

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tom **Clark** (National Trust), Amelia **Roe** (National Trust) & Michelle **Harrington** (Locum Clerk / RFO)

ABSENT:

Cllr **Christie** & Cllr **Watson**

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

0425-177. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies were received from SE Purbeck Cllr. Ben Wilson, who was unable to attend due to a conflicting Dorset Council meeting to approve the appointment of the new CEO.

0425-178. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

0425-179. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the full council meeting held on Thursday 13th March 2025 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

0425-180. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Wilson sent his apologies and sent an email update to Cllr Pearson before the meeting which was read out.

Durnford Drove – Cllr Wilson & Cllr Pearson have had a meeting with a representative from the Holiday Property Bond and Aster. Work has been agreed in principle, and a quote will be submitted following further discussions with the various stakeholders.

New Chief Executive for DC-DC has announced that Dr Catherine Howe has been unanimously recommended by the cross-party Staffing Committee as Dorset Council's new Chief Executive. Dr. Howe's appointment was approved by Full Council on 10 April. Catherine is taking over from interim CEO Sam Crowe. More details are in the announcement link here: [New CEO for DC.](#)

Dorset Council have a consultation on Street lighting on their website and all residents are encouraged to have their say and complete the survey.

0425-181. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Mr Clarke gave a verbal update on their project "Purbeck goes Wild." It was noted communication about the project has been distributed to children via school.

RESOLVED: Langton Matravers Parish Council thanked the National Trust for their work on this project encouraging children back into nature.

Ms Roe gave a verbal update on tree safety and the impact of Ash Dieback. It was noted re-stocking of local woodland areas has taken place, and native species were used. It was noted the National Trust have a table at the upcoming Annual Meeting and will produce a poster about Ash Dieback.

The following questions were asked by Councillors and noted by the National Trust.

Q: Could signage be clear any closure is temporary.

[The permissive routes which would be closed wander around a plantation so de facto the entire plantation would be closed off; formal footpaths which go around the plantation would be maintained so "alternative routes" is misleading]Q: What work has been conducted to identify healthy trees and to harvest saplings.

Q: What consideration has been given to replacing a felled Ash tree with another native species.

0425-182. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of public were in attendance.

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0425-183. MATTERS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters arising.

0425-184. PLANNING MATTERS

A1 Application Number. P/FUL/2024/07471

Location: South Hyde The Hyde Langton Matravers BH19 3HE;

Description Updated with amended floorplans, drainage schemes etc. LMPC and others had objected to this scheme at the February PC Meeting on the grounds of (a) an inadequate tree planting plan and (b) an inadequate drainage plan to deal with evident surface water issues. Additional submissions and revisions to plans have been made.

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Golob

RESOLVED: Langton Matravers Parish Council object. It was noted the soak away is and will not be able to hold the average daily rainfall, let alone any extra run off caused by more extreme rainfall. It was also noted there are inconsistencies in the application specifically around the slab where the old garage used to be. The application has also ticked they have access to mains sewage.

A2 Application P/FUL/2025/01157

Location: Putlake Adventure Farm, Poppies Tea Room.

Proposal: Change of use of barn to cold store and meat production

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Kwantes

RESOLVED: Comment only. Langton Matravers Parish Council request the Environmental Officer confirm noise and smell levels on the immediate neighbourhood. Plus, request planning restriction are put in place to restrict the lorry movement, size, and time on site.

A3 Application P/LBC/2025/01597

Location: Langton Manor Farmhouse Langton Matravers BH19 3EU

Proposal: Internal and external alterations – Listed Building Consent – “The client has made some unauthorised alterations to the Listed Building which require consent. They also wish to undertake further alterations, which overlap the current approvals.”

RESOLVED: Langton Matravers Parish Council have no objection and in fact wishes to record its appreciation of the detailed work being undertaken by the applicant to achieve a very high quality restoration.

RESOLVED / ACTION: Cllr Golob to submit the above agreed comments.

0425-185. CLERKS REPORT

a. Finance Update

1. Bank Balances

A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the bank balances as of 31st March 2025 this was noted.

Unity - Day to Day	£9,950.68	Unity - Savings	£71,254.93
Redwood	£10,153.96	Lloyds	£2,216.14
Total	£93,575.71		

2. Monthly expenditure & Income

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

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Pearson

RESOLVED: The expenditure of £846.41 was agreed, and the income noted. (See Appendix A for a detailed list of expenditure and income

ACTION: Locum Clerk to process payments.

3. Allotment rebate for prior fiscal year

It was noted part of the expenses approved above, a payment was made to an allotment holder who had overpaid into both the Lloyds and Unity accounts.

b. Action Log Updates.

A copy of the Action Log was submitted before the meeting detailing actions taken since the last meeting; this was noted.

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Pearson

RESOLVED: To remove items, from the list which are no longer relevant, including *inter alia* Land registry searches; Emails problems; Cloths bins outside Parish Office.

It was agreed to create a working group to continue looking at Pavements. Cllr Sutton & Cllr Pearson agreed to be part of the working group. Cllr Watson to be asked to join.

It was agreed Cllr Golob will contact CloudNext to migrate the old Parish Council website (www.langtonmatravers-pc.org) to the new domain hosted by CloudNext www.langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk. It was noted the old address will not be retained.

The New Clerk will be asked to investigate designing a new website once settled. This may involve using outside contractors and the new clerk was encouraged to think creatively about the design and submit a budget request if necessary

- c. AGAR: The annual governance & accountability return 2024/25 part 3
Against the Clerks' advice this item was postponed.

- c. Correspondence

1. Grounds Maintenance in Crack Lane Cemetery.

It was noted correspondence has been received, stating how well tended the cemetery appeared with the grass cut neatly and trimmed around every head stone, and no wheel marks from lawn mowers on the graves about which she had previously had occasion to complain. The member of the public requested we extend her thanks to the new maintenance team.

2. Water issues in Langton Matravers

An email from the National Trust, Project Officer, Beavers and Wetlands, was received thanking all who provided further information about water issues in Langton Matravers since the LMVH meeting in January, updating as follows

- i. A National Trust Rural Surveyor has been pursuing BT regarding the cable in the Durnford Drive ditch
- ii. Historical information on the old ponds and ditches around the village has been gathered to assist with future projects- further contributions are welcomed
- iii. Ben Cooke will be leading the delivery of the Natural Flood Management (NFM) project over the next two years
- iv. The NT will aim to curtail water run-off from the fields above Langton, but work is needed to determine where best to direct the water. A walk-around will be arranged to discuss this further, looking at the culvert systems in particular to make sure we have a good understanding of how the NFM project can best work with village infrastructure. The possible date suggested is Monday 14th of April.

0425-186. MEETING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A verbal report was given by Cllr Pearson, noting:

1. Introduction of the new Clerk Emma Evans.

It was noted Emma will start as Clerk for Langton Matravers Parish Council on 23rd April 2024 and her primary working days will be Tuesday and Thursday, however emails will be checked daily.

2. Dorset Council Street Lighting consultation.

It was noted Dorset Council have launched a street lighting consultation, and all members of public and Councillors as residents are encouraged to respond.

3. Fly tipping Crack Lane. The recent fly tipping has now been removed.

0425-187. PARISH MATTERS

It was noted the Parish Assembly has been booked and confirm for the 4th June 2025. It was agreed drinks would continue to be Tea, coffee, and squash. No alcohol.

0425-188. 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

A volunteer group to move the SID rather than paying DC £525 pa to do so.

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Cllr Sinclair has volunteered to take on moving the SID.

ACTION: Cllr Pearson to consult with Dorset Council regarding training for Cllr Sinclair plus to enquire about having two devices to negate moving them.

- d. Parish Amenities (including Cemetery, allotments, playground, and woodland trail)
 - Work to repair the damaged wall in the cemetery is due to start this month by volunteers.
 - It was noted Cllr Sutton received correspondence regarding anti-social behaviour in Spyway Orchard.
ACTION: Correspondence to be forwarded to Cllr Wilson.
- 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.

0425-189.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting:

Date: Thursday 8th May 2025

Location: Langton Matravers Village Hall

Time: 19:00

Closed at 21.01

Appendix A
Expenditure

Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier	Bank
02.04.2025	£44.00	£0.00	£44.00	National Insurance / Income Tax	HMRC	Unity
02.04.2025	£176.58	£0.00	£176.58	Salary	Michelle Harrington	Unity
02.04.2025	£255.15	£51.03	£306.18	Toilet Block - Cleaning	JD Facilities	Unity
01.04.2025	£3.60	£0.00	£3.60	Stamp	Post Office	Unity
20.03.2025	£125.06	£0.00	£125.06	Refund - Allotment Overpayment	MOP	Unity
31.03.2025	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00	Bank Fee	Unity Trust Bank	Unity
31.03.2025	£9.00	£0.00	£9.00	Bank Fee	Lloyds Bank	Unity
28.03.2025	£89.94	£17.99	£107.93	Phone & Broadband	XLN Business Services	Unity
31.03.2025	£64.82	£3.24	£68.06	Electricity - Highways	SSE - Southern Electric	Unity
	774.15	72.26	846.41			

Approved prior meeting

31.03.2025	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00	Donation	Citizens Advice	Unity
31.03.2025	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	Donation	Dubber	Unity
31.03.2025	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	Donation	Purbeck Film Festival	
	£850.00	£0.00	£850.00			

Income

Date	Net	VAT	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Customer	Bank
31.03.2025	£445.81	£0.00	£445.81	31.03.2025	Interest	Unity Trust Bank	Unity - Savings
31.03.2025	£38.71	£0.00	£38.71	31.03.2025	Interest	Redwood Bank	Redwood
	484.52	0	484.52				

Sign:

Acting Chairman: Cllr Pearson

Date:

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