

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

16 Members of public. Mr **Clarke** (National Trust), & Michelle **Harrington** (Clerk)

ABSENT:

Cllr **Christie** & Cllr **Sutton**.

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

It was noted a MOP had concerns regarding hearing members speak during a meeting. Cllr's where ask to speak clearly and louder. MOPs were asked to not speak outside of the public session.

1024-87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from Cllr Christie and Cllr Sutton for personal reasons and accepted by all.

1024-88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

1024-89. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

It was noted Cllr Wilson sent apologise and submitted a report before the meeting. The main points to note were

1. The "Submission of Expressions of Interest in devolution by Dorset, Somerset, and Wiltshire Councils",
2. Information regarding the last date to apply for Pension Credit and still qualify to apply for the Winter Fuel Payment is 21/12/24.
3. The consortium ferry objection has been submitted to the Department of Transport and a copy will be forwarded to Stakeholders.

ACTION: Clerk to add Flooding Update to the November agenda.

1024-90. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Mr Clarke gave a verbal update noting:

1. The National Trust are planning to hold a consultation in January for the Parish regarding rewilding in Purbeck and flood management.
2. The track improvements to Dancing ledge have now been completed.
3. The Permissive path links Weston Farm with the Southwest Coast path is open.
4. The National Trust have submitted their objection to the Ferry Proposal. It was noted the National Trust are not part of the consortium due to unique business requirements.
5. The National Trust are working with venues across Purbeck to try to make Purbeck more accessible to locals.

1024-91. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned. Eleven members of public wished to speak.

- a. 1 member of public stated, a family member has had to abandoned plans to purchase the local woodland for sale (approx. 7.7 acres) as the agents are proving to be impossible to deal with.

Stated they had issues dealing with Dorset Council planning and asked who else to contact.

Asked regarding the junction at the eastern end of Langton Matravers, if something could be done to stop vehicles turning left for Corfe Castle or right from Corfe Castle.

- b. 1 member of public representing the LMAA as for an update on the allotment fencing.

- c. 1 member of public stated that the speed of traffic travelling through Langton Matravers was still excessive.

Asked if a decision had been made about making the school field a miniature wood, noting they were against the proposal.

- d. 1 member of public stated the cottages as you approach the school from the east have large shrubs and hedging which have grown onto the pavement, restricting access. Could the Council do something?

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- e. 1 member of public asked if the residents' concerns regarding the school environment project had been raised with the school.
 - f. 1 member of public wondered if there had been any progress on improving the junction of Spyway and Durnford Drive, to prevent water coming pouring down onto the back path.
 - g. 1 member of public raised a concern about the replacement windows having been installed in a property along the High Street stating they felt they were not in keeping with the conservation area.
 - h. 1 member of public representing the school governors acknowledged they could have improved communication. The field is not being turned into a wood, but yes there are plans to plant a few trees. There will still be a large green area, where children can run around and where events can take place. St Georges School children, governors and staff ask Council to support the project.
 - i. 1 member of public asked if a solution could be found to maintain footpaths and stiles.
 - j. 1 member of public representing Dorset Natural Landscape (DNL) stated they are working with St Georges School in regard to the environment project. It was noted DNL do not simply hand out trees, but collaborate closely with schools to prepare, design and maintain the project. The MOP asked the Council to explain any outstanding issues or if the issues were dealt with and in fact there were more fundamental differences.
 - k. 1 member of public representing the school governors stated the school is committed to give children every opportunity to get out and understand nature. The project would see the school have a unique asset, which would help to attract pupils to the school which aids the school staying open. There is no intention to turn the field into a woodland, but to incorporate learning areas. Noting a productive meeting was held last week, and believes the school has responded to concerns raised, either through the Parish Council or directly from residents during the consultation. The school have consulted with parents and children most of whom are supportive. The School wish to work alongside the Parish Council to get this project done as believe it will be a huge benefit to the school, children and residents. The Mop seeks support from Council.
- The meeting was reconvened.

1024-92. MATTERS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Forest: This was noted.
- Planning: It was noted the Parish Council have no alternative contact details for planning, however suggested the resident contact Cllr Ben Wilson as the Ward Councillor to register the complaint.
- Highways: It was noted there is no sign to say vehicles can't turn into this Junction from the West, however as the initial intention from Dorset Council was for traffic to use Three Acres Lane there is a small signpost to direct traffic for Wareham at the top of Three Acres Lane, however the sign is small so may be missed.
- Proposed Cllr Knight Seconded Cllr Golob
- RESOLVED/ACTION:** Clerk to ask Highways to install appropriate signage to try to encourage vehicles users traveling west to use Three Acre lane.
- b. Allotment Fencing: It was noted this item was on the agenda for discussion.
- c. Traffic speed. This was noted.
- d. Overgrown hedging: **ACTION:** Clerk to log with Dorset Council.
- e. School Field: It was noted this item was on the agenda for discussion.
- f. Flooding Concern. It was noted this item would be on next month's agenda via Cllr Wilson
- g. Conservation Area: It was noted local planning authorities have a statutory obligation to consider any development which alters the appearance of a building within a conservation area.
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The Parish Council agreed to move agenda item 1024-95c forward to follow Matters arising from public participation.

1024-95C

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FIELD

It was noted a meeting was held between the School & Governors, Dorset Natural Landscape, Dorset Council Ward Councillors and the Clerk on Friday 4th October. Although the clerk sent a report out to Councillors immediately after the event, the report was verbally read through during the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Pearson

Seconded Cllr Golob

RESOLVED: To support the outdoor learning classroom aspect of the school environment project. To withdraw the support in principle for the remainder of the project.

ACTION: Clerk to write to the School Governors and Headteacher regarding the decision made

1024-93.

PLANNING MATTERS

a

Application No: P/HOU/2024/04929

Location: 2 Highland Cottages, The Lane, Acton, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LA

Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension and porch

Proposed Cllr Pearson

Seconded Cllr Kwantes

RESOLVED: No objection, however, request a condition be added to ensure any damage to highways be monitored and repaired as required.

ACTION: Clerk ask DC to change uploaded format msg.

b

Application No: P/HOU/2024/05571

Location: 4 Three Acre Lane Langton Matravers BH19 3DR

Proposal: Proposed ground floor rear extension, internal alterations, floor plan redesign

Proposed Cllr Pearson

Seconded Cllr Kwantes

RESOLVED: No Objection

c

Application No: P/TRT/2024/05843

Location: The Old Malthouse School High Street Langton Matravers BH19 3HB

Proposal: T17 Swedish Birch: Fell.

Proposed Cllr Pearson

Seconded Cllr Kwantes

RESOLVED: No objection as long as at least one mature tree be planted within the site.

d

Application No: P/VOC/2024/05840

Location: Knaveswell Farm Ailwood Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5JB

Proposal: Application for approval of reserved matters (landscaping only) in relation to outline approval 6/2019/0641 (Conversion and alterations of farm buildings to tourist accommodation and formation of new car park with landscaping as a reserved matter)(with variation to condition 1 of application P/RES/2022/07434 to change roof materials and colour of cladding, windows and doors)

Proposed Cllr Pearson

Seconded Cllr Kwantes

RESOLVED: Objection as the tiles are not in keeping with the local landscape.

ACTION: Clerk to submit planning decisions to Dorset Council.

1024-94.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the full council meeting held on Thursday 12th September were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

The minutes from the extraordinary council meeting held on Thursday 9th September were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

1024-95.

CLERKS REPORT

a.

Action Log Updates.

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

a1.

Allotment Pest Control fencing – A statement was received before the meeting, noting an estimate had been received totalling £45,000.

RESOLVED/ACTION: Clerk to organise a conditional survey on the fence and report back to Council.

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- a2. It was noted a Police Officer from Dorset Police would be available for residents to talk with between 6pm – 7pm on Thursday 14th November in the Village Hall.
ACTION: Clerk to publish events.
- b. Correspondence
- b1. Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road Ferry Company –Toll Review Application - Notification of Public Inquiry: Inquiry date set for 10am on Tuesday 10 December 2024 at: Studland Village Hall. This was noted.
- b2. Access to old tennis courts.
It was noted the owner / developer has stated if there are families who wish to use the area, they should contact them directly.
RESOLVED/ACTION: Clerk to contact SATAO and ask for contract details.
- b3. Overgrown hedge.
RESOLVED/ ACTION: Clerk to report to Dorset Council.
- b4. DAPTC AGM Notification.
Proposed Cllr Pearson Seconded Cllr Kwantes
RESOLVED/ACTION: Chairperson to attend DAPTC AGM. Clerk to add DAPTC AGM recommendations on to November agenda.
- b5. Window replacements.
See 1024-92g.
- b6. Scouts Night Manoeuvres.
RESOLVED/ACTION: Clerk to contact the Scouts regional office to ask they take into consideration residents when conducting night manoeuvres on the field and to not shine torch lights towards windows of surrounding homes.
- b7. NT Purbeck - Woodland Management plan
This was noted.
- c. School Environment project update.
This item was discussed before planning matter 1024-93.
- d. 2025 Annual Parish Meeting date.
A discussed was held regarding the date of the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting.
RESOLVED: A provision date of 5th June 2025 was set.
ACTION: Clerk to add to November meeting to set up a working group to plan the event.
- e. Disabled Toilet signage & window.
A statement was submitted before the meeting this was discussed.
RESOLVED/ACTION: Clerk to purchase a new sign indicating the location of the disabled toilet and install on the external door.
- f. It was noted the event publication scaffolding has been removed from the field at the entrance to the village.
- 1024-96. FINANCE MATTERS**
- a. Bank Balances
A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the bank balances as of 30th September 2024 this was noted.
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| Unity 20477192 | £70,338.05 |
| Unity 20477189 | £31,744.61 |
| Total | £102,082.66 |
- b. Monthly expenditure & Income
A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the monthly expenditure and income for October 2024. (A full list can be found in Appendix A). It was noted an invoice for the ecology report was received after the agenda was published totalling £215, plus the Lloyds bank fees are £9 not £3
- Proposed Cllr Knight Seconded Cllr Golob
RESOLVED: The expenditure of £3,743.05 was agreed, and the income of £21,241.19 was noted.
ACTION: Clerk to process payments.

- c. Allotment Fees.
Cllr Pearson presented the costs incurred to run the allotments this year. After a discussion, the 2026 fees were agreed.
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| Proposed Cllr Pearson | Seconded Cllr Golob |
| RESOLVED/ ACTION: To set the allotment 2026 fees at £60 per plot & £30 per half plot + water rates. Clerk to inform plot holders. | |

1024-97. CO-OPTION

It was noted there was no procedure to be able to call for an election to fill any seat which remained vacant after the recent local elections. However, any seat which becomes vacant after the local election would be advertised as normal and this seat would be available through election.

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Kwantes

RESOLVED: To co-opt John Watson as a Councillor for Langton Matravers Parish Council.

A copy of the Acceptance of office was signed.

ACTION: Clerk to set up Cllr Watson's gov.uk email and arrange an induction meeting.

1024-98. MEETING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A verbal report was given by Cllr Pearson, noting the Clerks annual appraisal was conducted.

Proposed Cllr Golob

Seconded Cllr Kwantes

RESOLVED: To increase the clerks salary scale point to 27 and to backdate the increase from July 2024.

1024-99. PARISH MATTERS

No issue was raised.

1024-100. 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 – **ACTION:** Clerk to ask Cllr Wilson for an update.
- d. Parish Amenities (including Cemetery, allotments, playground, and woodland trail). It was noted work to clean the soil was expected to start later this month weather permitting. **ACTION:** Clerk to chase Redlynch regarding the slide issue.
- e. Parish infrastructure (including street lighting, toilets, bus shelter, parish office and utilities – Nothing to report.
- f. Quarries / Agriculture - Nothing to report.
- g. Community & Communications (including surgery, school liaison & grant application) - Nothing to report.
- h. Environment and Tourism – Nothing to report.
- i. Emergency Planning. Nothing to report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting:

Date: Thursday 14th November 2024

Location: Langton Matravers Village Hall

Time: 19:00

Closed at 21.05

Sign:

Date:

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Appendix A
Income

Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Customer	Bank
10.10.2024	£97.00	£0.00	£97.00	Priest Way Leaflet	Worth Matravers Parish Council	Unity Trust Bank
01.10.2024	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	Memorial Fee - P20A	Haysom Purbeck Stone	Unity Trust Bank
30.09.2024	£20,600.00	£0.00	£20,600.00	Precept	Dorset Council	Unity Trust Bank
01.10.2024	£484.19	£0.00	£484.19	Interest	Unity Trust Bank	Unity Trust Bank - Savings
	21,241.19	0.00	21,241.19			

Expenditure

Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier	Bank	Tender
10.10.2024	£215.00	£0.00	£215.00	Ecology Report	Dorset Council	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
10.10.2024	£3.00	£0.00	£3.00	Bank Fee	Lloyds Bank	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
30.09.2024	£18.00	£0.00	£18.00	Bank Fee	Unity Trust Bank	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
10.10.2024	£814.54	£0.00	£814.54	Salary	Michelle Harrington	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
10.10.2024	£166.82	£0.00	£166.82	National Insurance / Income Tax	HMRC	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
10.10.2024	£487.50	£0.00	£487.50	Toilet Block - Cleaning	Linda McMorrow	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
10.10.2024	£52.12	£0.00	£52.12	Pension	NEST	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
10.10.2024	£1.30	£0.00	£1.30	Car Parking	BCP Council	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
08.10.2024	£248.45	£0.00	£248.45	Water - Allotments	Water 2 Business	Unity Trust Bank	DIRDEBIT
08.10.2024	£193.78	£0.00	£193.78	Water - Toilet Block	Water 2 Business	Unity Trust Bank	DIRDEBIT
07.10.2024	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	Village Hall Rent	Langton Matravers Village Hall	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
07.10.2024	£425.00	£85.00	£510.00	Grass Cutting	ITB Gardening and Tree Care Ltd	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
30.09.2024	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Batteries	Tesco	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
30.09.2024	£41.66	£8.33	£49.99	Grab Rail	Screwfix	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
30.09.2024	£440.00	£88.00	£528.00	SID post	Dorset Council	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
30.09.2024	£77.59	£15.52	£93.11	Phone & Broadband - Sept	XLN Business Services	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
30.09.2024	£77.59	£15.52	£93.11	Phone & Broadband - Aug	XLN Business Services	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
24.09.2024	£71.74	£3.59	£75.33	Electricity - Highways	SSE - Southern Electric	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
24.09.2024	£157.00	£0.00	£157.00	Cemetery External Roof Repair	Les Harriott	Unity Trust Bank	ONLINE
	3,521.09	215.96	3,737.05				