

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

13 Members of Public & Michelle **Harrington** (Clerk)

ABSENT:

Cllr **Brooks** (Dorset Council)

It was noted this meeting is being recorded by the Clerk, to aid the minute type up. Recordings will be deleted once the draft minutes are approved.

0424-115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors were present.

0424-116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

0424-117. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

A report was emailed before the meeting, this was noted.

0424-118. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Brooks stated as we are in the Pre-Election period there is no news to report.

Cllr Brooks was asked to give an overview of the Timpson Trust this was given. Thanks were given to Cllr Brooks on this project, as we are now making progress.

0424-119. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned.

3 members of public raised concern on the Downs Quarry planning application this was noted.

1 member of public raised concern on the large amount of trees being cut down at South Hyde, this was noted.

1 member of public made representation on the South Hyde planning application, this was noted.

1 member of public raised a concern regarding the ditch by Spyway Orchard, this was noted.

The meeting was reconvened.

0424-120. MATTERS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All items raised within the Public session are listed within the agenda so will be discussed and recorded accordingly.

0424-121. VILLAGE SHOP WORKING PARTY UPDATE – APPENDIX 121

Cllr Golob presented a report before the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Golob

Seconded Cllr Knight

RESOLVED – Council agreed to cover the following costs:

1. 1 Printing Costs incurred 2024.02.26 £37.50
2. 2 Printing Costs incurred 2024.03.22 £60
3. 3 Printing costs – new questionnaire for 2nd May £80
4. 5 Village Hall Rental (5 meetings – Memorial Room) £60

Proposed Cllr Golob

Seconded Cllr Knight

RESOLVED: Agree in principle to cover the following costs pending powers allowing.

(LGA 1972, s137 Power to incur expenditure not otherwise authorised on anything which in the Council's opinion is in the interest of the area or part of it or all or some of the inhabitants.)

1. 4. Plunkett Foundation Membership – including estimated regulatory fees £660
2. 6. Contingency £102.50

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0424-122. REPORT - SURFACE WATER ISSUES SOUTH VILLAGE – APPENDIX 122

A report was submitted before the meeting, detailing surface water issues in the parish.

Proposed Cllr Christie

Seconded Cllr Knight

RESOLVED: Clerk to write Stakeholders – (Aster Synergy, National Trust, Holiday Property Bond Cottages & Environmental Team) including report photo's to ask for meeting to discuss the flooding issue.

0424-123. ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

A report was submitted before the meeting regarding the Annual Parish Assembly, this was discussed.

RESOLVED – It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 5th June 2024 from 6pm. The Council will provide and offer soft drinks and biscuits to attendees at no charge. Cllr Sutton will contact potential local organisations who may wish to exhibit during the assembly, such as the National Trust activity provider, Mark Singleton (National Trust), & Clare Jennings (Community Resilience Liaison Officer DC). It was also agreed Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle would give a short presentation on the Parish Emergency Plan and Community Speed Watch.

0424-124. PLANNING MATTERS

a1

Application No: P/FUL/2024/01456

Location: South Hyde The Hyde Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3HE

Proposal: Demolish existing bungalow and erect replacement two story dwelling

Proposed Cllr Christie

Seconded Cllr Knight

RESOLVED: No objection, however request Dorset Council impose three planning conditions:

1. There is a delivery vehicle construction plan.
2. There should be appropriate water attenuation to elevate potential flooding
3. Bi-diversity plans be considered to rectify the loss of trees including the ones recently felled.

a2

Application No: P/VOC/2023/07522 - P/VOC/2023/07502 - P/FUL/2023/07355

Location: Downs Quarry, Kingston Road, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3JP

Proposal 07522: Extraction of Viviparus and Burr Limestones and restoration to deciduous native woodland (with variation of condition 20 of 6/2021/0167 to extend the restoration end date to facilitate access to the northern extension area).

Proposal 07502: Extension of Downs Quarry for the extraction of Purbeck Stone (with variation of condition 20 of 6/2021/0165 to extend the restoration end date to facilitate access to the northern extension area).

Proposal 07355: Northern extension of Downs Quarry for the extraction of building stone.

Cllr Golob expressed a non-pecuniary interest as a near neighbour.

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Loudoun

RESOLVED: The Parish Council object citing:

- The quarry's location falls outside the parameters outlined in the Dorset Mineral Plan;
- The case made with reference to PK2 is contravening established policy;
- The Council highlights the potential adverse effects on biodiversity within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB):
- The quarry's operation poses a threat to the delicate ecological balance of the region, warranting careful consideration and mitigation measures.
- The Council underscores the anticipated negative impacts on immediate households surrounding the proposed site. Concerns include increased noise levels, a potential loss of privacy, and a potential decline in overall quality of life for residents. These factors weigh heavily in the Council's assessment of the application's suitability.

Furthermore, there is apprehension regarding the timely completion of previously agreed restoration works. The failure to adhere to restoration schedules raises doubts about the applicant's commitment to fulfilling their obligations and preserving the environmental integrity of the area.

In summary, the Parish Council's objections are rooted in a commitment to upholding established policies, safeguarding biodiversity, and protecting the well-being of residents. We urge thorough scrutiny of the application and advocate for measures that prioritise environmental conservation and community welfare.

ACTION: Clerk to submit planning decisions to Dorset Council.

b.

The Dorset Council planning decision since the last meeting were noted.

0424-125. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the full council meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

0424-126. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA).

- a Grit Bins – A statement was submitted before the meeting detail costs from 3 Contractors.
RESOLVED: Cllr Christie will undertake an audit of the locality and state of each grit bin and report back..
- b Application No: P/VOC/2023/07522. This is discussed and resolved under planning above.
- c Priest Way Leaflet – A statement was submitted before the meeting detailing cost to produce a new Priest Way leaflet. This was discussed:
RESOLVED: The Clerk will contact the National Trust to ask they contribute towards the new leaflet. Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle will pass on the leaflet designer details to the Clerk to take on the project
- d Aster - Pavement – Item no. 0224-90 it was agreed to remove this item from the Action list as all actions have now been completed by Cllr Vaughan Arbuckle.
- e Water run-off Spyway – Item no, 0224-90 it was agreed to remove this item from the Action list as this has now been superseded by Cllr Christies Flooding report as noted above.
- f Cllr Knight stated SEDAC had met and would submit draft Finance reg’s and standing orders next month.
- g Cllr Knight presented a copy a Model Contract for the role of Parish Clerk. It was agreed to adopt the model template and that SEDAC would personalise for the Clerk. All changes will be back dated to 1st April 2024.

0424-127. CLERK’S REPORT

- a Correspondence.
- a1 Pavements in Langton Matravers. Flooding / Highways improvements
Correspondence was received before the meeting regarding the pavements in Langton Matravers.
It was noted Dorset Council have made it clear they will repair any pavement issue which is brought to their attention, however the repair will use tarmac.
ACTION: Clerk to add to the May agenda the Parish Council consider their position on the approach to replacement pavements. (Rhino paving)
- a2 **Footpath heading North / South via Steppes Hill**
Correspondence was received before the meeting regarding the footpath heading North / South via Steppes Hill requesting if “something can again be done about the footpath heading N/S via Steppes Hill estate”.
RESOLVED – The clerk to reply to the member of public and let them know at this stage the Parish Council will take no further action, as this path is a permissive path therefore there is no legal obligation to repair the path by the land owner and we run the risk of them closing the path permanently.
- a3 **Hidden Memorials in the Old Cemetery.**
Correspondence was received before the meeting requesting hidden memorials in the Old Cemetery covered in ivy be cleared.
It was stated a response had been send stating, a Dorset Council representative had been contacted, as this is a closed cemetery under Dorset Council maintenance.
- B Possible new SID location
A report was submitted before the meeting, detailing a working partnership with Swanage Town Council to install another SID pole near the relatively new 30 m.p.h. speed limit, just before the junction with Langton Matravers. It was noted the costs will be approx. £475 per Council, with Swanage Town Council having already paid in full for a site survey.
RESOLVED – To ratify the working partnership with Swanage Town Council.

0424-128. FINANCE MATTERS

- a Bank Balances
A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the bank balances as of 31st March 2024 this was noted.

Unity 20477192	£1,051.15	Unity 20477189	£10,749.14
Lloyds	£68,661.61 – as of 28th February 2024		
Total	£80,461.90		

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b Monthly expenditure & Income – APPENDIX 128

A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the monthly expenditure for March 2024.

Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Power Used for Spend
01.04.2024	£10.27	£0.00	£10.27	Refreshments	Entertainment and the Arts - LGA 1972, s.145
01.04.2024	£44.00	£0.00	£44.00	Village Hall Rent	Conference facilities - Local Government Act 1972, s.144
01.04.2024	£59.71	£2.99	£62.70	Electricity - Highways	Highways - Highways Act 1980, s301
01.04.2024	£948.75	£0.00	£948.75	Training	Local Government Act 1972 s.137
01.04.2024	£45.52	£9.10	£54.62	Pension	Pensions Act 2008 s.33 (employee contributions) & Pension Act 2008 s.3 (employer contributions)
01.04.2024	£723.29	£0.00	£723.29	Salary	Administration of the council - Local Government Act 1972 s 112 (1)
11.04.2024	£109.76	£21.95	£131.71	Stationary	Local Government Act 1972 s.111
11.04.2024	£143.40	£0.00	£143.40	Toilet Block - Cleaning	Local Government Act 1972 s.111
11.04.2024	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00	SID Deployment	Local Government Act 1972 s.111
11.04.2024	£197.82	£0.00	£197.82	National Insurance / Income Tax	Administration of the council - Local Government Act 1972 s 112 (1)
11.04.2024	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	Leaflets - Village Shop	Local Government Act 2000 s4
12.04.2024	£347.20	£0.00	£347.20	Annual Subscription	
Total			3,323.76		

The expenditure of £3,323.76 was agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to process payments.

c. St Georges Pre-School Grant Application

A copy of the grant application and accompanying papers were submitted before the meeting, this was discussed.

RESOLVED – Carry forward to May meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add to May agenda

d. Asset Register

Cllr Knight submitted a statement before the meeting this was discussed.

Proposed Cllr Knight Seconded Cllr Christie

RESOLVED – To set a minimum asset value for recording purposes of £150. To dispose of the foghorn, laminator, old computer, and laptop charger

e. Reserves

Cllr Knight submitted a statement before the meeting this was discussed.

Proposed Cllr Knight Seconded Cllr Christie

RESOLVED – To create a new reserve fund (Staff coverage) with a total of £6,000 .

It was noted detail regarding the Speed Radar Gun was missing from the asset register and should read acquired in 2020 for £229 (not inc VAT) and the location is Cllr Christie's home.

0424-129. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A verbal report was given by Cllr Knight, noting Cllr Paul Loudoun and & Cllr Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle are leaving the Parish Council. Formal thanks were given to both for the work they have both achieved over the years.

0424-130. 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 – Cllr Sutton submitted a report before the meeting confirming the housing needs figures.
- c. Highways and Transport Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle stated the Priest Way leaflet is nearly complete.
ACTION: Clerk to contact the National Trust to ask if they would contribute to the cost of the leaflet, in return for their logo being alongside all other sponsors. It was agreed to print 7,500 copies.
It was suggested the Car Park working party be re-instated. Cllr Loudoun and Cllr Vaughan Arbuckle both agreed to join the working group next month as non-councillors alongside Cllr Pearson. It was agreed the working group would re-start discussions with the Scott Estate.
- d. Parish Amenities (including Cemetery, allotments, playground and woodland trail) –
Out of the four empty 2 filled. Other two on-going with parish residents.
Cllr Pearson stated Cllr Pearson, Cllr Loudoun and the Clerk attended a meeting yesterday with a local quarry owner in regard to cleaning the soil of any loose stone to enable the new extension area to be used for burials. It was noted we are having to look at planning and will bring back next month. Cllr Loudoun has agreed to continue on the Cemetery extension working party.
- e. Parish infrastructure (including street lighting, toilets, bus shelter, parish office and utilities - Nothing to report.
- f. Quarries / Agriculture – Cllr Loudoun noted a large tree fell and blocked Crack Lane the other day. Due to the early hours of the morning when it was discovered it was cleared by local residents. Cllr Loudoun noted that there are several trees leaning plus a dead Elm tree in the area and the Council may need to investigate land ownership so that they can be contacted in regard to having the area made safe.
ACTION: Clerk to find out who owns the trees /land either side of Crack lane (entire length of lane) It was agreed the Clerk carry out Land registry search for Deeds and titles at minimal cost.
- g. Community & Communications (including surgery, school liaison & grant application). Nothing to report
- h. Environment and Tourism – Nothing to report.
- i. Emergency Planning. - Nothing to report

The next meeting:

Date: Thursday 16th May 2024 (Noting this is the third Thursday of the month, due to elections)

Location: Langton Matravers Village Hall

Time: 19:00

Closed at 21.28

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Date:

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Appendix 121

At the meeting on 14th March, Cllr Golob undertook to circulate an estimate of the potential costs of the financial support the Community Shop/Hub Steering Group to allow the group to get to the point where it's self-standing.

Please see below which was discussed and agreed at Steering Group meeting held earlier this evening (10th April).

The total comes to ~£1,000 but of this the largest element by far is the Plunkett Foundation membership and associated regulatory fees with respect to establishment of a Community Benefit Society ("CBS"). This element of the funding would only be called on if / when we decide there's enough support to proceed. Absent Plunkett membership and associated establishment costs, the total financial support sought comes to ~£340.

The Group is seeking agreement from the PC to provide funding to the level of £1,000 so we have clarity that we can proceed to achieve standalone status as a CBS , open bank accounts, and raise independent financing.

Proposal to LMPC regarding funding support for Community Shop/Hub Group 2024.04.10

Item	Description	Cost	Status
1	Printing Costs incurred 2024.02.26	£37.50	Re-imbursed
2	Printing Costs incurred 2024.03.22	£60	Submitted to Clerk for reimbursement
3	Printing costs – new questionnaire for 2 nd May	£80	Yet to be incurred
4	Plunkett Foundation Membership – including estimated regulatory fees	£660	Yet to be incurred
5	Village Hall Rental (5 meetings – Memorial Room)	£60	3 meetings to date on account
6	Contingency	£102.50	
Total		£1,000	

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Report - Surface Water Issues South Village

Due to the recent wet weather and reports of unprecedented ingress of water in Gypshayes and the southern end of The Hyde, I carried out a fact-finding survey of the South of the Village with a drainage expert who is also a resident of Langton Matravers.

Area 1 From Spyway Farm to Spyway Car Park. (450m approx.)

After recent re-surfacing of the track between the farm and the car park, it is apparent that several "run-off" points on the East side of the track have become blocked, making them largely ineffective. This is principally due to a lack of both longitudinal and transverse profile of the track together with the use of granular material which is too small and easily washed away by fast flowing water. This is coupled with a lack of adequate maintenance. This has resulted in increased water flow into the lane adjacent to Langton House (HPB).

Area 2 Lane from Spyway Car Park to Spyway Orchard Entrance. (275m approx.)

The lane has a drainage ditch on the West side to take run-off into the gully stream. Unfortunately, the lane has deteriorated due to substrate breaking as a result of a lack of depth of road construction for the volume and weight of vehicles using it. This has caused tarmac surface to crack/become loose. There now appears to be a significant "stream" flowing down the East side of the lane.

Area 3 Entrance to Spyway Orchard/footpath between Spyway Orchard and Gypshayes.

Following the recent junction works to Spyway Orchard and the turning circle on Durnford Drove, it is noticeable that any run-off from (2) above is mainly directed Eastwards onto the footpath at the end of the gardens of Gypshayes, (washing away the surface) and then on to the ditch which runs in the gardens at the South end of The Hyde. The runoff from Area 3 should be directed, by suitable construction work, into the ditch on the West side of the lane and not into the footpath or into Durnford Drove.

Area 4. Fields at South Hyde and impact of water on the South of The Hyde.

It was noted that the stream which runs Northward on the East side of the bank which separates HPB property and South Hyde was full, and overflowing onto the smallholding. It was also noted that there appears to be a new stream of run-off water flowing on the west side of the dividing bank, which has not been identified there before. This has resulted in more run-off impacting on the South end of the Hyde.

Area 5. Drainage ditches, gullies, pipes.

There is no official scheduled clearance/maintenance work carried out on this infrastructure, apart from any DIY activity taken by residents etc. It was noted that there was a fair amount of detritus in the gully, especially partially impeding the grating at Coles ground/turning circle.

Suggestions

Area 1. National Trust should be urged to carry out works as necessary to improve run-off Eastwards on the track.

Area 2. HPB/NT should be urged to have meaningful discussions to address the issues with the lane and bring forward a suitable plan of action.

Area 3. Stakeholders should be urged to review this area and put forward a plan to ensure any excess water is persuaded into the turning circle on Durnford Drove rather than Eastwards along the footpath.

Area 4. Improve and maintain ditches.

Area 5. Maintenance schedule should be put in place by stakeholders.

P. Christie

22.03.2024



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