

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, held at Langton Matravers Village Hall on Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Knight in the Chair, Cllrs Pearson, Christie, Loudoun, Golob, Sutton, Vaughan-Arbuckle. 7 members of the public were also in attendance, and Tom Clarke (National Trust). Mary Sparks was present in the role of locum Clerk for the meeting. The meeting was recorded.

1. **RESOLVED: To appoint Mary Sparks as locum Clerk for the purposes of this meeting.**

2. Apologies and reasons for Absence: Dorset Cllr Brooks: another meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest: None.

4. National Trust Report: a) Following Cllr Christie's expression of concern about a **range of activities in the Dancing ledge area**, Mr Clarke had discussed the matter with him: there needs to be more 'joined up' working with the user groups. A meeting is planned with members of the BMG, Wild Swimming and other groups in the Autumn: it would be good to have LMPC representation. **ACTION: Cllr Christie, TC.** b) A useful meeting between Activity providers and community reps indicates the need for a Code of Conduct and a **diary of planned events** in the region so that there aren't too many at the same time. This should be in place by next year. **ACTION: TC,PC** c) Thanks to Bridget Mayes and St George's School for the new **'Arty Cows' at Spyway**. d) The Trust wants to provide opportunities for **local young people to connect with their landscape**, and are preparing plans for this.

Cllr V-A expressed dissatisfaction with **obstructive parking by coaches** involved with school groups doing activities at Dancing Ledge. Mr Clarke explained that coach companies don't always follow the rules in the Code of Conduct for Activity Providers. He suggested that the matter is reviewed as part of the next Code of Conduct review. **ACTION: TC/LMPC.** Cllr Sutton suggested that coaches use the coach park at Swanage while waiting.

5. Dorset Cllr's Report: None.

6. Public Participation: The meeting was adjourned for this item.

a) A member of the public objects to the **number of noisy events taking place at Wilkswood Farm**, which negatively impact on their everyday working life and camping business. Local residents have not been properly advised, either by DC or the promoters, about forthcoming events.

b) A second resident expressed similar views concerning events at Wilkswood, and asked why the National Trust are allowing these to happen when they affect local people so negatively ?

c) David Mountjoy, who runs both the Reggae and Jurassic Dance Festivals at Wilkswood, explained that he was from a rural background and understood concerns expressed: he does not wish to impact livelihoods, but bring business to the district. He apologised for communication problems: residents will be sent a letter with a dedicated number to ring if they have concerns at the time.

d) A member of the public i) expressed disgust at the **'mend' to the footway opposite the pub**, which is inadequate: ii) noted that Dorset Cllr Bryan will be visiting Crack lane shortly, following a complaint about a **dangerously-parked residential vehicle** there: iii) has concerns that parishioners' comments on the **King's Arms application** may have been sent to Listed Building section: parishioners should re-send to the Full Application which is now current.

7. Matters Arising from Public Participation:

a) Wilkswood. Cllr V-A had attended the Licensing Meeting at DC. Residents should use the number supplied **at the time of the problem** in order to make an impact. Cllr Christie noted that last year's Reggae Festival had been enjoyed by participants and brought income to the area. It was **AGREED: To write to DC Licensing Authority, expressing Council's disappointment with their lack of**

communication with local people. ACTION: Clerk. LMPC will publish the organiser's letter with the contact number on the Parish website: **ACTION: Clerk.**

8. Planning Matters:

1. Receive comments from the public on the following applications 9/06/23- 12/07/23: None.
 - a) P/ TRC/2023/03592 Location: Hideaway The Hyde Langton Matravers BH19 3HE. Proposal: T1 Cherry - Remove all dead wood. Reduce back from house by 1-2m. T2 Crab apple - Remove dead wood. Reduce whole crown by 1-2m. T3 Apple - Reduce crown by 1-2m. T4 Lilac - Remove 2x dead branches. Reduce by 1-2m. T5 Tamarisk - Reduce back from garage by 2-3m trimming the rest of the tree by 0.5-1m. **No Objection.**
 - b) P/TRD/2023/03500 Location: The Old Malthouse School High Street Langton Matravers BH19 3HB Proposal: Fell one dead pine. Remove dead section of adjacent pine. **Already done.**
 - c) P/FUL/2023/02662 Location: 27 The Kings Arms High Street Langton Matravers BH19 3HA Proposal: Erect single storey extension and carry out minor internal alterations. **No Objection, but a full assessment of the ventilation (for the Kitchen) should be undertaken, including noise and smell to adjoining and nearby properties. Waste Provision has been omitted from the plans and this must be addressed as a matter of Urgency. Officers should ensure that parishioners' comments on P/LBC/2023/02 are taken into account in relation to this application.**
 - d) P/TRT/2023/03986 Location: Spyway Orchard, adj. 4 Spyway Mews. A) Sycamore stems x3 – fell. B) Sycamore tree – Fell. Alternative planting in Spyway Orchard: fruit trees. **No Objection.**
3. Decisions since last meeting: None.
4. Any other Planning Matters: None.
9. The Minutes from the Meeting 8th June 2023, were confirmed, with minor correction at 10.d), to be a correct record, and signed.
10. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
 - a) Item 10 c) **Heavy Quarry Vehicles** and 15d, **Wessex Water main Replacement.** Cllr V-A asked that Cllr Brooks be asked to follow up these matters and feed back. **ACTION: Clerk, Cllr Brooks.**
 - b) Item 13. **Malthouse Development Meeting.** Cllr Sutton had facilitated 2 further meetings with those interested in community use of the site. Peter Golob will now lead the group. The meetings have given a clearer picture of the progress of the individual groups currently liaising with SATAO, including Langton CLT and St George's School.
11. The Clerk's Report 02/06/23 – 03/07/23 was received.
 - 1c) Slides from Emergency Planning Event. **ACTION: Clerk to circulate.**
 - 1e) Cllr V-A has contacted Mosterton Re: 20mph.
 - 1a) Dorset Dog-Related PSPO consultation. **ACTION: Clerk to respond on LMPC's behalf.**
 - 3a) Community Asset Status for OMH tennis courts: LMPC had been advised that it is not advantageous to apply for this. It was agreed to take the item off the Council's pending agenda.
- 4/1g) Preparing for D-Day Commemoration 2024. **ACTION: Cllr Knight to re-send e-mail.** Cllr Pearson noted that the Parish Museum has a display about radar.
- 4/1h) SSE's resilience and community grants. It was agreed that this might be used for Emergency Planning. **ACTION Cllrs Pearson and V-A to explore further.**
12. Chairman's Announcements: The External Auditor had responded to the submission of the AGAR with questions. **ACTION: Cllr Knight.**
13. Three Norths Plaque update. The plaque will be set into a piece of Purbeck Stone by Bonfield and Sons. It was **RESOLVED to pay £100 for this to be done.** It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr Bonfield when the work is complete. **ACTION: Clerk.** There will be an Official Unveiling Ceremony: OS to be invited, and St George's School.
14. It was **RESOLVED: To appoint Michelle Harrington as Parish Clerk, RFO and Clerk to the Burial Authority.** The new Clerk will start on 17th July. Her Holiday-adjusted rate of pay will be £19.11p per hour, which is SCP 26: 45 hrs per month.

15. Allotments Report. a) Following an allotment inspection, Cllr Pearson had written to 3 tenants. 2 of these had since given up their plots, and another tenant had also done so. All new tenants had been from the Waiting List, and there are still 3 people on it. The Allotment Association will be holding an **Open Event on Sunday 6th August** at 3pm. All are welcome.

b) Both the Allotment Gardens Policy and Tenancy Agreement required minor amendments: it was **RESOLVED: to agree changes as detailed by Cllr Pearson to both policies. ACTION: Cllr Pearson and Clerk to update policies as necessary and post revised policies on website.**

16. Cemetery Report. An inspection report had been circulated to Cllrs on 14.6.2023. Since then, Cllr Loudoun has cleared most of the bracken in the extension area, and strimmed along the south wall. Mr Bugler will clear any plastic in future: this could be stored in the cemetery shed pending removal to the dump. The Locum Clerk has updated all records and registers, and the updated Interment Index and plan of the cemetery are now on the Parish website. Cllr Pearson and Dr Sparks were formally thanked by the Council for all their hard work in these matters.

17. Highways Report. a) **20mph**: the TRO for this will be published in September; the public have 6 weeks to respond. Cllr V-A will do a local letter drop to encourage affected households to respond positively. **ACTION: Cllr V-A.**

b) **Zig-Zag lines at entry to OMH lane**. DC have advised that these are unenforceable and must be left to fade before yellow lines can be proposed. Cllr V-A will ask if a TRO can be put in place for the yellow lines before removal of zig-zags. **ACTION: Cllr V-A.**

c) **Footway in front of Church**. Ian Styring (DC) has agreed that the current repair is useless. Steve Mephram (DC) has suggested that LMPC pay half for a stretch of 'Rhino' asphalt which would cost the Council c. £16,000 for the whole length from the Durnford entrance to St George's Close (a half share of the total cost). Cllr Loudoun noted that this material cracks when driven over by heavy vehicles (as at the school crossing). It was suggested that properly-bedded Purbeck pavers be reconsidered as an option. It was agreed to explore different options before making a decision. **Action: Cllr V-A.**

18 Banking and Office Systems. Cllr Golob had circulated a paper. a) Bank. Systems for the Council's debit card for incidental purchases by the Clerk are almost in place. As the changeover from Lloyds to the Unity Bank is nearly complete, the Clerk will be asked to add a rubric in correspondence with all payees notifying them of the change, and the Council's new Bank details. **ACTION: Clerk.** b) Office Systems. The new hardware has arrived, and Pete Andrews of 'Whizzbits' is helping with the setting-up process. The best choice for a domain for e-mails was also discussed. It was **RESOLVED: To allow £300 for set-up fees and Clerk advice/training for Whizzbits, plus fee of £6.99 for a domain name for LMPC e-mails.** It was further **RESOLVED: That Mark Gracey's services as website manager be discontinued once the AGAR period is complete. ACTION: Cllr Knight, Clerk.**

19. Financial Matters:

a) Bank balance at 30th June was £78,237.83 (Unity £7,602.51 & £790.85 and Lloyds £69,844.47).

b) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting:

- i £ 700.00 Internment fee (Brenda Riman), Plot U3
- ii £ 90.00 Internment of cremated remains (Joseph Brett). Plot Cr, 16
- iii £ 0.85 Credit Interest, Unity Bank.
- iv £ 30.00 Inscription (Brett Cr. 16)

c) Payments by cheque or online payment to be made since last Meeting:

- i £ 679.46 Jenny Marshall (Clerk's salary part of June 2023)
- ii £ 398.22 Burden Building Services (Acton Notice Board)

iii £ 199.95	Blue Plaque
iv £ 391.50	Mary Sparks (Clerking fee June)
v £ 14.99	Pete Christie (printer paper)
vi £ 15.00	Village Hall (May)
vii £ 730.79	Gallagher Insurance (for 2023/24)
viii £ 495.22	Linda McMorrow (Cleaning Public Convenience June)
ix £ 60.00	Janine Drayson (welcome cards Spyway residents)
x £ 40.39	SSE (street lighting June)

d. Payments by Direct Debit:

i £ 47.51	NEST - Contributions to Clerk's pension (June)
ii £ 76.61	XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (June)
iii £ 9.30	Unity Bank service charge (June)

All payments were approved.

e. Other Financial Matters: Note there is a credit of £94.40 on the HMRC account.

20a. Date of next Council Meeting: 10th August. Item for next agenda: Footway at Durnford/Church.

20b. DAPTC Area Meeting Report. (Cllrs Christie and Pearson). There are concerns about the **discontinuation of analogue phone systems** in rural areas in 2025. Neil Wedge had emphasised the importance of **preparation for the May 2024 PC elections**: DAPTC will do briefing sessions for PCs to encourage uptake and to get new Cllrs. It was suggested that DAPTC be informed about **events in the area** (see Item 4b above), and liaison between landowners, event holders and community groups: a virtual site should be created, with a diary, to avoid clashes and overload of amenities of all sorts. NT to talk to DAPTC. Studland PC are having a meeting with a DC Planning Officer: other councils would appreciate similar opportunities, and the **return of Planning Meetings to Westport House**, so that those making the decisions are more aware of the problems. It was suggested that this be added as a formal proposal at the next DAPTC AGM.

The meeting closed c.9.15pm.

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