

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Michelle **Harrington** (Clerk)

ABSENT:

Cllr **Golob**, Cllr **Pearson**, Cllr **Brooks** (Dorset Council), Mr **Clarke** (National Trust)

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

1023-16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from Cllr Golob, Cllr Pearson, & Cllr Brooks and accepted by all.

1023-17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

1023-18. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

A report was submitted before the meeting this was discussed and noted.

Proposed: Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle

Seconded: Cllr Knight

RESOLVED: To write a letter to the National Trust expressing thanks for their efforts in submitting a bid for the government's Landscape Recovery Development Programme, which may see our local farmers benefit.

Action: Clerk to write to the National Trust to say Langton Matravers Parish Council are thankful for their efforts in submitting a bid for the government's Landscape Recovery Development Programme.

1023-19. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brooks submitted a written report before the meeting, this was discussed and noted.

1023-20. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of public present.

1023-21. MATTERS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters arising.

1023-22. PLANNING MATTERS

- 1023-22(1a) Application No: P/CLP/2023/05655
Location: Sea Breeze Toms Field Road Langton Matravers Swanage BH19 3HN
Proposal: Conversion of part of existing attached garage to habitable accommodation
Comment: No objection
- 1023-22(1b) Application No: P/VOC/2023/04930
Location: The Old Malthouse High Street Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3HB
Proposal: Variation of Conditions 1, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of approved P/VOC/2023/00413 (Variation of Condition 2 of application of application 6/2019/06040).
Comment: No objection
- 1023-22(1c) Application No: P/PABA/2023/05252
Location: Verney Farm Gully Swanage Dorset BH19 3EX
Proposal: Erect lambing shed to be 14.01m in length, 7.62m in breadth, with a height to eaves of 4.62m and a ridge height of 3.50m
Comment: No objection
- 1023-22(1d) Application No: P/TRC/2023/05748
Location: 73 High Street Langton Matravers BH19 3HA
Proposal: T1 Conifer - Removal to ground level. Replant with flowering cherry of a minimum height of 2m.
Comment: Objection. Langton Matravers Parish Council do not believe this tree should be cut down as there is no mitigation evidencing the need. On visiting the site, the tree looks healthy.

ACTION: Clerk to submit planning decisions to Dorset Council.

1023-23. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the full council meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

1023-24. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA).

Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle stated he has invited Clare Jennings the Community Resilience Liaison Officer for Dorset Council to the November meeting. Clare has confirmed she will attend.

Action: Clerk to add an agenda item for Clare Jennings to speak during the November meeting.

1023-25. CLERK'S REPORT

1023-25(a) Correspondence.

1023-25(a)1 Timpson Trust – It was stated Cllr Christie had been approached and asked for an update on the Timpson Trust.

It was agreed Cllr W Knight as a trustee will speak to Cllr Brooks to ask a formal meeting of the trust be called, with an agenda item to give an update on the trusts position.

1023-25(a)2 Save the Date – Dorset AONB – Dorset AONB Annual Forums 2023
This was noted.

1023-25(a)3 Playground – Grounds Maintenance.

It was agreed the Clerk will write to the correspondent to inform them:

- Langton Matravers Parish Council will see that the vegetation growing from within the boundary of the Play Park will be cut back.
- The boundary wall is owned and maintained by Dorset Council and any maintenance issues should be referred to Dorset Council.
- Any incident on the Highways, is not in Langton Matravers Parish Council's remit and should be referred to either Dorset Police or Dorset Council.

Action: Clerk to contact the grounds maintenance contractor to request they clear all vegetation around the inside boundary of the play park area.

Action: Clerk to send response to correspondent regarding play park grounds maintenance.

1023-25(b) Action Log

An action log was submitted before the meeting, this was discussed noting the following updates:

- PAT testing had been carried out on Tuesday 10th October 2023. It was noted the testing had been carried out free of charge.
Action: Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Purbeck PAT Testing.
- Emergency Planning - Clare Jennings the Community Resilience Liaison Officer for Dorset Council has confirmed she will attend the November meeting.
- Gov.uk Emails – Cllr Loudoun and Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle are unable to set up their gov.uk email account.
Action: Clerk to arrange for Peter Andrews from Whizzbits to meet up with Cllr Loudoun and Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle to help set up gov.uk on appropriate devices.
- Sycamores and overhanging trees – Dorset Council were on site early October cutting back the Sycamores. It was noted Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle has reported the overhanging trees on Crack Lane, however to date Dorset Council have not attended.
- Aster Signage (Spyway) – Signage now in place
- Malthouse Junction – A response has been received from Dorset Council stating the Junction is satisfactory.
- Water Cover outside Pub - Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle has been in contact with the water company and although no repair work has been carried out to date, there is a safety cover in situ.

1023-25(c) Annual Parish Assembly

A report was submitted before the meeting this was discussed.

It was agreed the date for the Annual Parish Assembly should be set for late Spring early summer 2024 and Cllr Sutton will take the lead to organise.

1023-31. 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 the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the Langton Matravers Parish Council 20mph application was issued by Dorset Council today. In anticipation of this Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle had circulated a draft leaflet encouraging residents to make comment on the TRO. It was agreed the leaflet should be printed as presented and a copy placed through the door of all homes within the proposed 20mph application. Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle requested Councillors help with the leaflet distribution.
Action: Clerk to print 200 copies of the approved poster.
Action: Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle to draw up a proposed route for each Councillor who agreed to help with the leaflet distribution.
Thanks were given to Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle for all his hard work on this project.
- d. Parish Amenities (including Cemetery, allotments, playground and woodland trail)
It was agreed the submitted documents for the Cemetery would be postponed and the Governance Working Party would discuss and present a recommendation at a future full Council meeting.
Action: Clerk to arrange a Governance Working Party meeting.
- 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 stated during the Coffee Pot this month a healthy discussion had taken place around a Citizens Advice booklet with refer to how we can make savings and be eco-friendly.
It was noted Cllr Sutton intended to make contact with the school this term to start building a working partnership.
- h. Environment and Tourism – It was noted this year has been a record year for migrant species birds. With birds from America having never been seen in the UK before, now being seen in abundance.
- i. Emergency Planning. Nothing to report.

1023-32. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting:

Date: Thursday 9th November 2023

Location: Langton Matravers Village Hall

Time: 19:00

Closed at 20.44