

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Langton Matravers Village Hall on Thursday 14th July 2022 at 7 pm.

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

2 members of the public were present.

The meeting was recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Kirby, DC Ward Brooks, Tom Clarke (NT)

2. Declarations of interests/Grants of Dispensation/Submissions of

Registration of Dispensation: Cllr Loudoun r.e. planning application

P/HOU/2022/03314

3. National Trust Report: Mr Clarke sent a report which was read out by the clerk.

Activity providers are really enjoying their base at Spyway farm. National Trust

rangers are still in flux. There have been two new recruits this month and one vacancy to be advertised. **The current heatwave is causing an increase in visitor numbers**, but the trend across the southwest is that numbers are significantly down on the last two years (& pre-COVID too). **3a. ACTION:** clerk to write letter to Mr Clarke thanking him for the tour of Weston Farm. **3b ACTION:** clerk to ask Tom to give an update on the road to Spyway car park, and progress and liaison with Holiday Property Bond; and a report on the NT meeting with Tenant Farmers at Durlston Castle.

4. Dorset Councillor's Report: Refer to Dorset Council Report.

The meeting was adjourned.

5. Public session:

(a) A member of the public asked if there had been an update on the dog bin situation.

(b) A member of the public asked to seek clarification on who owns the road to Spyway and whose responsibility it is.

(c) Concerns were raised over the ongoing problem of rubbish spillage across the High Street from the bins at the King's Arms.

The meeting was reconvened.

6. Matters arising from Public Participation: (see planning matters below).

(a) ACTION: Clerk to contact Kieren Espley at DC to clarify when pick up occurs.

(b) ACTION: Clerk to write to NT, Holiday Property Bond, Aster Housing and Mr Turner r.e. maintenance of Durnford Drove and the footpath from the turning circle (owned by the Highway Agency) up to Spyway car park.

(c) ACTION: clerk to write to proprietor of King's Arms about the situation with the bins on the footway.

7. Planning matters:

Proposal:

Cesspool to be installed on Coombe Farm Campsite, as well as increasing the camping provision for 56 days in any one year. **No objection.**

Application No:

P/VOC/2022/03631

Location:

Pondarosa Farm Valley Road Harman's Cross Dorset BH19 3DX

Proposal:	Erect a farmhouse (without compliance with Condition 3 of planning permission 6/82/273 - to remove agricultural/forestry occupancy restriction). No objection.
Application No:	P/HOU/2022/03314
Location:	66 High Street Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3HB
Proposal:	Modifications to existing porch and erect first floor infill extension above porch. Objection: The Parish Council is concerned about the slow erosion of the diamond pattern windows which are unique to the village of Langton Matravers. Whilst the suggestion is for 'crickel' windows and 'conservation' velux roof lights, they do detract from the outside appearance of this property, which is in the heart of the conservation area. The Parish Council would prefer to see something more bespoke, although we, as a council, have no objection to the principle of the development, more in the design and conservation sense. Further, not all the necessary information is available.
Application No:	P/LBC/2022/03676
Location:	77 High Street Langton Matravers Swanage BH19 3HA
Proposal:	The works for which consent is sought are a. The replacement of two external windows to the rear of the property b. The replacement of the front door to the property c. The removal of the in fill in the chimney in the front room back to the builders original opening and the installation of a wood burning stove d. The replacement of 3 internal doors e. The installation of a front gate. No objection.

8. Confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held 9th June 2022: The notes of the meeting were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- a. The proposed site meeting to be arranged by Cllr Brooks about Crack Lane has not occurred.
- b. **ACTION:** clerk to write a letter of thanks to the Chairman of PTag thanking him for all that he has done.
- c. Cllr V-A is to pick up and continue research into the memorial bench for Cllr Wood.

10. The Clerk's report for the period 09/06/22-14/07/22 Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p. 3 of the agenda. Report received.

11. Chairman's announcements. None.

- 12. Review Parish Council Action plan** – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 13. COVID protocol** – **ACTION:** *modified, revised version of protocol to be made by Cllr Knight and Clerk.*
- 14. Gaia Pope's Memorial Tree** – **ACTION:** *Clerk to contact family thanking them for the update, but to advise that as a council we are unable to facilitate their requests, and suggest they approach the National Trust.*
- 15. Street Lighting (Cllr Christie)** – Cllrs V-A and Christie had a productive meeting with Roderick Mainstone. There are currently two problems with the street lighting: (a) 3.5 m poles have been replaced by 5.5 m poles which are too high; (b) The bulkhead fitted units are too bright. Issue (a) has now been resolved; issue (b) remains outstanding. **ACTION:** Clerk to write thank you letter to Roderick Mainstone.
- 16. Highway's Report** – (a) Durnford Drove Footpath – the Highways Agency responded to the Parish Council's request for an inspection. In the foreseeable future they are going to repair two substantial sectors; the rest is fit for purpose. **ACTION:** *Clerk to write to Peter Radmore about what is happening.* (b) Cllr V-A received a very positive reaction from PTAG to his report on 20 mph in Langton Matravers. (c) The current arrangement where Crack Lane meets the High Street is unsafe, and will only be made worse with the increase in traffic from the Crack Lane development. **ACTION:** *Cllr V-A to arrange meeting of interested parties to discuss issues Parish Council have.*
- 17. To consider the future of the Old Malthouse Estate.** Confidential minutes.
- 18. Affordable Housing Update.** Unfortunately, Cllr Kirby was unable to attend.
- 19. DAPTC Report** – Cllrs Christie and Pearson reported that the DAPTC is not listening to or acting on behalf of the Parish Councils. The Parish Council is therefore to give thought as to whether it wishes to continue membership of DAPTC. **ACTION:** *Cllrs Christie and Pearson to raise the council's concerns at the next DAPTC meeting.*
- 20. Allotments:** Cllr Pearson gave her report on the allotment inspection. All the allotments have now been taken. The allotment open day is to occur on Sunday 14th August and all are welcome to attend. **ACTION:** *clerk to send gentle reminder to allotment holders reminding them that they must keep the allotments clean and tidy.*
- 21. Cemeteries:** Cllr Pearson gave her report on the Crack Lane cemetery. Cllr Loudoun has spoken to the grave digger about the spoil heap. **ACTION:** *Cllrs Pearson & Loudoun to do survey of what needs to be done r.e. maintenance.* **ACTION:** *Clerk to review maintenance contract for cemetery.* **ACTION:** *at next AGM new role of Cemetery Liaison Officer to be created.*
- 22. To consider volunteer of the year** – confidential minutes.
- 23. Co-option Process.** **ACTION:** *Clerk to advertise vacancy in Dubber and on website.*
- 24. Motions from the Council for the DAPTC Annual General Meeting 19/11/22.** See 19.
- 25. Financial matters** – (1) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting:
£350 Internment (Dorothy Gladys Hillman)
£150 Cremation (Jonathan Goulding)
- (2) Note the following Payments by cheque or cash to be made since last Meeting:

£ 993.04 Clerk's salary (June).
£ 34.93 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (June)
£ 346.80 Ian Bugler, Grounds Maintenance (June).
£ 490.79 Linda McMorrow. – cleaning of Public Conveniences (June)
£40 DAPTC Training (Agendas, minutes & report writing)
£500 Langton Matravers Village Hall (Jubilee Picnic)
£169.99 Peter Christie (vacuum)
(3) Payment by Direct Debit:
£ 61.13 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (June)
£ 27.85 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (June)
(4) Any other Financial Matters: **ACTION:** *renew community schemes insurance (£698.43)*

26. The council is to hold an August recess.

27. Confirmation of the date of the next monthly Council Meeting at Langton Matravers Village Hall: 8th September 2022.

Parish Assembly – postpone again (originally April) – postpone to April, 2023

28. Additional Items for future meetings: discuss Parish Council's Action Plan; affordable housing update

Closed 8.50 pm

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