

## Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> October 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 13<sup>h</sup> October 2022 at 7 pm.

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

Three members of the public were present.

Mr Mark Singleton of the National Trust and Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks attended.

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Golob & Kirby; Mr Tom Clarke

2. Declarations of interest/Grants of dispensation:

3. National Trust Report (Mr Mark Singleton) – Mr Singleton reported that the NT are working with HPB on a short-term fix to Durnford Drive, which should be completed by the end of November. There is a Long Term Nature Reserve Project for South Purbeck with which NT are working with tenants, with the aim of achieving Super NMR status. Cllr Knight raised questions about the increased impact of tourism in the area as a result of obtaining NMR status, and how the negative consequences were to be addressed. Bird surveys in the area have had great results with 386 pairs of skylarks reported.

4. Dorset Cllr's Report (Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks) – The Overview Cabinet have agreed to delay Dorset's Local Plan to 2025. Meanwhile, the Purbeck Plan (which is currently going through review & will hopefully be approved by the beginning of next year) will hold sway. The Dorset Echo has reported that every village in Dorset is to get a 20 mph zone. However, this is not true, and the matter needs to go back to Council. Cllr Pearson thanked Cllr Brooks for her work on EVs.

5. Public Participation – A member of the public was opposed to planning application P/HOU/2022/05313 for a single pod office in Acton.

6. Matters arising from Public Participation – Planning Application P/HOU/2022/05313 will be discussed at the next PCM as it was not published in time for the September 2022 agenda.

7. Planning matters –

**Application No:**

**Location:**

P/HOU/2022/04470

New Barn Farm House Knitson To Valley Road Knitson Corfe Castle Dorset BH19 3DX

**Proposal:**

Erect rear extension and build new two storey side / rear extension. **NO**

**OBJECTION.**

**Application no:**

**Location:**

P/HOU/2021/03957

Coleman Cottage, Old Malt House Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3JA

**Proposal:**

Further to your objection received to the above application the scheme has been revised and no longer includes increasing the wall height and the store has been repositioned from the tree, which the tree officer has now raised no objection to. **NO**

**OBJECTION.**

**Application No:**

P/TRC/2022/05743

<b>Location:</b>	Garfield Cottage, Garfield Lane, Langton Matravers
<b>Proposal:</b>	T1 Lime - Pollard to previous pollard points, approx. 25ft above ground level. T2 Lime - Reduce entire crown by 3m retaining the natural flowing branch line. Remove major dead wood, crossing and rubbing branches. T3 Lime - Reduce entire crown by 3m retaining the natural flowing branch line. Remove major dead wood, crossing and rubbing branches. <b>NO OBJECTION.</b>

8. The Minutes from 8th November 2022 were confirm and signed.

9. Matters arising from the Minutes:

- The repair work to Durnford Drove has been resolved with HPB and NT working together.
- Speeding on Acton Field Road - this is a private civil issue and the PC cannot arbitrate.

**ACTION:** Clerk to get in contact with NT to voice PC's concerns about the matter.

- Cllr White's memorial bench (Cllr V-A): Cllr V-A visited Lovell (the stone masons). They quoted £2300 for a two seater bench. **APPROVED:** Council to make a contribution of £600. Cllr V-A is to approach the family.

10. The Clerk's Report for the period 06.07.22 – 30.08.22 Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p. 3 of the agenda. Report received.

**APPROVED:** £2000 (subject to quotes) to replace old fencing in the play area that has been damaged by inappropriate trimming.

**APPROVED:** Clerk to get quotes and purchase a dehumidifier for the PC Office.

**ACTION:** Clerk to get quotes from specialists to come and look at the damp problem in the PC Office.

11. Chairman's Announcements – Cllr Knight and the clerk attended the SW Parishes meeting, the minutes of which have been circulated to Cllrs.

12. Highways Report (Cllr V-A):

- a. Coombe Farm traffic accident - the PC are not responsible for the cost of repairs to the SID. The clerk has received an incident report from the police.
- b. 20 mph speed limit. There was a meeting of PTAG on 26th September but this has been overtaken by events. A full meeting of the Place and Overview Committee was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October at which Cllr V-A presented. The issue was carried and will go through to the Cabinet on 1st November, with the view of adopting the new criteria. When this happens Langton Matravers will be in a strong position to make its case. Cllr V-A has been asked by BBC Solent to be available to talk on the issue. **APPROVED:** Cllr V-A to talk on PC's behalf to BBC Solent. Cllr Knight thanked Cllr V-A for everything he had done on 20 mph.

13. The Old Malt House – Confidential Item.

14. Ash die back in trees in Old Malt House Lane - Cllr Loudoun (the tree officer) reported that the trees are showing very early signs and need 2-3 years worth of monitoring. He recommended that they should then be pollarded to 12-14ft, as this way they will still contribute to carbon capture, unlike new saplings. **ACTION:** Cllr Loudoun to contact tree officer to ensure they are aware of the situation. **ACTION:** Cllr V-A to send Cllr Brooks a copy of the original email from Marcus Clarke (the property developer).

15. Churchyard Noticeboard - the cost of refurbishing it was discussed, but the quotes the PC has received are very expensive. **ACTION:** Cllr Christie to circulate quotes for a new one. It was noted that the noticeboard is not on Parish Land and its replacement will need the church council approval.

16. Cllr White Memorial Bench - **APPROVED:** £500 grant from PC towards the new bench.

17. Dorset Deserves Better - delay in Local Plan timetable. Cllr Knight commented that in the Local Plan Dorset Council needs to address the issue of affordable housing. At the next DAPTC meeting Corfe Castle Parish Council to forward the motion for second home owners to pay double council tax. The PC agreed that DAPTC is not the place to get a decision on the subject but **APPROVED**: *to support it in principle.* **ACTION**: *Clerk to write to Corfe Castle PC showing LMPC's support and comments from Cllr Christie.*

18. Community Speed Watch (CSW) Cllrs V-A and Pearson attended the CSW Annual Conference at Police HQ, Winfrith on 1<sup>st</sup> October. All speakers, including the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Deputy Chief Constable praised the work of CSW teams, which had a significant effect of reducing speed and accidents in Dorset. The village needs more volunteers to join the CSW team. A notice to this effect will be in the next Dubber. **ACTION**: *clerk to invite Swanage Police CSW Liasion Officer to PC meeting.*

19. SWOT Update - the three most important actions that need to be addressed as an outcome of the SWOT analysis are:

i. The distribution of responsibility is a major weakness. **ACTION**: *Governance Working Party to look at distribution and responsibilities.*

ii. The need to broaden representation on the PC.

iii. The trial of a monthly Surgery for parishioners to speak to Cllrs.

20. Dorset Council (PSPO) Consultation review of the Dorset Open Land Anti-Social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022- Purbeck was not originally included. Swanage Town Council in process of putting forward motion for Dorset Council to include Swanage and have asked other councils to support them. **APPROVED**: *LMPC to support Swanage Town Council as long as it included the whole of Purbeck.* **ACTION**: *Clerk to write to STC to offer LMPC's support as long as includes whole of Purbeck.*

21. Previous Clerk's Salary **APPROVED**: *fee of £159.89 to Dr Sparks for training/support to new clerk.*

21. Financial Matters: (1) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting: **APPROVED.**

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£30	Refurbishment of existing memorial (James Edmund Cocke)
£90	Internment (Peter Arthur Barnes)
£15,097.50	Dorset Council (precept)

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

£ 847.94	Clerk's salary (September)
£206.53	Jenny Marshall (for HMRC Payment 6 April 2022-5 May 2022)
£181.49	Jenny Marshall (for HMRC Payment 6 July 2022-5 Aug. 2022)
£88.54	Jenny Marshall (for HMRC Payment 6 Aug. 2022-5 Sep. 2022)
£ 445.66	Linda McMorrow. – cleaning of Public Conveniences (September)
£36.00	Tax invoice (annual rent for Public Toilets)
£35.66	Daryle Pearson (supplies for condolence book)
£384.50	Mark Gracey (annual website hosting/updates retainer)
£65.20	Basic Finance Training DAPTC
£360.00	PFK Littlejohn LLP (external auditors)
£131.52	SSE Electric
£1979.03	ENERVEO (Replacement column 3 acre lane)
£150	Rebecca Charron (grant for finger post sign)

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 61.13	XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (September)
£ 75.56	NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (September)

(4) Any other Financial Matters: i. **APPROVED:** to renew contract for one year with Mark Grace (website maintenance & hosting); **ACTION:** *Cllr Knight and Clerk to produce annual schedule of contract renewals.*

ii. **APPROVED:** *to appoint Elene Greene as new Internal Auditor.* **ACTION:** *Clerk to contact.*

22. Other matters **APPROVED** - *letter of thanks to Cllr Kirby for all his hard work to the parish.* **ACTION:** *Clerk to send.*

22. **APPROVED:** the next Parish Council meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

23. Additional items for future council meetings: Report on EVs (Cllr Golob); need to broaden representation on the council; monthly surgery; online banking.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

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

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