

Minutes 12th May 2022

Parish Council of Langton Matravers
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Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Langton Matravers Village Hall on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7 pm.

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

5 members of the public were present.

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr C. Brooks
2. Election of Chairman: Cllr Knight vacated the chair and Cllr Christie took the chair. Cllr Knight was re-elected as Chairman.
3. Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Christie vacated the chair and Cllr Knight retook the chair. Cllr Christie was re-elected as Vice Chairman.
4. Declarations of interest/Grants of dispensation: None
5. Appoint or confirm Council Officers and Representatives:
RoWLO - Cllr Kirby
DAPTC - Cllrs Pearson & Christie
Tree & Hedgerow - Cllr Loudoun
Emergency and Resilience Planning Liaison Officer - Cllr V-A
Allotment Liaison Officers - Cllrs Pearson & Christie
Timpson Trust - Cllrs Knight, Loudoun & Golob. **ACTION: Cllr Knight to convene a meeting of Timpson to review the outstanding issue of the formation of the new Trust.**
Internal auditor – to be confirmed
Bank – Lloyds. **Signatories** - Cllrs Knight, Christie & Pearson
SEDAC - Cllrs Knight, Christie & Pearson
SACC - Cllrs V-A (Chair), Kirby & Sutton
Policy & Governance Group - Cllrs Knight, Christie, Pearson & Golob
Environmental Working Group - Cllrs Christie, Pearson & Loudoun;
PTAG Representative - Cllr V-A
Community Speed Watch Coordinator - Cllr V-A
Highways, Transport & Parking Working Group - Cllrs V-A, Sutton, Christie & Pearson
Cemetery Work Party - Cllrs Pearson, Loudoun & Kirby; Mary Sparks (public member)
ACTION: Cllr Knight to convene Policies and Governance working party. In meantime council **RESOLVED to readopt existing Standing Orders, Finance Regulations & Policies. RESOLVED to adopt revised cemetery fees.**
6. St George's School Report - Anthony Moore (Chair of Governors) sent a written report that the school is proceeding exceptionally well under the new acting Head teacher. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Anthony Moore commending him for the school's success and the potential increase in children from the Malthouse and Spyway developments.**
7. National Trust Report (Tom Clarke) – Mr Clarke reported that visitor numbers in Purbeck are not particularly high; at pre-COVID levels. The NT is struggling to fill staff posts. Tom Clarke is working with Bridget Mayes at Spyway. **Weston Farm** - immediate plan is to make buildings safe. Their future use is unclear and will be based on local need (light industrial or agricultural units) and as holiday cottages. The plan with the land is a 'lighter touch' that is productive for both nature and food production.

This is unlikely to be arable and instead will involve grazing and possibly pigs. Weston Dairy Campsite is to be run in a less intensive way. There will be no campsite this year. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange a tour for Cllrs of Weston Farm with Tom Clarke.** The meeting was adjourned.

8. Public Participation A.) Vicky Marshall has concerns about Acton Fields campsite's access and potential flouting of rules and regulations. B.) Colette Drayson has concerns about the noise and possible disturbance of birds' nests at the Malt House development. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Malt House developers and appropriate department of Dorset Council about the issue.** C.) Barrie Mayes raised that the 'Crack Lane' sign has been removed again and suggested painting it on the house wall rather than fixing a sign. **ACTION - Clerk to notify Highways agency.** D.) Bridget Mayes expressed her appreciation that Crack Lane has been resurfaced and asked if a SWOT analysis is the same as an action plan. Cllr Christie explained the difference. E.) Beryl Mitchell thanked the council for its donation to the Jubilee Picnic. The meeting was reconvened.

9. Planning Applications
P/TRC/2022/02072

40 High Street Langton Matravers Swanage BH19 3HB

T1 Magnolia - Reduce entire crown by approximately 1m retaining the natural shape of the tree. T2 Pittosporum - Pollard to wall height. T3 Apple - Remove dead wood and split branches.

RESOLVED: No objection.

P/CLE/2022/02696 Location: Acton Field Campsite Access to Acton Fields Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3BN

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness to continue using the caravan and camp site.

RESOLVED to object on the basis that the historic picture evidence given in support of the application does not cover the licence period. The majority of pictures are dated and these dates fall outside the licence period. Those that are not dated on the pictures themselves have so few active pitches that it is obvious that these also fall outside the licence period. It is also noted that Langton Matravers Council have been led to believe that camping has been allowed outside the licence period using an exemption certificate. However, paragraph 4 does not apply as the site is unsupervised, paragraph 5 does not apply as there are frequently more than 5 caravans on site and paragraph 6 equally does not apply as these "events" last longer than 5 days and appear to be unsupervised.

P/ESC/2022/01105

Location: Acton Field Campsite Access to Acton Fields Langton Matravers Swanage BH19 3BN

Proposal: Request for EIA Screening Opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for the bases for caravans, surfacing for car parking, works to minor internal roads, the laying of general utilities (water/electricity) and drainage. **RESOLVED: no objection.**

P/STA/2022/02396

Location: Toms Field Camping Site Toms Field Road Langton Matravers Swanage BH19 3HN

Proposal: Section 37 required for the retention of the existing low voltage overhead line between pole A and pole B position of which is indicated on plan AB/EVE943. Our client has requested an additional service from existing pole B which is end of the line and is currently in position to provide only one service. The new supply will be installed underground from pole B to a kiosk positioned near the base of the pole. **RESOLVED: No objection.**

WP/20/00692/DCC

Location: Portland Port, Castletown, Portland DT5 1PP

Proposal: Construction of an energy recovery facility with ancillary buildings and works including administrative facilities, gatehouse and weighbridge, parking and circulation areas, cable routes to ship berths and existing off-site electrical sub-station, with site access through Portland Port from Castletown. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Swanage Town Council expressing support.**

10. Confirm and sign Minutes of last Council Meeting 12/05/2022. The minutes of the meeting were agreed to be correct and signed.

*Matters arising from the Minutes - Item 13 Affordable Housing (Cllr Kirby) - the houses are to be occupied in August, with bidding from mid to late June. . **ACTION: Clerk to put information on the website; Cllr Kirby to write article for Dubber.** Item 14 Highway Report (Cllr V-A) - letter sent to Dorset Council stating LMPC's comments on the proposed criteria for the granting of 20 mph. Cllr VA had attended Place and Resources Overview Committee on 21st April where he presented the statement agreed by the Parish Council. It was agreed that A Task and Finish Group would be set-up to amend the guidance and Cllr VA had been invited to contribute to those deliberations. **Resolved: Cllr VA was thanked for his work on this matter. RESOLVED: Cllr VA to prepare the LM case for 20 mph, through the Highways Working Group.***

11. Clerk's report for period 06/04/2022-11/05/22 - Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on pp. 2-3 of the Agenda. Report received. **ACTION: Cllr Loudoun to relocate new noticeboard to the Closed Cemetery. ACTION: Cllr Knight to attend planning discussion meeting with David Walsh (29th May 2022) on behalf of LMPC.**

12. Chairman's Announcement - A. Resignation of Cllr Woods. The Return Officer has been informed. If no interest is registered with the RO then LMPC can begin co-option process. B. Volunteer of the Year. **ACTION: names to be suggested to the Clerk.**

13. Highway Report (Cllr V-A) - Cllr V-A attended the 20 mph prevention. Cllr V-A has been invited to join the Task & Finish Group to redraft the guidance. **RESOLVED: vote of thanks formally approved.** Cllr V-A has written to Tony Burden the new road safety officer. **ACTION - Cllr V-A to prepare case for 20 mph limit in LM**

14. Proposal for new bench for Cllr White at Crack Lane Cemetery (Cllr V-A) - **ACTION: Cllr V-A to consult with family.** Wessex Water Environment Fund Application (Cllr Pearson) - **ACTION: Cllr Pearson and Clerk to make application for stock fencing for the Cemetery and owl boxes for the Woodland Trail.**

15. Play Area Lease (Cllr Knight) - **RESOLVED – approve the lease. ACTION - clerk to chase up plan. RESOLVED – to empower the Clerk to sign Schedule 1 (Business Tenancy) form on behalf of the Council and to empower the Chairman and Clerk to sign the lease on behalf of the Council.**

16. Street Lighting (Cllr Christie) - 5 complaints from Parishioners as to replacing of 3.5 m lamp posts with 5 m posts. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Mr Mainstone, Dorset Council.**

17. NALC survey (Cllr Knight) - NALC have issued a questionnaire inviting councils to support their request that Central Government provide funding directly to local parish/town councils. **RESOLVED to agree with NALC's request and to complete the questionnaire to reflect this view. ACTION - Clerk to complete survey.**

18. Financial Matters – (1) Approve annual accounts for 2021-22. **RESOLVED: to approve annual accounts and to agree to increase the playground reserve fund to £2500. RESOLVED – Approve Annual Governance Statement. RESOLVED – approve the Annual Statement.**

19. Additional items for future meetings - to ask Cllr Brooks for more information in her reports, particularly in terms of Dorset's recent failed bid in the bus scheme; bins; DAPTC report, street furniture; SWOT meeting update.

Confirmation of date of the next monthly Council Meeting at LM Village Hall 9th June 2022.

Closed 9.50 pm

Signed (Chairman) Date.....

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