

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th November 2019 at 7 pm.

Present: Cllr P Christie in the Chair at the start: Cllr Knight joined the meeting and chaired from Item 9 onwards; Cllrs P White, D Pearson, P Loudoun, N Harding, A Bell.

There were 5 members of the public, and Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks was also present.

The meeting was audio-recorded.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle, Christopher Hedley (RoWLO), Tom Clarke (NT).

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

3. National Trust Report. (None). The Clerk was asked to pass on concerns from villagers about timber contract work at Norden. **ACTION: Clerk.** Cllr Pearson reported that Tom Clarke has brought tree seeds to Sue Spilling for planting. More are needed, and people to nurture them.

4. Rights of way Liaison Officer's report (partially read by the Clerk). There are problems with gates being badly repaired and left open in the Tom's Field area: Cllr Loudoun will address both issues.

ACTION: Cllr Loudoun. The National Trust have sorted out the problem with **standing water on the Priest's Way**. It is hoped that they will include this as part of their annual schedule. **ACTION: NT team.**

5. Dorset Councillor's Report. The Council are in **purdah** owing to the general election. A new head of **Children's Social Care** will start in January. The **Peer Review for planning** has been postponed to January. Despite legal advice that weight could be given to the **2nd Homes Policy** in the emerging Purbeck Local Plan when current planning applications are being considered, developers have launched challenges with the effect that the policy is now in abeyance until the Inspector decides next Spring if the overall plan is sound.

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

a) Collette Drayson suggested that the Purbeck Plan should have included a **Principal Residence Policy** rather than a 2nd Homes Policy.

b) Beryl Mitchell asked i) if anything will be done about the ongoing dilapidated state of the **Old Rectory wall** behind the Bus Stop; ii) Could the **gentleman parked in Crack Lane** be encouraged to return to a wider passing bay to free up traffic at near the Cemetery ?

c) George Crabb asked that the **collapsed wall and sycamore saplings** at Manor Farm Hill be brought to the attention of Dorset Council.

The meeting was reconvened.

7. Matters Arising from the Public Participation.

a) **2nd Homes/ Principal Residence Policy:** after discussion Cllr Christie agreed to bring a formal proposal on the topic to the next meeting. Cllr Brooks noted that the PLP as it stands cannot be changed at this point, though there will be an opportunity to make changes to the Dorset Plan in 2023.

b) i) **Old Rectory wall.** The Clerk has tried to work with the Old Rectory management on this for several years, so far without success. It was agreed to write a note in the Dubber informing parishioners of this.

ACTION: Clerk. ii) **Crack Lane parking:** Cllrs Christie and Loudoun will endeavor to tow the vehicle up the hill.

c) **Wall/sycamores at Manor Farm:** Dorset council have already been informed.

8. Planning Matters.

1. No plans had been received for comment, nor further planning decisions been received, since the Council's Extraordinary Planning meeting on 7th November.

2. Any other planning matters: It was **RESOLVED: To invoice Dorset Council for the cost of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting held on 7th November 2019.** **ACTION: Clerk.** Cllr Brooks noted in relation to challenges for LMPC in managing to make planning responses within 21-days, that Dorset Council will be revisiting this aspect when it reviews the constitution next May. There are also some

problems with the current Scheme of Delegation to Planning Committee, and this will also be under review. Cllr Christie said such revisions would be welcomed by LMPC.

9. Minutes of the Meetings held 10th October 2019. These were agreed to be a correct record and signed by Cllr Knight, who joined the meeting at this point.

10. Matters Arising from the Minutes. Item 10a) Saville Memorial bench. The Clerk had received no further quotes, despite requests, and will place an order with Haysom's, as per their recent detailed estimate. **ACTION: Clerk.**

11. The Clerk's Report for the period 4.10. – 5.11.2019. Correspondence received and actions taken can be read on p.3 of the agenda. Report received.

A2. Meeting with Katie Black re: Weed control and RoWs. It was agreed to meet at 10am on 20th November. **ACTION: Clerk to confirm and set up meeting.**

C2. Play equipment proposals. It was agreed that the Clerk start looking for sources of funding. **ACTION: Clerk.**

C3. Invitation to Colin Graham, DC Highways Planning. **ACTION Clerk to set up daytime meeting.**

C4. 'No Dogs' sign on Old Cemetery gate. As the PCC are happy for LMPC to erect such a sign, as long as Guide Dogs are permitted, the Clerk to ask the Swanage School about making a wooden sign as part of a technology lesson. **ACTION: Clerk.**

C5. Artsreach tree. **ACTION Clerk to contact Artsreach to see if we could plant one at Putlake.**

C6. Following a huge quote from insurers, it was decided not to pursue the proposal to install a rope swing at the Woodland Trail.

C7. Joint Ferry Talks. It was agreed to pass this to the SE Purbeck Chairs and Clerks group.

D1. Cllr Brooks offered to do a presentation on the Draft Dorset Plan 2020-24, and this offer was accepted. Feedback will be taken at the December meeting.

D2. 'Power to the People', Local Electricity Bill: It was **RESOLVED to accept the proposal in full.** **ACTION: Clerk to feed back to NGO.**

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

12. Chairman's Announcements. The Chair and Cllr Christie had made 2 formal proposals to the DAPTC Annual conference on 9th November, one asking that T&PCs be statutory consultees on planning applications and a return to a 28-day response time for planning comments, the other asking Dorset Council to change its tree policy so that each tree lost through development schemes is replaced with 3x Native British Species. Both proposals were adopted by the meeting.

13. SE Purbeck Chairs and Clerks Highways/parking meeting, 22nd November. Cllrs had no further matters of concern apart from those already noted.

14. Environmental Working Group (LPA) update. Cllr Pearson reported that the seed day had been cancelled owing to bad weather. There will be an opportunity to take tree seeds to nurture at the Christmas Tree festival. It was **RESOLVED: To pay for the hire of the Village Hall for the planned Open Meeting on 29th February 2020**. The Clerk had drafted a 'purpose statement' for the group: this was agreed. Cllrs Bell and Pearson will attend a DC Climate Advice event on 19th November and will report back.

15. Delegation of Insurance cover for Litter Picks etc. **RESOLVED: To delegate powers to the Clerk to agree insurance cover for volunteer groups between meetings as necessary, subject to suitable Risk Assessments etc.**

16. DAPTC Purbeck meeting report. Cllrs Lovell and Christie had attended on 13th Nov. Dorset Cllr Alford and Haydn White, DAPTC Vice-Chair, were also present. Lack of effective and constructive communication between DC and T&PCs was identified as a problem. There were also concerns expressed about how DAPTC operates, and proposals for change to its constitution are now on the table.

17. Dates for LMPC meetings in 2020 were agreed. **ACTION: Clerk to inform LMVH.**

Cllr Harding left the meeting.

18. Noticeboard at Parish Office. This has been badly damaged by storm force winds. Cllrs discussed whether this should be replaced, and if so, where ? Cllr Loudoun suggested that it might be used as a mount for a new board. **ACTIONS: Clerk to check insurance cover and look at costs of replacement in metal and wood. Cllr Christie to look at other sites.**

19. Financial Matters: (1) Additions to Council funds since the last Council Meeting:

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

£ 894.20 Clerk's salary (October).

£ 24.18 HMRC – PC National Insurance payment (October).

£ 170.00 Ian Bugler - Grounds Maintenance (October).

£ 504.50 Elliott's Cleaning Co. Public Toilets (October).

£ 20.00 St George's PCC – Hire of church for Planning meeting, 7th November.

£ 670.00 Dorset Council – Recharge for T&PC elections (May 2019).

£ 12.00 Remembrance wreath – cheque to P.White.

(3) Payment by Direct Debit:

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

£ 26.83 NEST - PC contribution to Clerk's pension (October).

(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 / Parish Assembly 2020 / Principal Residence Policy / Draft Dorset Plan feedback .

Closed 9.15 pm.

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