

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH JUNE 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Cllr **Christie**, Cllr **Golob**, Cllr **Kwantes**, Cllr **Pearson**, & Cllr **Sutton**.

IN ATTENDANCE:

9 Members of Public. Cllr **Wilson** (Dorset Council), & Michelle **Harrington** (Clerk)

ABSENT:

Cllr **Knight**

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

0624-19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from Cllr Knight and accepted by all.

0624-20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

0624-21. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Wilson submitted a written report before the meeting highlighting:

Flood Risk Management –Cllr Wilson requested Langton Matravers Parish Council send a report containing details of what is required from Dorset Council.

Cllr Wilson was asked to investigate what Dorset Council can do to clear the gulleys. Cllr Wilson stated that a report needs to be entered via the Dorset Council Website. Once the issue has been reported, if there has been no progress after a month or so, Cllr Wilson stated if he is informed, he will then get involved.

0624-22. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

A report was not submitted before the meeting, this was noted.

It was stated Chirs, Daryle & Maggie attended the National Trust Stakeholders evening at Studland Beach. The event went well, and there was a lot of opportunity to network with other Stakeholders. Thanks were sent to the National Trust for holding the evening.

ACTION: Clerk to write to a representative of the National Trust to send Thanks.

0624-23. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned.

- a. 1 Member of public, representing the Hyde steering group, sent thanks to Cllr Christie for taking the flooding issue seriously and for compiling the report presented a couple of months ago. The residents on the steering group feel it is essential they attend any meeting held with the relevant parties. It was also stated that soil has been eroded away from the bottom of the trees along the path at the bottom of Spyway Orchard, and the tree roots are now exposed.
- b. 1 Member of public informed the Parish Council they have written a letter to Aster requesting they stop using herbicides.
- c. 1 Member of public raised the issue of overgrown gutters and pavements throughout the Village. It was requested Dorset Council consider banning the use of herbicides and pesticides.
- d. 1 Member of public echoed the thanks for Cllr Christie, and stated the Holiday Property Bond representative had stated they clean the gully they are responsible for, and Aster have stated they do not own the gully at the bottom of Spyway. It was asked can the Parish Council find out, who does own and therefore should be maintaining the gully at the bottom of Spyway, and how often does the Holiday Property Bond clear the gully?
- e. 1 Member of public stated he and his wife are buying a property in Durnford Drive and presented a copy of a planning application they are going to submit to Dorset Council.

The meeting was reconvened.

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0624-24. MATTERS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. It was stated the Parish Council has already had positive preliminary talks with National Trust and Holiday Property Bond representatives. It was noted Aster refused our invitation to join in with the talks. It was noted at present the talks are based around fact finding, but a public meeting will be held shortly, with the National Trust explaining the larger area plan, relevant landowners will be invited to join the public meeting.
- b. This was noted.
- c. An agenda item will be added to the July meeting for further discussion on the use of herbicides and pesticides in and around Langton Matravers
ACTION: Clerk to add “The use of herbicides and pesticides” to the July agenda
- d. The Parish Council is already working on find out landownership details.
- e. The Parish Council made no comment on the plans presented and it was noted no comment could be made until the official application was received. The member of public and his wife, where thanked for engaging with the Parish Council, their time and efforts are appreciated.

0624-25. VILLAGE SHOP WORKING PARTY

Cllr Golob gave a verbal report, noting:

1. It was felt the Annual Assembly presentation was well received.
2. The project is on hold now, as after discussions with James Warren the new owner of Putlake Adventure Farm, there is a possibility of a shop opening up on site soon. If the shop is not able to provide the residents essentials, then the project will be picked up again.
3. Thanks were given to Anne, Hannah & Nicky for all their hard work on the project to date. This was endorsed by all Councillors.

0624-26. PLANNING MATTERS

a1

Application No: P/TRT/2024/02666

Location: The Old Malthouse School, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB

Proposal: T1 Beech – Fell and replant

Proposed Cllr Pearson

Seconded Cllr Kwantes

RESOLVED: No objection. Agreed by majority

a2

Application No: 2. P/FUL/2024/01992

Location: Verney Farm Gully Swanage BH19 3EX

Proposal: Erect lambing shed.

Proposed Cllr Golob

Seconded Cllr Sutton

RESOLVED: No objection. Agreed by all

ACTION: Clerk to submit planning decisions to Dorset Council.

0624-27. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the full council meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

0624-28. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA).

a.

Action Log Updates.

The Clerk submitted a report before the meeting detailing actions taken since the last meeting, this was noted.

b.

Standing Orders.

A copy of the proposed new Standing Orders, based on the NALC Model was submitted before the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Christie

Seconded Cllr Pearson

RESOLVED: To adopt the standing orders as presented

c.

Financial Regulations.

A copy of the proposed new Financial Regulations, based on the old NALC model was submitted before the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Christie

Seconded Cllr Pearson

RESOLVED: To adopt the financial regulations as presented

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Thanks were given to Cllr Knight for all the time and effort put into preparing both the new Standing Order and Financial Regulations.

ACTION: Clerk to update Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as presented and publish.

d. Risk Assessments and Policies.

Proposed Cllr Christie

Seconded Cllr Pearson

RESOLVED: To re-adopt all Risk Assessments and remaining Policies as currently held, noting policies and risk assessments may be amended within 6 months if the need arises.

ACTION: Clerk to renew and publish all policies and risk assessments.

e. Waste Bin Replacements.

Cllr Christie gave a verbal update. It was noted if a bin is removed, then there is a possibility the Parish Council could have to pay to have a new bin installed plus pay for the collection service.

Proposed Cllr Christie

Seconded Cllr Pearson

RESOLVED: Keep all current bins in situ and monitor the general waste bin level by the bus shelter.

ACTION: Cllr Pearson and Cllr Christie will look each time they pass, to monitor the level of use.

f. State of Pavements.

Cllr Christie gave a verbal update. It was noted the pavements are broken in places where the vehicles are mounting the pavement in narrow sections of the High Street.

RESOLVE: Cllr Wilson to investigate the issue and ask Dorset Council to make more of an effort to maintain the pavements with stone and not tarmac. It was noted Dorset Council have stated the tarmac is temporary but have not issued a timeframe for the tarmac to be replaced with stone.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange a walkabout meeting between Cllr Wilson, Cllr Christie, and Cllr Pearson.

g. Grant Application from Pre-School.

Thanks were given to Collete and Sue for their work on clarification issues raised from the application. It was noted a letter has been received from Mr Purchase (Chairman of the Governors and Pre-school) which states Coastal Learning Partnership are a charitable trust, not a corporate business. The before and after school club provision will continue to be run and managed by the school, so any funding raised will be ring fenced accordingly.

Proposed Cllr Pearson

Seconded Cllr Christie

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £868.60 to St George's pre-school

ACTION: Clerk to contact St Georges Pre-school to advised of the grant application approval, and to arrange the transfer.

h. Land Registry – Cllr Kwantes noted he has looked at the land registry task and is happy to take the project on. It was noted that land only needs to be registered if there is 7 years or more remaining on the current lease, and therefore a copy of the lease agreements is required to see if registering the land s required.

ACTION: Cllr Kwantes and Cllr Pearson agreed to attend the Parish office when the Clerk was about, to help locate the lease agreements.

0624-29. CLERK'S REPORT

a Correspondence.

1 A copy of a letter regarding Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries was disseminated before the meeting,

ACTION: Cllr Christie to look to incorporate the subject of safe Lithium-ion Batteries storage and disposable into the Parish Council environment policy, and to present to Council for approval.

0624-30. FINANCE MATTERS

a Bank Balances

A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the bank balances as of 31st May 2024 this was noted.

Unity 20477192	£1,051.15
Unity 20477189	£92,674.81
Lloyds	£0
Total	£93,725.96

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Cllr Christie noted the Clerk sent an email out the day before the meeting, asking any Councillor who was available to investigate the fence in the "Holding pen" area of by the play park, as a report had been received to say they were unsafe. Cllr Christie was able to attend that day, and has removed the damaged section, and in levelled the ground. The Clerk has been given details of the Councils preferred contractor and will obtain a quote shortly.

Cllr Christie noted on the external inspection report for the play park, the goal posts are stated as "in need of repair" due to rusting. It was suggested these posts are removed.

ACTION: Clerk to talk to the school plus to ask for feedback from residents via the dubber article regarding removing the goal post

ACTION: Clerk to send a copy of the ROSPA report to St Georges School.

Cllr Christie asked Councillors to be vigilant when walking around the area, for any inappropriate behaviour. Noting recently a cattle water trough, had the water disconnected, meaning the cattle and calves were without water for a couple of days.

0624-33. 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 - Road Closure noted, water running by Manor Farm. Cllr Christie will keep an eye on the issue and report to Wessex Water if required.
- d. Parish Amenities (including Cemetery, allotments, playground, and woodland trail)
Cllr Pearson stated she has a meeting tomorrow with a landscape designer and engineer regarding the new extension in Crack Lane Cemetery. Cllr Pearson will submit a report next month.
- e. Parish infrastructure (including street lighting, toilets, bus shelter, parish office and utilities – A reminder was given, that on each land post there is an identification number meaning anyone can call to report a broken or faulty streetlight. If a member of public raises a street lighting issue, please request they report the fault directly.
- f. Quarries / Agriculture – It was noted this week an invite had been sent to all Councillors for the Annual Suttles Quarry Liaison. All Councillors were asked to inform the Clerk if they can attend.
- g. Community & Communications (including surgery, school liaison & grant application)
Cllr Sutton noted there are a few wobbly gate posts in the parish, this has been reported to the National Trust, but there are some which is believed to be Dorset Council gates. Cllr Sutton was asked to report the issue on the Dorset Council website.
- h. Environment and Tourism – Cllr Christie stated it is likely visitor numbers will increase over the coming months due to Sprin Watch. Could all Councillors keep an eye out for open gates.
- i. Emergency Planning. Nothing to report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting:

Date: Thursday 11th July 2024

Location: Langton Matravers Village Hall

Time: 19:00

Closed at 20.44

Sign:

Chairman: Cllr Christie

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