and should not be used. **ACTION: Cllr V-A to share map and notes with Clerk.** There had been two recent complaints from residents about the state of the passing places. Cllr V-A recommended that the passing place signs be reinstated, to highlight the two official passing places, at a cost of £250 each. This proposal was not accepted. Cllr Loudoun advised that previous signs had been removed owing to graffiti etc. He explained that the drain does not work properly and water constantly damages the road edges. Cllr V-A will meet Ian Styring (DC) shortly on site. It was agreed that the drain should be a point for discussion.

15. **Field and Play Area.** Remedial turfing had been carried out at the Play Area and entrance gate. Cllr Loudoun awaits the second quote for the fencing. It was **RESOLVED: To give Cllr Loudoun delegated powers to get the fencing installed as soon as possible, up to a price of £1,845.00 ex VAT.** It is hoped to hold the opening on March 7th or 14th, subject to the new fencing having been installed. **ACTION: Clerk**

to liaise with school and prepare signage. Cllr Kirby had suggested that children of residents of the new Spyway Orchard scheme might be able to walk to school through the Woodland Trail and over the field, avoiding road-crossings. **ACTION: Clerk to raise with school.**

16. New Rubbish Bins at Putlake and opposite pub. Cllr Pearson had prepared suggestions for consideration. After discussion it was **RESOLVED: i) To temporarily remove the Putlake bin. ii) To order a new bin for the area opposite the pub.** **ACTION: Clerk, Cllrs.**

17. Grant Awards for 2022 under s137. It was **RESOLVED: To give Purbeck CAB £200.00, Langton Village Hall £500.00, The Dubber £250.**

18. Jubilee Plans. It was agreed that a whole-community approach would be better than individual small gifts to children. Cllrs Knight and Pearson will attend a community meeting (15th Feb) organised by Revd Mercer to see how LMPC might work with others to contribute to Jubilee plans for the village.

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

£ 937.50 Allotment fees 2022 paid in January 2022.

£ 200.00 Mrs Cary Wood – Cremation Burial plot P15b; Certificate E66.

£ 1,100.00 Grant of Exclusive Right of burial and Interment fee – the late John Price, Grant E67, Plot J20.

£ 250.00 Interment fee – the late Cllr Peter White, Plot J20.

£ 100.00 Monument fee – the late John Wadkins, Plot B1.

£ 20.00 Additional inscription fee – the late Robert Hall, Plot J2.

£ 200.00 Monument fee – the late William Ormerod, Plot N19.

£ 250.00 Interment fee – the late Valentine Greenleaves, Plot D3.

£ 30.00 Extra Right of Burial fee for move to by path Grant E57, Paul Bradford.

£ 150.00 Ashes interment (double fee) – the late Heather Chinchin. Plot G11.

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

£ 944.40 Clerk's salary (January).

£ 28.62 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (January).

£ 00.00 Ian Bugler, Grounds Maintenance (January).

£ 204.32 Linda McMorrow. – cleaning of Public Conveniences (January).

£ 55.53 David Duncan – materials to mend wall etc. at East end of Woodland Trail.

£ 45.08 Bridget Mayes – Equipment for litter picking.

£ 96.00 Burden Building Services – Repair to door at Parish Office.

£ 14.28 Jewson – cement for toilet donation post (cheque to Cllr Kirby).

£ 40.00 Purbeck Jobs - online recruitment advert for Clerk.

£ 531.60 Newsquest - Advertiser recruitment advert for Clerk. (Cheque to Clerk).

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

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

£ 28.33 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (January).

(4) Any other Financial Matters: None.

20. Confirmation of the date of the next monthly Council Meeting. 10th March 2022 at 7 pm.

21. Additional Items for future meetings: Listing of Street furniture / Lost paths / Natural Burial Group update / Appoint new Clerk.

Closed 9.10 pm.

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