

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th July 2018 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllr W Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Christie, M Turner, P White, P Loudoun, R Sheppard, C Drayson.

There were 9 members of the public present, and County Cllr Cherry Brooks.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr Lovell (Scout Cttee. Meeting). **RESOLVED: To accept reason given for absence.** Christopher Hedley, RoWLO.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Loudoun, Planning Item 4: Wilkswood Farm Licensing Application. Cllr Knight, Clerk's Report D/A11: School Transport policy.

3. National Trust Report. Mr Wraith reported that **gates** are being refurbished and replaced along the **Priests' Way**. He thanked LMPC for advertising details of the Trust's planned **meeting with residents of Acton**. Diggers are working on drainage issues on the **Priests' Way**: the Trust have so far heard nothing from DCC Highways regarding their responsibility for repairs. Funding is being sought for footpath work from the SW Coast Path Association. Mr Wraith was thanked for his report.

4. RoWLO report. The Clerk read this. Paths 13 and 34 are affected by overwhelming vegetation. DCC are responsible for 13 under our SLA. Some electric fences are blocking paths, but most have 'openers'. Signage is still a problem, especially at Knitson, and for Duke of Edinburgh walkers. Mr Hedley also noted inappropriate water troughs causing bad mud. Mr Hedley and Mr Kirby will tackle vegetation issues quarterly, and would welcome a third member of the team. Mr Hedley will update the review of the footpaths in the parish by the end of 2019. Cllr Drayson asked if Council should consider employing somebody to do some of the clearance work rather than relying on volunteers. **ACTIONS: i) Clerk to put on agenda for April 2019. ii) Clerk to ask Mr Hedley if he can sort out the non-opening electric fence.** Cllr Loudoun noted that DoE students are sent out with inadequate maps.

5. County Councillor's report. Cllr Brooks said that the new Shadow Council has signed up to the government's '**Digital Declaration**'. Recruitment for the **new Chief Executive** has begun. The Shadow Council will operate until after elections in May 2019. Task and Finish groups are aware of **demands from local T&PCs** to be more actively involved in the process of shaping the new Council. DCC Highways' **new top-dressing programme** is intended to seal roads to avoid water ingress and stop potholes. In response to a comment from Cllr Knight that there is pressure on PCs to increase their precept to take on jobs no longer done by DCC, she pointed out that DCC has to concentrate on statutory activities, including Adult Social Care and Children's Services.

6. Public Discussion Period. The meeting was adjourned for this agenda item. Cllr Knight left the table and sat in the public gallery.

a) Mr Howard Tizard informed the meeting that Langton CLT have organised a **Housing Needs Survey** in conjunction with PDC, starting at the end of July, and asked that the Council publicise and promote it.

b) Mr Barrie Mayes (Langton CLT) has written to the 'Gazette' about the **Housing Needs Survey**, and also asked that the Council promote it. It will provide an up-to-date figure. Results will be available to all.

c) Mrs Jasmine Cattle said that some **allotments** are still not properly worked. The village street is also in need of a tidy-up.

d) Mr Mark Hill expressed concern about the large number of vehicles parked at the west end of the village, and asked that the **stones outside No 1 Capston Field** be removed, as they are dangerous.

e) Mr Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle i) announced that he will be the independent Chair for the NT's **Acton meeting**, and has already been briefed by the NT; he hopes to meet a representative from Acton shortly.

ii) The **Old Malthouse site** is likely to be sold to Stour Developments, with purchase completed by the end of August. A 'core' group from the Langton Old Malthouse Community Group are keen to develop a dialogue with the purchasers in order to promote best outcomes for the community, including ongoing use

of playing fields by school and Pre-school. LOMHCG will keep LMPC fully informed. The core group had met Cllr Gary Suttle to discuss the outcome of their SHLAA challenge, and it seems likely that all small sites, including OMH, will be removed from the SHLAA; decision end of August.

f) Mr Tim Cattle informed the meeting that there had previously been issues with the drive at No1 Capston Field, which had never had planning permission. He asked if there were any vacant allotments, as he and his wife had recently moved back to the village.

g) Mr William Knight pointed out that Dorset's present school transport system is at odds with all others as it affects the Purbeck area; why is transport to the Purbeck School funded for children when the Swanage school is closer? County is not carrying out its statutory duty.

h) Mr Richard Cottrell asked that priorities for LMPC action next year should include ensuring that developments at the OMH and Spyway sites are properly managed and in the best interests of the village. The meeting was reconvened. Cllr Knight rejoined the meeting.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Discussion.

a/b) Housing Needs Survey Cllrs agreed that copies should be available in the office and the survey be advertised on the Council's website. **ACTION: Clerk.**

c) Allotments; the Clerk explained the system for notice letters. Untidy village: Cllr Drayson suggested that somebody might be employed to do the work: Cllr Christie said it was the job of frontagers: Cllr Knight asked Cllr Brooks how other villagers addressed the issue. Cllr Brooks has set up a Policy Development Panel to look at various aspects of Highways maintenance work, and they will be reporting back in 2 months with recommendations.

d) Vehicles at west end of village. It was agreed that the vehicles helped to traffic-calm. Mr Lovett has already been approached by DCC about the stones. **ACTION: Clerk to find out who owns verge; Clerk to ask PDC about Planning Permission for drive at No 1 Capston Field.**

e) Old Malthouse Site. **RESOLVED: that this Council welcomes the offer from the core group from LOMHCG that they act as a conduit for information on developments there.**

8. Planning Matters.

1. Receive comments from the public concerning the following plan:- None.

2. a) [6/2018/0326](#) Claire van Kampen, Victoria Cottage The Lane Acton Langton Matravers BH19 3JS. Demolition of outbuildings. Refurbishment of existing dwelling including alterations to east and south elevations. Create new vehicular access and alterations to boundary wall. Install solar photovoltaic panels to south facing roof slope. **No Objection.**

3. a) [TWA/2018/093](#) Mr Henry Staveley-Hill, Leas Wood House, 18 High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (T1) Horse chestnut - crown lift to 5.2m above highway, prune to give 2m clearance from property, remove main limb over driveway; (T2) Poplar - fell - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Approved.**

b) [TWA/2018/088](#) Mrs June Jorssen, Land to the front of The Science Block, The Old Malthouse School, High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (T1) Pink hawthorn - crown reduce by 3-4ft - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Approved.**

c) [6/2018/0301](#) Mr Stan Bonfield, Blacklands Quarry, Priests Way, Swanage, BH19 3JS. Extraction of Purbeck Stone from an area presently used for access, stockpiling and masonry yard at Blacklands Quarry. **No Objection to County Matter**

d) [6/2018/0303](#) Mr Stan Bonfield, Blacklands Quarry, Priests Way, Swanage, BH19 3JS. Vary conditions 1,3,4, & 5 of planning permission 6/2015/0007 to allow for changes to the stockpiling areas, an increase in the operational hours and to increase the duration of operation by 9 years until January 2029. **No Objection to County Matter**

e) [6/2018/0304](#) Mr Stan Bonfield, Blacklands Quarry, Priests Way, Swanage, BH19 3JS. Vary conditions 1,2, 8 & 11 of planning permission 6/2015/0008 to increase the duration of operations by 9 years until January 2029, increase the hours of operation, to change the stockpiling arrangements and permit a new access/private way. **No Objection to County Matter**

f) [TWA/2018/099](#) Mrs Diana Butement, Durnford House, High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (T1) Eucalyptus - crown reduce by 50% - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Approved.**

4. Other planning matters. - Premises Licensing applications. Secret Camping at Wilkswood, August Bank Holiday weekend. **No Objection.**

9. Minutes of the Meeting held 14th June 2018. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed. The confidential minute was also approved and signed.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

a) Item 11.k) Jorssen Tree: Mrs Jorssen thanks the Council, but does not wish a replacement tree to be planted in her father's memory at the Woodland Trail; the OMH siting is important.

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 6.6. -3.7.2018. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

a) Item B4. Leeson House Coaches. The Clerk had met Dawn Heath (DCC Highways) and Mr Van der Sant (Leeson House) at Three Acre Lane. Ms Heath's team will paint more white lines and 'Keep Clear' boxes on the narrow part of the road, and write to residents asking for their co-operation; copy to LMPC.

b) Item C/B5. Action Plan 2018-19 Cllrs are invited to add any further suggestions. **ACTION: Cllrs.**

c) PDC Chairs and Clerks Meeting, 14th August. **ACTION: Cllrs to put forward agenda items.**

d) Item Da) School Transport policies. Cllr Knight left the room during this item. It was agreed to write formally to DCC asking for clarification on the Transport policy, and why the situation re: funding for transport for Purbeck School students is as it is. Cllr Knight returned to the meeting.

e) Item Db) Marine Conservation Zones consultation. It was agreed to respond that 'while LMPC is supportive of the proposals, we are disappointed that puffins and other breeding seabirds along the Purbeck Coastline are not included in the protection proposed.'

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 31st July 2018

12. Chairman's Announcements. The Chair suggested that as some other groups did not meet in August, LMPC might wish to have a 'recess' too. Cllrs were keen to hold the August meeting as planned.

13. District Councillor's Report. Cllr Lovell was not present. Cllrs Drayson and Christie reported on the **recent Purbeck DAPTC meeting.** Issues included concerns about lack of PC roles in the new Unitary Council, ongoing issues with undone Highways work, the transfer to Unitary of ringfenced funding for CLTs in Purbeck to compensate for 2nd Homes, and Council Tax harmonisation.

14. Local Govt Boundary Commission consultation. As Cllrs had no comments to make on the proposals, it was agreed to let the matter lie.

15. Proposal for Village Gateway/SID. Cllrs were not happy with DCC's Gateway proposals. LMPC's current SID poles no longer meet DCC criteria. It was agreed that the Clerk should meet DCC's Joe Allen to discuss the matter further. **ACTION: Clerk.**

16. Grounds Maintenance and Cleaning Tenders. It was agreed that, in line with LMPC's Finance Regulations, the Clerk put both services out to tender. **ACTION: Clerk.**

17. Financial Matters: Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting:

£ 20.00 Gavin Curtis – CASH part-payment for burial plot T11.

(2) Note the following Payments by cheque or cash to be made since last Meeting:

£ 794.53 Clerk's salary (June).

£ 12.77 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (June).

£ 195.91 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance + mending fence at Play area (June)

£ 451.00 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets.

£ 145.00 SSE - mend 2 lights at Acton.

£ 73.03 SSE - electricity supply to Toilet block 20 Mar – 25th June 2018.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 53.93 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband.

£ 23.83 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension.

4) Any other Financial Matters: None.

18. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting – 9th August 2018 at 7 pm, Village Hall.

19. Confidential Item: Cllrs only.

20. Additional Items for future meetings: Village Clear-up ?

Closed 9.30 pm.

Signed..... (Chairman) Date.....