

Parish Council of Langton Matravers

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Cllr **Christie**, Cllr **Golob**, Cllr **Kwantes**, Cllr **Pearson**, Cllr **Sutton** & Cllr **Watson**

IN ATTENDANCE:

2 Members of Public. Cllr **Wilson** (Dorset Council), & Michelle **Harrington** (Clerk)

ABSENT:

Cllr **Knight**

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

1224-114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

1224-115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

1224-116. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Proposed Cllr Watson

Seconded Cllr Golob

RESOLVED: The minutes from the full council meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

1224-117. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Wilson submitted a written report before the meeting highlighting local issues:

Sandbanks Ferry:

- Public inquiry has been confirmed to commence from 10am, Tuesday 21st January at Poole Harbour Commissioners North Lounge, New Harbour Road South, Poole. Public involvement is scheduled for Tuesday 28th January and an evening session held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 commencing at 6.30pm in the Springfield Country Hotel in Wareham. (There has been significant debate on the appropriateness of the location but have been given assurance that this is the only available venue with sufficient capacity due to the high demand for attendance). Cllr will give a verbal update on transport, and we ask that Parish Councils encourage lift sharing as one option.
- Final submission was made by Dorset Council on 11th December in response to further information provided by the Ferry Company. The final submission will be circulated to Parish Councils.

Conservation:

- Cllr consulted DC Conservation team regarding two issues raised at November meeting:
 - Old Rectory - DC Conservation advised that they could send a letter to the auctioneers expressing concern regarding the state of the building. *Officer to consult with Planning Enforcement and revert.*
 - Windows in Conservation Area - to be treated on a case-by-case basis. Enforcement most likely when changes result in 'a loss of historic fabric'. Therefore, where modern windows replace modern windows, there is unlikely to be any further action.
- In both case the Conservation officer that any conservation issues can be raised directly at the planning enforcement portal <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/planning-enforcement>

EV Charging:

- Officer from DC Council 'Charging Ahead' initiative met with LMPC Cllrs on 22nd November to discuss EV Chargers. *Update requested from LMPC.*

ACTION: Councillors to sign up to the Dorset Council newsletter directly. Clerk will cease forwarding.

1224-118. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Mr Clarke was not able to attend the meeting.

1224-119. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned.

- a. One Member of public asked what will happened with the wall by the bus shelter at Steppes.

The meeting was reconvened.

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1224-120. MATTERS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. It was noted a representative from Dorset Council Highways was looking into it, and we will keep them informed as and when we leave anything.

1224-121. PLANNING MATTERS

- a1 **Application Number** P/FUL/2024/06779. **Location:** Telecom Mast at Nine Barrow Down Knitson Farm Burnhams Lane Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5JBI; **Description** Addition of one radio antenna for community DAB radio on existing 15-meter lattice mast.

Proposed Cllr Christie

Seconded Cllr Kwantes

RESOLVED: Langton Matravers Parish Council agreed to not comment

1224-122. CLERKS REPORT

- a. Finance Update

1. Bank Balances

A report was submitted before the meeting detailing the bank balances as of 31st November 2024 this was noted.

Unity 20477192	£70,338.65
Unity 20477189	£15,975.43
Redwood	£10,000.00
Total	£96,314.08

2. Monthly expenditure & Income

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

Proposed Cllr Watson

Seconded Cllr Sutton

RESOLVED: The expenditure of £1,469.76 was agreed, and the income of £2,748.19 was noted. (See Appendix A for a detailed list of expenditure and income.

ACTION: Clerk to process payments.

- b. Action Log Updates.

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

1. To note any update on actions not listed below.

No further actions have been updated since the agenda was published.

2. Disabled Toilet location signage

A quote was submitted before the meeting this was discussed.

Proposed Cllr Sutton

Seconded Cllr Golob

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to go ahead and order a new location sign for the disabled toilet at a cost of £12 +VAT.

3. New Extension Crack Lane Cemetery.

Proposed Cllr Christie

Seconded Cllr Pearson

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to look at change of use form and cost for application and report back.

- b. EV Charing.

Cllr Golob gave a verbal report on EV Charging noting a positive meeting was held with a Dorset Council & Salt Pig the Farm representative. It was agreed to make the most of the space available and Dorset Council will now look at the electricity supply and what is required to bring it up to specification ready for EV Charging points. The report will be shared with the Parish Council in due course.

- c. Correspondence

1. Dorset Council Town and Parish Council - Climate and Nature Survey

RESOLVED / ACTION: Cllr Christie and the Clerk to complete the survey and return to Dorset Council.

2. To note and discuss correspondence received since agenda published date.

- a. Street Lighting:

It was noted the Clerk contacted Enerveo to report issues with three streetlights. Correspondence was received from Enerveo noting "Columns 16 – 18 H172 had failed and required renewing and as part of Dorset's Carbon programme any obsolete units are now upgraded to LED. "

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to write to Enerveo and ask for a full explanation as to what work they will undertake or why they will not undertake work to correct the initial issues raised, specifically the height of the pole and the wrong colour bulbs, given they are in a conservation area.

b. Paving issue outside the Church

A response from Dorset Council was noted regarding the issue outside the Church.

“A physical barrier to vehicle width (kerbs and bollards) with no change to the current parking will lead to collision, conflict, frustration, and congestion.

With regard to repairs – as previously explained to the PC and residents, Dorset Highways have responsibility to maintain a safe footway – on identification of a safety defect, in some cases this requires an immediate repair. Due to the nature of the materials used here (and we do not hold stock) we have to effect temporary repair using signs, cones, or asphalt until we can get the appropriate slabs ordered and delivered.”

Proposed Cllr Christie

Seconded Cllr Golob

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to contact the Dorset Council representative and ask how many spaces they think need to be removed, and what restrictions would they suggest being put in place to solve this issue. Clerk to also note in the correspondence that Keats Quarry have stated their stone is suitable and they are happy to supply.

1224-123. MEETING CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A verbal report was given by Cllr Pearson, noting:

1. The National Trust will give a presentation on Nature Recovery and Flood Management on Wednesday 29th January 2025, in the village hall, time to be confirmed but likely to be 6pm
2. The Clerk has resigning from post and her last working day will be 6th January 2025. Thanks were given to the Clerk.

1224-124. CO-OPTION

An application was received from Mr Sinclair for Co-option onto Langton Matravers Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Sutton

Seconded Cllr Sutton

RESOLVED: Cllr Sinclair was welcomed to the Parish Council

1224-125. DORSET TOWN OF CULTURE 2026

A discussion was held regarding the Swanage Town Council invitation for Langton Matravers Parish Council to join the bid as part of a Purbeck wide bid to become part of the Dorset Town of Culture 2026.

RESOLVED / ACTION: Cllr Pearson and Cllr Christie attend the Swanage Town Council meeting in December and report back.

1224-126. FUNDING BID FOR DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE TOURISM PLAN

A discussion was held regarding the National Trust proposal regarding the invitation for Langton Matravers Parish Council to support an opportunity for funding to create a Sustainable Tourism Plan for Purbeck.

Proposed Cllr Golob

Seconded Cllr Christie

RESOLVED / ACTION: Clerk to respond to the National Trust to state we need more information before we commit, but at this stage are minded to support.

1224-127. PARISH MATTERS

A verbal statement was made regarding the Old Malthouse Development, noting residents are concerned regarding the number of lorries now coming and going to site. Noting mud and stones are all over the road, and nearby parked cars. It was noted a resident had contacted Dorset Council Highways and received an unhelpful response, plus was informed to let the Parish Council know for them to deal with.

ACTION: Cllr Christie to investigate what documentation is in place regarding an agreement with the contractors regarding debris on the road coming from site vehicles, and to send a copy to the site manager.

ACTION: Cllr Christie to speak to the residents concerned and ask who at Dorset Council Highways they spoke to as the Parish Council have no authority on highways. Information to be passed to Cllr Wilson.

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1224-128. 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 - Nothing to report.
- d. Parish Amenities (including Cemetery, allotments, playground, and woodland trail)
Cllr Christie noted whilst looking at what work may need to be carried out in the Woodland Trail to replace / replant trees which have failed or fallen, he met with St Georges Headteacher, where a discussion was held in regard to the school and Parish council working together to enhance the area, and to ensure the area gives the school what they need so they can continue to use and enjoy the area.
- 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. Cllr Person noted due to various circumstances the project will be shelved.

1224-129. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday 9th January 2024

Location: Langton Matravers Village Hall

Time: 19:00

1224-130. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TENDER -APPENDIX

RESOLVED: Part 2 Under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1(2), the press and public were excluded from the remainder of this agenda item due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

A discussion was held regarding the four tender documents received. The following was noted:

- The prices ranged from £3,475 to £9,968.
 - Concern was raised as to why the £3,475 tender was so much cheaper (over £4,000 difference).
- The added value items were discussed noting the probable future devolution from Dorset Council.
 - Interest was given to contractor three stating they would trim around play park apparatus by hand to remove chance of damage.
 - Interest was given to contractor four regarding an additional service available for weed spraying around the parish.

RESOLVED / ACTION: Contract awarded to Contractor 4 (Lowther). Clerk to contact contractor.

Closed at 21.08

Appendix A

Expenditure

Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier	Bank
12.12.2024	£13.17	£2.63	£15.80	Toilet Block - Supplies	We Can Source It	Unity Trust Bank
12.12.2024	£8.10	£1.62	£9.72	Toilet Block - Supplies	X Distribution Ltd	Unity Trust Bank
03.12.2024	£884.60	£0.00	£884.60	Salary	M Harrington	Unity Trust Bank
03.12.2024	£286.09	£0.00	£286.09	NI / Income Tax	HMRC	Unity Trust Bank
03.12.2024	£77.59	£15.52	£93.11	Phone Line	XLN Services	Unity Trust Bank
03.12.2024	£108.00	£0.00	£108.00	Toilet Block - Cleaning	Linda McMorrow	Unity Trust Bank
03.12.2024	£62.44	£0.00	£62.44	Pension	NEST	Unity Trust Bank
03.12.2024	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Training	DAPTC	Unity Trust Bank
	1449.99	19.77	1469.76			

Income

Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Customer	Bank
04.11.2024	£65.30	£0.00	£65.30	Allotment Fees	Plot 22	Unity Trust Bank
04.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 1A	Unity Trust Bank
04.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 4A	Unity Trust Bank
06.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 4B	Unity Trust Bank
07.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 24B	Unity Trust Bank
07.11.2024	£65.30	£0.00	£65.30	Allotment Fees	Plot 23	Unity Trust Bank
08.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 15A	Unity Trust Bank
08.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 13A	Unity Trust Bank
11.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 21A	Unity Trust Bank
11.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 19B	Unity Trust Bank
11.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 17B	Unity Trust Bank
15.11.2024	£0.00	£2,123.49	£2,123.49	VAT Refund	HMRC	Lloyds
15.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 19A	Unity Trust Bank
18.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 12A	Unity Trust Bank
18.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 26B	Unity Trust Bank
20.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 2A	Unity Trust Bank
21.11.2024	£32.65	£0.00	£32.65	Allotment Fees	Plot 28A	Unity Trust Bank
26.11.2024	£37.00	£0.00	£37.00	Allotment Fees	Plot 5B	Unity Trust Bank
	624.70	2,123.49	2,748.19			

Sign:

Chairman: Cllr Christie

Date:

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