

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Cllr **Knight** (Chairman), Cllr **Christie** (Vice Chairman), Cllr **Pearson**, Cllr **Sutton** & Cllr **Vaughan-Arbuckle**.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr **Brooks** (Dorset Council), & Dr Mary **Sparks** (Locum Clerk)
5 Members of Public

ABSENT:

Cllr **Golob**, Cllr **Loudoun**, Mr **Clarke** (National Trust)

It was noted this meeting is being recorded. All recordings will be deleted once the draft minutes are typed.

0923-1. APPOINTMENT OF LOCUM CLERK

Dr Mary Sparks was welcomed as the locum Clerk for the September 2023 meeting, and thanked for her time.

0923-2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from Cllr Loudon, Cllr Golob & Mr Clarke (National Trust) and accepted by all.

0923-3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declaration was made. NB this does not preclude any later declarations.

0923-4. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

It was noted a "Save the date" regarding a meeting review of activity provider licensing in South Purbeck has been received. The date is 7th November at 5pm at the Cumulus Outdoors Residential Centre, BH19 2PX. It was noted Cllr Christie and the Clerk would normally attend the review meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to invite stating 2 members of Langton Matravers Parish Council will attend the meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add to October agenda a discussion on what Langton Matravers Parish Council would like to raise at the meeting review of activity provider licensing in South Purbeck on 7th November, plus confirm attendance.

0923-5. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brooks submitted a written report before the meeting, this was noted. Cllr Brooks asked if a copy of her report was published on the Langton Matravers Parish Council website. It was stated a copy of her report does form part of the agenda pack which is available on the website.

Cllr Brooks clarified the need for the Dorset Housing Strategy and the Local Plan, stating the Local plan is a 30 year plan with the strategy being a 5 year plan which is constantly updated. Cllr Brooks encouraged all Councillors to fill in and submit the Strategy survey.

Cllr Brooks stated there is a new Hedge to Hedge project, which will see a merging of working practices. The example given was previously the grass was cut by one department, the footpath was often cut by another, all rising swept into the gutter and with waste services attending to swept it all up, sometimes thought this was not all happening on the same day. The Hedge to Hedge project will see part of waste services under Environment and Highways control, which will mean all work will be carried out at the same time, as they are going along.

Cllr Brooks stated Glenn Hannam has taken on the role of Community Highways Officer for Purbeck replacing Ian Styring.

Sign:

Chairman: Cllr Knight

Date:

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0923-6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned.

Richard Purchase, Chairman of Governors, for St George's Church of England VA Primary School, Langton Matravers gave an update on the proposal for St George's Church of England VA Primary School to join a Multi Academy Trust (MAT).

A member of the public wished to inform the Parish Council on several matters:

1. A resident needed hospital treatment after falling on the pavement last week.
2. The broken water manhole cover outside the King's Arms has been covered with a very thick rubber mat. This has solved the issue of walking sticks and people tripping on the broken manhole, however the mat is very thick and a trip hazard of its own.
3. There has always been a large number of vehicles park down the High Street, however now there are lorries / large vehicles parking and blocking the pavement and drop kerb access. Access from the bus stop southerly on the pavement outside the old Cemetery is frequently blocked, to the point pedestrians cannot walk along the path and have to walk in the road.

A member of the public wished to echo the previous concerns raised plus request:

1. The pavement outside the church which is almost the same height of the road be altered to be a normal height kerb.
2. Is the Purbeck Local plan going to be adopted into the Dorset Local Plan?

A member of the public wished to inform the Parish Council

1. The Woodland Trail gates are constantly being left open. Can the Parish Council arrange for a return swing on the gate, so that it doesn't stay open.
2. There is a large branch down across the Woodland Trail path.
3. The metal gate into the school field, is wide open. The lock is attached onto the latch so the gate can not be shut.
4. The School field grass had been left between cuts for so long, that the rising are very thick. It makes it impossible to play football in the area, plus it is likely to kill the grass underneath.

A member of the public wished to inform the Parish Council there will be a Pass Slow and Wide ride taking place on Sunday. There is also the wish to have footpaths across Purbeck join up to enable, riders, cyclists and walkers to not have to use the main A351.

The meeting was reconvened.

0923-7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Brooks stated things have been learnt from the Purbeck Local Plan, and are being taken through into the Dorset Plan, which is due to be submitted in 2024. The Housing Strategy Plan does include questions around the social housing need.

Cllr Brookes stated any accident on the pavement should be reported to Dorset Council. Cllr Brooks offered to take this issue up with Dorset Council and report back. This was accepted.

Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle stated:

1. He has attended 2 meetings with Dorset Council regarding the pavements.
Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle stated fixing a pavement is not a quick process, they cost a lot of money, they require input from organisations such as Heritage, and conservation officers. Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle stated residents should rest assured he has this project firmly in his sights and will not let it drop.
2. In regards to the parking, he has spoken to the Police Commissioner representative and has been told this matter will be taken up to the Police Commissioner.
3. In regards to the manhole cover, Wessex Water have attended on several occasions, placing a large bright yellow mat across the broken manhole cover. This mat is very visible and also has tarmac around it, so should not be considered a trip hazard.

Cllr Knight stated the playing field is held under licence by St George's Church of England VA Primary School and they are responsible for the upkeep.

ACTION: Clerk to write to St George's Church of England VA Primary School head teacher reminding them that the Parish Council have a license to use the field outside of school time, and we politely request they ensure the maintenance is suitable to ensure children can use the area to play.

Cllr Christies stated he had walked the Woodland Trail today, and has removed the branch blocking the path. Plus, the metal gate onto the field is padlocked, however if you lift the padlock you can close the gate.

ACTION: Clerk to add Woodland Trail discussion to the October agenda.

0923-8.

PLANNING MATTERS

0823-8(1a)

Application No: P/VOC/2023/04979

Location: Land south of North Lease Farm Knitson To Valley Road Knitson BH20 5JB

Proposal: Demolition of existing building and erection of a new dwelling house (with variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/FUL/2021/05628 - to amend approved plans)

Comment: No objection.

Application No: P/TRT/2023/05106

Location: Langton House Durnford Drove Langton Matravers BH19

Proposal: Tree works as specified in Dorset Council tree survey dated 29/03/2023.

Replanting details to be confirmed.

Comment: -

ACTION: Cllr Loudon to look into this application, inclusive of the replanting, and comment back to the Clerk to then submit, using delegated powers hereby granted.

ACTION: Clerk to submit planning decisions to Dorset Council.

0923-9.

DORSET COUNCIL HOUSING STRATEGY

Cllr Knight had submitted a proposed draft version of the Dorset Council Housing Strategy questionnaire before the meeting. This was discussed.

The following amendment was suggested and approved

Q10 "Levels of affordable houses agreed at the planning stage Should be enforced, and not deleted or modified thereafter"

"In selecting areas for building as planning applications the views of local people should be given a high priority and when overruled feedback should be provided. "

ACTION: Clerk to amend draft version to include within Q10 "Levels of affordable houses agreed at the planning stage Should be enforced, and not deleted or modified thereafter.

In selecting areas for building as planning applications the views of local people should be given a high priority and when overruled feedback should be provided." Then submit to Dorset council.

0923-10.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the full council meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

0923-11.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA).

A spelling mistake "Astra" should read "Aster" within the previous minutes and Action log was noted and corrected.

No further issue was raised.

0923-12.

CLERK'S REPORT

0823-12(a)

Correspondence.

Acton Feld: It was noted a formal request from the original sender, had been received to delete the Acton Field correspondence.

ACTION: Clerk to delete Acton Field correspondence from records including the website.

Sign:

Chairman: Cllr Knight

Date:

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Pass Wide & Slow: Correspondence was submitted before the meeting, this was discussed. Councillors felt and agreed Langton Matravers Parish Council should be informed of any path / bridleway works within the parish. Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle agreed to attend any meeting regarding this topic and report back to the Parish Council.

New Dorset Council Highways contact: It was noted this was discussed during the Dorset Councillor Report. Highways Improvement Request: Correspondence was received requesting the Parish Council consider Highways Improvement request for speed claiming along Durnford Drive. It was agreed to take the Community Speed Watch Team down Durnford Drive to gather speed evidence.

Academy Consultation Letter: It was noted this was discussed during the Public Participation. It was noted the Parish Council had not been formally asked for an opinion. The Parish Council agreed the Clerk should write to Richard Purchase formally and thank him for attending the Parish Council meeting and for the informative presentation and we will watch with interest for development.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Richard Purchase formally and thank him for attending the Parish Council meeting and for the informative presentation and we will watch with interest for development.

0823-12(b) Action Log

An action log was submitted before the meeting, this was noted.

A statement was submitted before the meeting, detailing PAT testing and Sanitary Waste as requested. It was noted these items will be discussed under finance.

0923-13(c) DAPTC Clerks Conference

A request to financially support the Clerk to attend the DAPTC Clerks conference was submitted before the meeting. It was noted the financial help is to cover the cost of travel and admission, noting as the Clerk works for three Parish Councils, the overall cost will be split equally between each Parish Council. It was agreed to support the Clerk up to the value of £25.

0923-13(d) New Council Advert

A draft advert created advertising the Councillor role was submitted before the meeting.

The following proposals were discussed:

1. The advert should include the offer for potential candidates to attend NALC training, paid for by the Parish Council.
2. The advert should include the LMPC logo.

0923-13(e) Written Reports

A statement was submitted before the meeting, regarding legal advice on Agenda's and requesting Councillors submit written reports to accompany monthly meeting agenda's, this was noted.

0923-13. FINANCE MATTERS

A report detailing the monthly bank balances, income and expenditure was submitted before the meeting, this was noted.

It was noted within the Finance report, where there is income relating to the Cemetery a plot number and subject matter (i.e. memorial or interment) will be added to future reports.

The expenditure of £3,030.78 was agreed, and the income of £950.00 noted.

ACTION: Clerk to process payments.

PAT Testing. A statement was submitted before the meeting recommending PAT testing be carried out, within the office and Public toilets.

It was agreed to accept the quote from Contractor 2 subject to the frequency requirement of PAT Testing.

ACTION: Clerk to contact contractor 2 to accept the quote for PAT Testing subject to the frequency requirement

Sanitary Waste. A Statement was submitted before the meeting regarding supply and empty of all sanitary waste bins from 1st December 2023 onwards.

It was agreed to accept the quote from Contractor 1.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Contractor 1 to accept the quote for Sanitary waste collection.

0923-14. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A verbal report was given by Cllr Christie as Vice Chairman of Langton Matravers Parish Council regarding his and the Clerks attendance of the South East Purbeck Parish's meeting with the National Trust. This was noted.

0923-15. PORTFOLIO HOLDER / LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Portfolio Holders / Lead Councillors were invited to give a verbal update within their area:

- a. Ways & Means (including finance, HR, legal & governance) - Nothing to report
- b. Planning & Housing - Nothing to report
- c. Highways and Transport
Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle stated Tony Burden from Dorset Council has confirmed the TRO for the 20mph application is planned for September.
Wessex Water are attending the October meeting from 18:30.
ACTION: Clerk to place Public Notice from Dorset Council regarding Wessex Water proposed works around the Parish.
- d. Parish Amenities (including Cemetery, allotments, playground and woodland trail)
Cllr Pearson stated a local stonemasons have stated our new regulations do not adhere to their code for fixing memorials. It was noted the Clerk and Cllr Pearson are working on new regulations and plan to present these next month.
Cllr Pearson noted there is a DAPTC meeting next month. All Councillors are invited to email Cllr Pearson or Cllr Christie with any issue they wish to have raised with DAPTC.
ACTION: Clerk to add DAPTC update on October agenda.
- e. Parish infrastructure (including street lighting, toilets, bus shelter, parish office and utilities - Nothing to report
- f. Quarries / Agriculture - Nothing to report
- g. Community & Communications (including surgery, school liaison & grant application)
Cllr Sutton gave a verbal report on her attendance to the Action for Health and Care Meeting. It was noted the key concern raised was the loss of Chemotherapy services from Wareham Hospital.
Cllr Sutton has been in contact with the citizens advice and has leaflets which the public are invited to take a copy if necessary. Cllr Sutton will give a copy to the clerk for the office.
- h. Environment and Tourism - Nothing to report
- i. Emergency Planning.
Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle stated he and Cllr Pearson had a meeting today with the Dorset Resilience Officer, Claire Jennings. Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle recommended Claire Jennings be invited to attend the November meeting from 18:30 to give a formal short presentation followed by questions and answers.
ACTION: Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle to invite Claire Jennings to the November meeting.
It was noted Langton Matravers Parish Council already have high vis waste coats stored in the Parish office. Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle state there would be cost to approve next month approx. £100 for the installation of the three norths plaque.

0923-16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting:

Date: Thursday 12th October 2023

Location: Langton Matravers Village Hall

Time: 19:00

Closed at 21.25