

Minutes 12th January 2023

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 January 2023 at 7 pm.

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

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

Six members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks
2. **Declarations of interest/Grants of dispensation:** Cllr Christie in item 13
3. **National Trust Report (Mr. Tom Clarke)** – the NT has a continued relationship with the activity providers at Spyway Car Park negotiating a changing solution for the users; the toilet will be returned from April to October. The NT are looking at setting up a working group to look at visitors, nature and economics (r.e. sustainable landscapes) in south Purbeck. The reintroduction of choughs into South Purbeck is still ongoing and looks promising. Cllr V-A thanked Mr. Tom Clarke for the NT's contribution to patching up the road to Spyway carpark. Cllr V-A proposed that the clerk write a letter to the Holiday Property Bond thanking them for their contribution. **ACTION: clerk to write.** Cllr Christie asked about revising the Coasteering Code of Conduct - Mr. Clarke suggested looking at a broader scope beyond the existing licenses in the context of the South Purbeck Project later this year. The Code of Conduct is to be reviewed by Parish Council and National Trust at a date to be proposed by National Trust.
4. **Dorset Cllr's Report (Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks)** - received by email. See website for full report.
5. **Public Participation** – no matters arising
6. **Matters arising from Public Participation** – none
7. **Planning matters** –
Application no: P/HOU/2022/07435. Location: Englishcombe East Drove Langton Matravers, BH19 3HF. Proposal: Erect rear extension. Install new roof on house with gable ends. Demolish existing garage. **NO OBJECTION.**
Cllr Loudoun raised the issue that the Parish Council are no longer alerted as to Tree work matters. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Cllr Brooks to find out what official position is.**
8. **The Minutes from 8th December 2022 were confirmed and signed.**
9. **Matters arising from the Minutes:**
Item 4 - Cllr Loudoun not insured by Dorset Council to clear snow, but he is covered under his own insurance.
Item 10 - **ACTION: clerk to follow up with school to ask for permission to change the fencing.**
Item 12- No rubber matting at the playground as yet. **ACTION: Clerk to remind Lee Crosse of the work that needs doing.**
Item 17 - Cllr V-A arranging for Karl Snooks to attend the meeting in March.
Plaque for Three Norths Converging - **ACTION: Cllr V-A to find out who owns the land and to write to landowners.**
Noticeboards - Loudoun proposed excepting Jeremy Burden's quote. **APPROVED.**
ACTION: clerk to notify Jeremy Burden. Cllr Loudoun reminded the council that there is a spare noticeboard that can be used.
10. **Receive the clerk's report for the period from 30/11/22-03/01/23** -
Item D - to consider removing COVID protocol. **APPROVED.**

Item E - to consider whether to publicise the Marcus Clarke meeting via Dubber and LMPC website. The SATEO group have asked to present to the council about the Old Malt House Development. However, the Parish Council do not have the remit to do this. It was proposed at 8th December's meeting that Marcus Clarke of the SATEO group come to an open public meeting, prior to the Parish Council meeting on 9th February, to discuss forthcoming planning. **APPROVED. ACTION: clerk to circulate Cllr Christie's invite to the public.** Cllr Pearson reminded the council that the area is outside of the settlement boundary. Cllr V-A reminded the council that it is also in a conservation area. Cllr Sutton raised the issue of whether notes should be taken at the meeting. **ACTION: clerk to take minutes.**

11. **Chairman's Announcements** - the National Trust meeting was cancelled; Cllr Christie has heard that six sets of keys have been allocated for the houses at Spyway. Cllr Christie proposed writing to Chris McDermott as to what houses have been given to local people. **APPROVED. ACTION: Clerk to write to Chris McDermott.**

12. **Proposal for parishioners' surgery (Cllr Sutton)** - Cllr Sutton read out her written report which can be seen on the website under news items. Cllr V-A personally in favour of a trial period. Cllr Loudoun and Pearson both raised the issue of time commitment. Cllr V-A suggested that only one councillor, rather than two, be present. Cllr Golob suggested it would work better with two councillors present. Cllr Christie raised the point that councillors need to be clear they are not the Citizen's Advice Bureau. Cllr Pearson suggested three trial sessions (rather than 6) and to wait until the weather is better and possibly after the Parish Assembly Cllr Loudoun suggested tying it in with a pre-existing event such as the Coffee Pot held at the church. **APPROVED: in principal; more information needed. ACTION: Cllr Sutton to contact James Mercer about providing the session at the Coffee Pot and to come back to the council with proposed dates.**

13. **Planning Applications P/CLE/2022/02696 & P/ESC/2022/01105 (Cllr Golob)** - Cllr Christie left the room and Cllr Pearson took over as Chairperson.

Cllr Golob reported that a local parishioner had raised that for Planning Application 01105 (EIA pre-screening), no notification was given to the public as to the decision made by Dorset Council, until the parishioner asked for it to be published (8 months later), thus, representing an oversight as to the prompt notification of planning notifications. A new planning officer has now taken over the case, and has confirmed that the pre-screening application has no reflection on the certificate of lawfulness 02696, and that this is a separate matter, which has not been decided yet. Cllr Golob proposed that the Parish Council write to the new planning officer of the Parish Council's concern with the oversight of prompt notifications, but also to thank them for their ongoing work in addressing the issue. **APPROVED. ACTION: Cllr Golob and Clerk to write.**

14. **Allotment Report** (Cllr Pearson) - Cllr Pearson reported how the tenants had been overcharged for 2023, but that an apology had been issued and Cllr Pearson suggested sending a refund and an apology to the tenants that had overpaid. Cllr Pearson further recommended that all BACS information be provided and allotment renters be encouraged to settle by BACS in the future. **APPROVED. ACTION: Clerk to send.**

15. **Coasteering Code of Conduct** - (meeting to be convened with National Trust in the future)

16. **Highways report** - (a) 20 mph – there are currently monitors at top and end of the village (as approved at 8th December's meeting), because Highways want to know the average speed of vehicles in these areas; (b) Theft of SID - Cllr V-A suggested to alert parishioners to be vigilant via the noticeboards, website and Dubber. **APPROVED. ACTION: clerk to put sign in noticeboards, website and Dubber;** (c) Lines on B0169 have been worn away. Cllr V-A has brought to the attention of Highways who are to conduct a survey. Cllr V-A suggested writing a letter to the quarry owners that when there is a bad period of mud they take actions to clean it. Cllr Pearson suggested waiting until

the results of the survey. **APPROVED: to wait till outcome of survey;** (d) Cllrs V-A and Christie monitored two locations for Worth Matravers on the B0369: 99 vehicles were monitored, none of which were speeding.

17. **Financial matters** –

(1) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting:

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

£963.67	Jenny Marshall (Clerk's salary Dec 2022)
£21.18	Linda McMorrow (loo rolls Nov 22)
£43.02	DAPTC (mailbox 5GM storage Dec 22-23)
£571.20	ITB Gardening (Oct & Nov)
£215.15	Dorset Council (Grounds Maintenance Apr 22-Mar 23)
£480	National Trust Allotments Rent (01/01/23-01/01/24)
£106.79	sse Southern Electricity (Oct/Nov 2022)
£158.06	sse Southern Electricity (Dec 2022)
Refunds for overpaid allotment fees:	
£7.50	Alan Sewell
£7.50	Martin & Lyn Barnett
£15.00	Jonathan Leyland
£7.50	June Frith

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

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

Cllr Pearson asked for clarity as to what Dorset Council were charging for r.e. Grounds maintenance. **ACTION: clerk to write to Dorset Council.**

4. Any other financial matters: *none.*

18. Additional items for future council meetings: to consider lack of notification about tree planning applications; Parish Assembly

19. Next month's meeting date 9th February 2022. **APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8.45 pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date.....