

Minutes 9th February 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 9th February 2023 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllrs Christie (in the chair), Pearson, Loudoun, Sutton, Golob and Vaughan – Arbuckle.

One member of the public was present.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Brooks, Tom Clarke (NT)
2. **Declarations of interest/grants of dispensation** - none
3. **National Trust report** - The clerk read Mr Clarke's written report: choughs are to be reintroduced in 2024, rather than this year. Cllr V-A wanted to ask the National Trust why the overflow at Spyway Car Park was not being opened on good weather days; leading to visitors parking carelessly in Durnford Drove. **APPROVED. ACTION: Clerk to write to NT of PCs dissatisfaction that the overflow car park is not being opened and to suggest that in times of high demand the overflow carpark is opened.**
4. **Dorset Councillor report - ACTION: clerk to put on website for the public.**
5. **Public Participation** - none
6. **Matters arising from Public Participation** - none
7. **Planning matters –**

Application No:

P/VOC/2023/00413

Location:

The Old Malthouse High Street Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3HB

Proposal:

Variation of Condition 2 of approved P/A 6/2019/0604 (Redevelopment of site including demolition of several school buildings, conversion & construction of new buildings to provide 19 dwellings with vehicular access, off street parking, gardens & landscaping to make minor changes to approved plans in order) to facilitate better and more efficient internal configuration, building regulation requirements and other functional reasons

OBJECTION: Cllr Pearson was concerned that the diamond windows in the west end adjoining Malt House lane were not going to be replaced. Cllr Christie agreed, emphasizing how it is a conservation area and there is a street scene and history to maintain. **ACTION: Clerk to contact planning and object to planning application on the grounds that although the PC doesn't find problems with majority of it, the PC is concerned that there are no diamond windows included in the plan, and want all existing diamond windows to be retained as diamond windows.**

8. **The minutes from 12th January were confirmed and signed.**

9. **Matters arising from the minutes.**

- **3 Norths alignment plaque** - Cllr V-A asked if he had the PC's authority to pay for a search for who owns the piece of land. **APPROVED: Cllr V-A to perform search.**

- Tree management (Item 4) – at the last meeting Cllr Brooks was asked if the PC could be consulted on tree applications. Cllr Brook's response was that the PC will, from now on, be notified of tree felling. Cllr Pearson asked if the PC were happy with this or did they also want notification of pollarding and pruning. **APPROVED: Parish Council would prefer to be contacted on all 'major tree works'.** **ACTION: Clerk to write to Cllr Brooks.**

- Coastering code of conduct (Item 15). Cllr Pearson asked if there was a date yet for the coastering code of conduct meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to ask Tom Clarke about it at the next PC meeting.**

10. Receive the clerk's report for the period from 04/01/23 -

- Cllr Pearson corrected that Chris McDermott was from Dorset Council rather than Aster.
- Playground fencing - **APPROVED: to accept Corbins quote to replace the old fencing quote as recommended by Cllr Loudoun.** **ACTION: Clerk to action Corbins and let the other two companies know their services are not required.**
- **ACTION: Clerk to re-contact Lee Cross re playground; and Jeremy Burden re noticeboards.**
ACTION: Clerk to contact Chris McDermott (of Dorset Council) to ask if they have any more details on the state of the rest of the housing at Spyway development.

11. Chairman's Announcements -

Grants - Citizens Advice Bureau have asked for £300 (were awarded £200 last year). Cllr Christie suggested this was a reasonable amount to ask for given how much the CAB spend on each client. **APPROVED: £300 to be given to CAB.**

St George's Preschool have asked for £3000. Cllr Christie reminded the council that the total amount assigned to grants this year was £2000. Cllr V-A commented that the application was vague and suggested that the PC contact the preschool to inform them, that (1) though the PC are in favour of supporting the preschool, the PC cannot give them £3000, as it only has a budget of £2000 and other organisations have applied; and (2) that the PC needs more clarity in the application and that can the preschool provide a priority list. **APPROVED. ACTION: Clerk to write to preschool asking for a priority list.**

Maggie Sutton to be interim portfolio for preschool.

Parish Council Assembly - Cllr Christie commented on how in the past it has always been well attended and recommended that the PC look to arrange a Parish Council Assembly this year in the village hall on 20th April. **APPROVED: provisionally booked village hall for 20th April. ACTION: clerk to contact Adam Evans (re NT's carbon reduction Strategy) to ask to speak.**

12. Banning of disposable BBQs (Cllr Christie) - Cllr Christie's belief is that the PC should request the NT as the major landowner in Dorset to: ban the use of disposable BBQs on NT property in the Parish of Langton Matravers; use its influence to persuade its partners to join together in agreeing to ban the use of disposable BBQs across Purbeck; and use the combined influence of all conservation organisations and landowners across Purbeck to actively lobby Dorset Council and Dorset MP's to use legislative powers to ban disposable BBQs across Dorset. **APPROVED. ACTION: clerk to contact NT with Cllr Christie's report.** Cllr Loudoun commented that as well as a fire risk, disposable BBQs are a litter item. Cllr Loudoun asked if PC should lobby for a ban on selling them, but it was agreed to initially just to lobby the NT.

13. Allotment report - Cllr Pearson suggested clerk contact allotment holders who have not paid. **APPROVED: ACTION: Clerk, on receiving January's bank statement, to write to any allotment holders who have not paid their rent.** Cllr Pearson suggested next allotment inspection to be held in March, before the PC meeting.

14. Highways report (Cllr V-A) - 20 mph bid - Cllr V-A raised there was a need to approve where the 20 mph zone should be. Cllr V-A suggested it start at Serrels Mead in the east and end at Capston field in the west. **APPROVED. ACTION: Cllr V-A to go back**

to Highways and recommend that PC now, in view of the speed survey results, recommends that the 20 mph zone should be from Serrels Mead to Capston field.

Cllr V-A had contacted Cherry Brooks as ward councillor re 20 mph zone as she was unable to attend tonight. Cllr Brooks responded that she was concerned that only a select few members of the parish had been consulted, and that the consultation didn't go out to the wider parish or second home owners. Council were surprised and confused by her response, and asked Cllr. V-A to explain the Parish Councils' methods and diligence in carrying out the survey. **APPROVED: Cllr V-A to respond to Cllr Brooks.**

B3069 – re unclear road markings; survey results pending.

15. Cllr White Bench (Cllr V-A) - bench now *in situ* and the White family are very pleased with it. Cllr V-A suggested posting on the website photos of bench and how it had been jointly funded by the family and LMPC. **ACTION: clerk to post on website.**

16. DAPTC report (Cllr Pearson) - Cllr V-A thanked Cllr Pearson for her extrapolated report, and that he was interested to note that most councils' complaints are with planning, while councils report good relations with Highways. DAPTC Councillor's Networking Event 9th March 2023 - Cllr Pearson suggested that non-DAPTC portfolio councillors attend.

APPROVED: none-DAPTC portfolio councillors to attend. ACTION: councillors who want to attend to register; clerk to attend open session with Dorset Council's Place Teams. Cllr Pearson recommended the PC support Purbeck Area committee (PAC) in their National Planning Consultation submission **APPROVED.**

17. Playground – see Item 10 (Clerk's report)

18. Financial matters - APPROVED.

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

£120 Allotment fees

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

£963.67 Jenny Marshall (Clerk's salary Jan 2022)

£198.23 Jenny Marshall (online payment to HMRC)

£187.86 Linda McMorrow (cleaning of PCs)

£62.02 Initial/Rentokil (Parish PCs)

£215.15 Dorset Council Grounds Maintenance (Apr 22-Mar 23)

£30.00 Budgeting for clerks online training with Parkinson Partnerships

£10.88 Jenny Marshall (2nd class stamps)

£260.36 sse Electric (PCs 13th Oct 22-13th Jan 23)

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 61.13 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (January)

£ 75.56 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (January)

(4) Any other Financial Matters: to consider quotes for playground fencing:

(see Item 10 Clerk's report)

19. Confirmation of the date of the next monthly Council Meeting at Langton

Matravers Village Hall: 9th March 2023 at 7 pm.

20. Additional Items for future meetings: cemetery matters (cemetery regulations to be taken to governance); King's Coronation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.45 pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date.....