

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th August 2019 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllr W Knight in the Chair, Cllrs P Christie, I Vaughan-Arbuckle, P White, D Pearson, P Loudoun, N Harding, A Bell, M Lovell.

There were 10 members of the public, and Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks was also present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence. None.

2. Declarations of Interest / Grant of Dispensations. None.

3. National Trust Report. Mr Kershaw advised that the **Spyway Car Park Portaloo**s are in a temporary location while a more stable site is prepared. In future Mark Singleton and Tom Clarke will be attending meetings in his place. The Council thanked him for past attendance.

4. Dorset Councillor's Report. There is a proposal to have a **Healthcare and Housing hub** in Wareham. Rationalisation of the Dorset Council workforce as a result of the change to Unitary Councils will lead to at most c.30 **job losses**. A new DC directive on not pulling up **ragwort** received a mixed reception from LMPC Cllrs. The responsibility for the **problems with the Studland Ferry** lie with the Secretary of State, who issues the license, but DC have undertaken work to manage traffic safely. A temporary advisory diversion is in place, but this has not been popular: traffic lights at Corfe which respond to traffic conditions via satellite are now in place, and these should help. She and Cllr Suttle are seeking an audience with the Secretary of State to see what can be done. Cllr Brooks has met with Perenco representatives at Wytch Farm to find out about **seismic testing**; the proposed road closures had been brought forward at the request of the MoD. If oil is found in this area, drilling should be manageable horizontally so as not to affect local landscapes. She confirmed that under the new ruling the final decision on **whether a planning application can be referred to the Planning Committee** or not rests with the Development Manager. Cllr Brooks was thanked for her report.

5. Public Participation Period. The meeting was adjourned for this agenda item.

- a) Collette Drayson i) attended the meeting about **oil and gas industry**, held at Harman's Cross; Ms Quinlan will meet Perenco to find out more about their plans; ii) asked about the NT policy on **ragwort**: JK replied that they tried to balance management, pulling it up where it is dangerous to livestock, but not eradicating it.
- b) Michael Robinson and Duncan Hedges, both residents of Durnford Drove, expressed concern about the Council's recent decision to ask DCH for **yellow lines on the East side of Durnford Drove**; parking would be safer on this side, with yellow lines on the West side, where there is no proper pavement.
- c) Richard Earl asked if the Council had any further information about the proposed development at Spyway Orchard: are the proposed changes to the yellow lines connected to the development?
- e) Collette Drayson iii) asked for reassurance about plans for the move of the Post Office to Putlake; iv) noted that concerns remain within the community about Spyway Orchard; v) had made reference to LMPC's support for a **principal residence policy** at the hearing about the Local Plan.

The meeting was reconvened.

6. Matters Arising from the Public Participation.

a) Perenco. Cllr Lovell noted that all licenses will end by 2036 and Wytch Farm will be closed down.

c) Proposed Development at Spyway Orchard. The Clerk gave a brief report on the content of an informal meeting between members of LMPC and the developer's representatives. A new set of plans for the Reserved Matters will be submitted to Dorset Council, there will be an opportunity for consultation and comment, and these may go to the Planning Committee in September. The developers are keen to foster better communication with parishioners.

7. Planning Matters.

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

2. 6/2019/0409 Mr and Mrs Hands, Sunray, East Drove, Langton Matravers BH19 3HF. Single storey side extension to existing bungalow. **No Objection**

3. Receive planning decisions affecting this parish since the last Parish Council Meeting:

a) 6/2019/0362 Cobb and Legg, Putlake Adventure Farm, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3EU. **Non material amendment** to 6/2017/0683 (Extension of existing shop for class use A1 (retail), removal of condition 6 of 6/2009/0584 restricting goods which may be sold and change to general Class use A1 (retail) including post office, removal of condition 7 of 6/2009/0584 restricting opening hours of 10am to 5pm, change of use of part of Mainhyde Field to use as a car park, change of use of field to North East of farmyard to use as a campsite for 60 days from Easter to the end of October annually) to

1. Widen existing pavement. Set back bowing Purbeck stone wall to line up with the existing house.
2. Widen the post office by the same area into the flower bed.

3. Lower the proposed/approved post office floor for level access from the adjacent car park. Lower windows. **Approved.**

b) TWA/2019/124 Mr Paul O'Reilly, The Science Block, The Old Malthouse, High Street, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. (T1) Hawthorn - remove 4 lowest branches to leave main central leader - Langton Matravers Conservation Area. **Approved.**

4. Any other planning matters: Informal meeting with the Old Malthouse (Purbeck Ltd) re: development of OMH site ? (information gathering only, pending the formal Outline Planning Application). It was **RESOLVED: To accept Old Malthouse (Purbeck Ltd)'s invitation to an informal closed meeting to receive a presentation on their proposed redevelopment scheme. ACTION: Clerk to set up meeting dates etc.**

8. Minutes of the Meetings held 11th July 2019. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes. a) Item 6d) Trees at Spyway Orchard. No meeting has yet been held with James Bennett, DC Tree Officer, despite repeated requests from the Clerk. He is apparently awaiting the new Biodiversity report from the developers.

b) Item 7b) Village Car Park. Cllr V-A had read the background to previous plans, and agreed to head a working group to consider further ideas. **ACTION: Cllrs V-A, Harding, Bell, Lovell and Pearson to form working group.**

c) Item 12, C.1. Offer from Jan Marsh to help clear footway. Before a group could be assembled, Mr and Mrs Kirby had done the work: the Council extended its thanks to all concerned.

d) Item 12, C.2. Change of use application for the Ship ? **ACTION: Clerk to contact Ros Drane to find out if one has been made.**

d) Item 16. LMPC Development Liaison Officers. Cllr V-A formally withdrew his proposal.

e) Item 17b) DCH Pavers proposal. Before proceeding further in the matter, it was agreed to ask Historic England what the legal requirements are for provision of stone pavements by DCH in Conservation Areas. **ACTION: Clerk.**

10. The Clerk's Report for the period 3.7. – 30.7.2019. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

A2. Response from UK Cycling regarding 'Jurassic Beast' complaints. **ACTION: Clerk to send copy to Richard Drax, MP for information. ACTION: Clerk.**

C.1. New Bench to replace broken one on High Street outside Old Rectory. Cllr Christie suggested that the new bench might form a memorial to the late Reg Saville, previous Clerk to the Council. **ACTION: Clerk to get prices for replacement wooden/stone benches and contact Old Rectory to ask if they would be happy with siting there.**

C.2. Polling Station. The Council agreed that it is happy with the present LMVH arrangements. **ACTION: Clerk to inform K. Riglar.**

C.3. Permission to paint milestone. The Council were happy to accept Mr Kirby's proposal, and will pay for the cost of the paint. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Mr Kirby accordingly.**

C.4. Site Meeting with S. Mepham (DCH) to look at highway issues. **ACTION: Clerk to set a mutually convenient date.** Cllr Pearson asked that the drains from outside 41/3 High Street as far as Putlake be jetted to unblock. **ACTION: Clerk to request.**

The next final date for inclusion of correspondence-related agenda items received between meetings is 3rd September 2019.

11. Chairman's Announcements. None.

12. LMPC Environmental Policy. There had been no comments from members of the public about the content of the draft policy. Cllr Christie expressed disappointment that all members of the public had left the meeting prior to discussions of the Environmental Policy/Climate Emergency Declaration. He described his proposal as an ‘opening gambit’: a strategy document will follow, and more will be explained at the Open meeting on 5th September. There will be opportunities to explore ideas and ask the parish how the Council can help them to achieve environmental goals. It was **RESOLVED: to adopt the draft Environmental Policy and post it on the website. (Nem Con)**

13. Declaration of Climate and Environment Emergency Statement. Cllr Christie had prepared a statement for the Council’s consideration. Cllr Pearson asked Cllr Brooks what progress had been made by Dorset Council since their Declaration of Climate Emergency: will minutes of meetings of the Executive Advisory Panel covering the topic be available for reading by the public ? **ACTION: Cllr Brooks to find out and report back**. Cllr Knight said that the Council should work for the benefit of parishioners: such a declaration by LMPC could be considered to be a ‘virtuous resolution’. He prefers action-centred approaches like the policy just agreed. Despite a strong defence of the proposal by Cllr Christie, the motion to make the declaration was not carried.

14. Financial Matters: (1) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting: None.

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

£ 815.53 Clerk’s salary (July).

£ 13.32 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (July).

£ 272.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (July).

£ 558.55 Elliott’s Cleaning Co. Public Toilets + Bus Shelter + cleaning products (July).

£ 221.85 SSE – Unmetered electricity supply to Footway lights (Jan 2018-April 2019).

£ 77.48 Amazon (new voice recorder) – cheque to Clerk.

£ 3.99 Langton PO – Mouse batteries (cheque to Clerk).

£ 160.00 DAPTC – New Cllr training x 4.

£ 78.00 Puzey and Co, Mend cistern at Gents, PCs.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

£ 61.13 XLN Telecom for phone and broadband (July).

£ 24.46 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk’s pension.

(4) Any other Financial Matters: None.

15. Confirmation of the date of the next Council Meeting: 12th September 2019 at 7 pm, Village Hall.

16. Additional Items for future meetings: Possible changes to meeting/working group/committee structures / Car Parks in village ? / Neighbourhood Plan / Highways issues inc. pavers and yellow lines / Saville memorial bench ? / Responses to cycling letters / Cemetery report / ‘Brexageddon’ – **ACTION: Clerk to find to contact Alan Davies to find out what plans are in place in preparation for a no-deal Brexit.**

Closed 8.55 pm.

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