

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

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

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

4 Members of Public, & Michelle **Harrington** (Clerk)

ABSENT:

All councillors were present.

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

0724-34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All councillors were present.

0724-35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Pearson declared a non-pecuniary interest as a neighbour to planning applications item number a3.

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

0724-36. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Wilson submitted a written report before the meeting highlighting:

Weed Control – Dorset Council (DC) plan to spray in July. This spraying is mostly along the pavements/ road intersections to prevent the plants growing down and breaking up the sealed tarmac surface. DC confirmed the use of chemical weed killers as standard. The Parish Council concern regarding the use of chemicals was noted by DC. Cllr Ben Wilson is happy to discuss this matter further with the Parish Council (PC) to understand how the PC wish to take this forward.

Pavements – It was noted a meeting will take place on the 12th July with Cllr Wilson and the Parish Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk.

Community Land Trust (CLT) – Cllr Wilson met with Maggie Sutton, CLT Secretary on the 18th June to discuss support required from DC Councillor and DC. Cllr Wilson has provided an initial point of contact in DC and will continue to look for further support opportunities

Highways - 20 MPH zone remains on track for implementation 19th July! Well done all involved!

Thanks were given to Cllr Wilson in regard to the detailed report specific to our local area.

0724-37. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

No report was submitted before the meeting, this was noted.

0724-38. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned.

- a. 1 member of public wished to update the Parish Council regarding the dumped motorbike, stating it has now been removed. This incident has raised awareness in the time it takes for Dorset Police to respond to an urgent report. Can the Parish Council advise what phone number residents can contact Swanage Police Station on when they are open.
- b. 1 member of public asked if the Parish Council knows who owns the path which runs alongside the old Cemetery, as it is over grown and nearly impossible to get through. The member also stated the state of the village as a whole in regard to weeds is disgraceful.
- c. 1 member of public raised a concern about the condition of the land to the west of the allotments, which is covered in thistles about to seed. Can the Parish Council contact the owner of the land and request they do something to stop the thistles from spreading their seeds all over the allotments.
- d. 1 member of public raised two concerns via email to the Clerk before the meeting,
 - Concern regarding commercial properties being registering as an Asset of Community Value.
 - Believes that rather than removing the goal post in the playing field, the Parish Council look to add to the facility for people wishing to play football outside of school hours.

Sign:

Date:

Chairman:

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The meeting was reconvened.

0724-39. MATTERS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. **ACTION:** Clerk to try to find a contact phone number for Swanage Police Station which can be published on the Parish Council website.
- ACTION:** Clerk to write to the local area Superintendent to enquire as to why as of 11th July 2024 no contact had been made to the residents who raised a concern regarding an update on the abandoned motorbike.
- b. **ACTION:** Clerk to report to Dorset Council the overgrown state of footpath (SE16/2)
- c. **ACTION:** Cllr Christie will contact the land owner to request the area is cut back.

0724-40. PLANNING MATTERS

- a1 Application No: P/FUL/2024/03110
Location: Bottom Flat 21 High Street Langton Matravers BH19 3HA
Proposal: Erect single storey rear and side extension to replace existing; detached garden room
- Proposed Cllr Christie Seconded Cllr Pearson
RESOLVED: Langton Matravers Parish Council have no objection to this application related to material considerations, but would encourage Dorset Council planning to ensure a party wall agreement in put in place with all relevant parties.
- a2 Application No: P/HOU/2024/03505
Location: Sweetbriars Durnford Drove Langton Matravers BH19 3HG
Proposal: Erect single storey extension and garden room, refurbishment to existing dwelling
- Proposed Cllr Christie Seconded Cllr Pearson
RESOLVED: No objection.
- a3 Application No: P/LBC/2024/03608
Location: 57 High Street Langton Matravers BH19 3HA
Proposal: Proposed re-roofing
- Proposed Cllr Christie Seconded Cllr Pearson
RESOLVED: It was noted if a full planning application is received in line with the LBC, The Clerk can submit the same comment. No objection.
- a4. Application No: P/TRT/2024/03712
Location: Langton House, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers BH19 3HG
Proposal: T1 Ash – Fell Stem to be left at approx. 3m for a habitat feature. No replacement planting planned due to density of woodlands at this location
- Proposed Cllr Knight Seconded Cllr Christie
RESOLVED: To request a replacement tree be planted someone else on the property.
- a5. Application No: P/FUL/2024/03475 & P/LBC/2024/03894
Location: Lesson House, Field Studies Centre, Langton Matravers BH19 3EU
Proposal: Demolition of existing stone/brick structure & replace with a new single story extension to provide W/C & shower facilities. Relocate existing equipment store room to the hall, by way of constructing a mezzanine structure. Provide a new dormitory which is to include a new window to the extension grated planning permission in 2013. Convert existing power room to a shower room.
- RESOLVED:** To request an extension, for councillors to discuss over email and if necessary to call an Extra Ordinary meeting.
- ACTION:** Clerk to submit planning decisions to Dorset Council.
- 0724-41. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
The minutes from the full council meeting held on Thursday 13th June 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.
- 0724-42. MATTERS ARISING / CLERKS REPORT**
- a. Action Log Updates.
The Clerk submitted a report before the meeting detailing actions taken since the last meeting, this was discussed.
1. Asset of Community Value.

A update was submitted before the meeting detailing advice the clerk had received regarding the Old Malthouse site.

RESOLVED: To apply to Dorset Council for the Old Malt House Tennis Court, Pre-school playing ground area and old Cricket pitch area, as three separate applications, to become an Asset of Community Value. To not apply for the Old Malt House sunken garden / allotment area as an asset of community value.

RESOLVED: To send the Kings Arms application to Councillors for their input before submitting to Dorset Council.

ACTION: Clerk to prepare and submit applications to Dorset Council to register the Old Malt House Tennis Court, Pre-school playing ground area and old Cricket pitch area as an Asset of Community Value.

ACTION: Clerk to send the Kings Arms application to Councillors for their input before submitting.

b.

Correspondence

1. Dry Stone Wall south side of the High Street, east of the Steppes bus stop – It was noted Putlake are aware and plan to carry out repairs and hedge works along the boundary.
2. The PCC of St Aldhelm – Fundraising donation request. – It was noted the Parish Council have nothing suitable for donation.
3. St Georges Playing Fields – Environment Improvements
ACTION: Clerk to email Cllr Wilson after site visit, with the following
 1. Although the School holds the licence to use the field during school hours the Parish Council (Residents) hold the licence to use the field all other times. The Parish Council would appreciate being consulted by Dorset Council in respect to this project before work begins.
 2. The area is a much loved and used playing area. It is believed that any wildflower planting on the boundary of a football pitch will not have a chance to develop as children do run around the pitch and balls will inevitably go into the area.
 3. The hedge which is proposed along the Parish Council play park fence (North East corner), is a potential health and safety risk, as branches will grow through the fence and stick out including at children's eye level.
 4. The trees along the southern boundary run alongside a woodland trail area created with the school and forest school specifically in mind. Also the long grass along this boundary would restrict access to the woodland trail, which is not only used by children but residents outside of school hours.
 5. What guarantees are in place as to who will maintain the trees, hedges and other areas in years to come.
4. Member of Public – Aster Housing Gutter clearance – It was noted, Cllr Christie is dealing with flooding and this will be addressed as part of this project.

c.

The use of herbicides and pesticides around the Parish Highways.

Proposed Cllr Pearson

Seconded Cllr Knight

RESOLVED: To access a copy of the data sheet regarding the herbicides and pesticides Dorset Council use to kill weeds in and around Langton Matravers. To pass to a local residents knowledgeable in chemical compounds to advise the Parish Council on the safety aspect around children and pets.

ACTION: Clerk to request a copy of the data sheet regarding the herbicides and pesticides Dorset Council use to kill weeds in and around Langton Matravers.

0724-43.

FINANCE MATTERS

a

Bank Balances

A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the bank balances as of 30th June 2024 this was noted.

Unity 20477192 £69,853.86

Unity 20477189 £19,032.91

Total £88,886.77

b.

Monthly expenditure & Income

A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the monthly expenditure and income for June 2024.

Proposed Cllr Christie

Seconded Cllr Pearson

RESOLVED: The expenditure of £2,984.66 was agreed, and the income of £486.71 was noted.

ACTION: Clerk to process payments.

Sign:

Date:

Chairman:

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