

**WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 JULY 2024**

Present Chairman Cllr J Burden, Cllrs I Bugler, J Hooper. T Peacock C Melville Mrs. C Vosper, Dorset Cllr B Wilson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr J Hooper ,Mrs L Hemmings

Declaration of Interest. Cllr Bugler item 7 f

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

3375 A member of the public attended and raised a number of local Worth village issues. She was concerned at the recent replacement of the kissing gate at the Worth childrens play area. It was explained that a new gate and fence had recently been constructed. The kissing gate, which had in the past caused a small obstacle to prams and push chairs, had been removed and replaced with a new full width pedestrian gate. Concern was also expressed about the migration of stones at the Withy bed down onto the exit concrete surface ramp. It was agreed this needed to be investigated further **Action Clerk, Chairman**

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3376 The draft Minute of the 4 June 2024, subject to correction that these were seconded by Cllr Bugler, was formally accepted by all Cllrs as proposed by Cllr. Vosper and seconded by Cllr Bugler. These Minutes were signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of their decisions and a summary of their communications **Action Clerk**

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3377 Cllrs noted the Actions and Clerks update report on matters arising from the meeting of 4 June 2024. The PC noted the ongoing issue of increasing damage being caused to the corner of the junction by the Square and Compass, had been addressed by the owner of the Square and Compass taking remedial action to protect his land on this corner. Cllrs agreed that the Chairman should approach this owner with an offer of a donation from WMPC towards these costs **Action Clerk, Chairman**

3378 The outstanding issue on why the ‘No Coaches’ signs on the both roads to Worth had disappeared had been followed up by the Clerk with DC Highways. Cllr Bugler reported subsequently he had seen just before lunchtime 3 July a DC contractor was replacing two ;No Coaches; signs with new ones on the Kingston to Worth road **Action Clerk**

DORSET COUNCIL

3379 Cllr Wilson had provided in advance and circulated to all Cllrs a full and comprehensive report from Dorset Council on their recent activities He reported back with the advice he had received from Dorset Council and the Dorset National Landscape partnership that it was not currently a priority to seek further areas under a Dark Skies policy or as a Dark Sky Reserve as in Cranbourne Chase. DC were unable to deal with light pollution or overall levels of diffuse light emanating from manmade sources within a locality unless they were complained about by a resident as a statutory nuisance.

3380 Specific examples of sites needing attention and follow up by the Clerk/ Cllrs Specific included the very bright white gateway entrance lights on the wrong side of the road within Worth village leading down from Langton Matravers to the Square and Compass. **Action Clerk**

3381 Cllrs had raised with Cllr Wilson their concerns about traffic speeds in the Parish notably on the Kingston to Langton road and through Worth village The PC noted the report back from Cllr Wilson on the £5K DC admin costs of pursuing such a scheme. The PC also noted the long period and significant volunteer resources needed for a preliminary Speed Watch exercise before this matter could be progressed . Cllrs reluctantly agreed to park this initiative for the meantime

CORRESPONDENCE

3382 Cllrs noted and where available would try and attend the Swanworth Quarry liaison meeting on the 18 July 2024 **Action Cllrs**

3383 Cllrs noted the concern expressed by a resident about camping and caravanning on the Silver Glades land. The Clerk had attended site but these vehicles had moved on. The site however has consent for camping during certain summer months.

3384 The PC noted that from a report from Cllr Peacock that the construction work for the electricity supply across the Open Space work had been carried out by licensed local contractors and that all public liability issues were fully covered by the HXVH Insurance policy. He reported that at the same time the opportunity to use this trenching work to lay a parallel water supply to the opposite fence had been taken. This had substantially increased the cost which would be referred to the PC with a request for a donation as a contribution to these costs **Action Clerk**

HIGHWAY MATTERS

3385 The PC had on its own land put up ‘**20 is Plenty**’ advisory signs in the village from which overhanging vegetation from adjoining Parish land needed to be addressed. Cllrs noted and welcomed the recent resurfacing work on Haycrafts lane and the Valley road. There was concern that no road markings had yet been placed on the new surface of both roads **Action Clerk ***

3386 The Clerk replayed the CCTV video recording of the recent damage by a large grey Ford Transit camper van YC53 LWV resulting in the demolition of the Worth village car park’s height barrier. Follow up action on this drive away incident would be carried out to DVLA to pursue enforcement and the cost of the replacement **Action Clerk**

3387 The Chairman raised the increasing problem on DC highway verges which had led to substantial obscuring of many of the roadside reflectors previously placed by the PC on all the approaches to Worth village **Action Clerk**

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

3388 P/FUL/2024/02850: Winspit Quarry Winspit Bottom Worth Matravers BH19
3LW Installation of 3 x temporary metal poles and associated fixtures to mount static bat detectors for monitoring bat swarming activity at Winspit Quarry between June and November 2024. When poles are removed (December 2024), all materials will be removed and the holes infilled with surrounding substrate with no visible evidence remaining. **No Objections**

FINANCIAL MATTERS

05/07/2024

3389 Worth Car Park Toilets PHS Contract quotation for , signing, removal and disposal of sanitary waste was agreed **Action Clerk**

3390 The PC noted the Cash book Reconciliation of the PC accounts to 30 June 2024

3391 The PC noted the 30 June 2024-25 Budget & Expenditure Cashbook return

3392 Agreement to payment of Invoices received and checked 30 May -2 July 2024

R Khanna	£ 882.38	Clerk's salary, NI, PAYE, and expenses.
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WMPC Office	£ 66.00	Web site Internet and phone,
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J. D. Facilities.	£ 699.13	June WM Toilet Cleansing
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ITB Gardening	£ 1544.40	Grounds maintenance and ancillary work
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The appropriate cheques were prepared as pre noted by the Clerk. These were subsequently signed with two approved and independent signatures **Action Clerk.**

3393 Collection of WM Car Park Donations for July 2024 would be carried out by the Chairman . Cllr Peacock agreed to collect the HX Car Park **Action Clerk**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3394 Cllr Vosper reported back from WMVH meetings and gave an update on local initiatives in the Worth village area including the current Sustainable Worth activities.

3395 The Chairman confirmed that an order had been placed for two new mirrors on the exit from the Worth car park. He also raised his concerns the state of the yellow lines around Abbascombe and other roads in the parish which needed DC Highways attention **Action DC Cllr Wilson, Clerk**

3396 Cllr Peacock raised his recent experience of falling on the footpath off Tabbits Hill lane on the lower Westwood Farm. He shared with Cllrs the photos he had taken which showed a disorganised mess of random planks and other slippery surface wood laid down as ground assistance for walkers. This was to be checked as it was NT land but footpaths were the responsibility of the local Dorset Council Ranger. The Clerk would follow this up with DC and the NT **Action Clerk**

3397 The PC noted the offer from Tom Clarke, the local representative of the National Trust, to come to a future meeting. He could then give a short presentation and answer the Minuted WMPC concerns on their new rewilding plans in Weston farm and the Worth area reported in last month's Dubber WMPC article. He would attend the PC meeting on the 3 September at Worth village hall

3398 Cllr Bugler raised that following attendance at a recent fatality off St Aldhems Point the attending larger emergency fire truck vehicles were blocked by vehicles parked on the narrow part of the road opposite and up past the Square and Compass . It was agreed that this often continuing obstruction needed to be further considered for attention /remedial action **Action Clerk, Dorset Highways**

The Parish Council Meeting closed at 2030

• 3385 Post Meeting Note

White centre line and give way carriageway markings were laid by Dorset Highways in these roads over the next two days following this meeting.

The next PC meeting will be at Harmans Cross Village Hall 6 August at 1930

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