

**WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
WORTH MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mrs L Hemmings

Declaration of Interest. Chairman & Cllr Bugler item 7 f

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

4025 There were 9 persons present with 6 members of the public and 3 from the National Trust.

4026 A local resident shared his concerns about the significant on street parking impact and loud and long base noises at the recent Square Fayre .The Square and Compass landlord was present and promised that the inadvertent lack of the additional car park on the Langton road arose from a misunderstanding. He would seek to ensure these 40 + spaces were available next year. He had moved and reduced the impact and volume from the amplifiers from the front of the pub and ensured that the event closed earlier than in previous years. The PC thanked him for his efforts to minimise the local impact on residents from this one event in the year and were pleased to hear his future plans for dealing with any local impacts They considered that the large visitor attendance at this event of at the pub each year helped the sustainability of this important local amenity in the winter when there were few customers.

4027 The National Trust representatives gave a presentation addressing various concerns on the impact of their rewilding and other policies which had previously been expressed by the Parish Council. He appreciated that many people would not like the NT policy return in the context of landscape changes to a restoration of a wilder habitat. This meant that aesthetically this was not always welcomed but it did encourage and protect biodiversity and the growth of different and varied flora and fauna.

4028 The NT was aware of the obstruction and waterlogged state of many footpaths and was seeking external funding to deal with these issues. These problems largely were exacerbated by the long growing season in 2022-23. The NT was struggling to get around to dealing with them within their available and the national funding resources. These had radically reduced in recent years. He appreciated Cllrs concerns about the growth and spread into residential gardens and open spaces of sometimes clouds of the seeds of poisonous plants with gorse, ragweed, thistles and brambles often seem to be growing out of control.

4029 The NT were a major landowner of the Purbeck Open space areas which were very low grade agricultural lands areas often more suitable for grazing especially from beef cattle. Their priority was to be an effective Countryside steward albeit he appreciated their priorities over a future ten year period may well result in the countryside looking different and messy. He listened and responded to the various concerns expressed by Cllrs many set out in the prior briefing note. The PC thanked him for his attendance and presentation

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

4030 The draft Minute of the 6 August 2024 was formally accepted by all Cllrs as proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded Cllr Melville. 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

4031 Cllrs noted the Actions and Clerks update report on matters arising from the meeting of 2 July 2024. **Action Clerk**

DORSET COUNCIL

4032 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 that he had contacted Dorset Council Officers in respect of the proposals by the Ferry Company to increase charges and make many supplementary and future enabling provisions and restrictions. He had convened a meeting of all the Purbeck Councils affected by these proposals and these would be Minuted and circulated after the meeting. The Dorset Highways Officer delegated to consider these proposals and make representations on them also attended. **Action Clerk DC Cllr Wilson**

4033 He had pursued the PC request for a sign designating NO PARKING IN the laybye on the Worth to Langton road. He understood DC Highways were awaiting a description of the exact site for this proposed sign. Cllr Bugler advised this location was west of the old Observer Corps post and he would provide by email its IT location. **Action Clerk DC Cllr Wilson Cllr Bugler**

CORRESPONDENCE

4034 The advertised Studland ferry proposals for all category price increases were noted.

4035 The Clerks response to Church Warden letter 19/08/24 regarding parking on Westburton field in Worth was agreed subject to personalisation of the addressee. **Action Clerk**

4036 The PC noted the representation and response to a child's access issue raised on the Worth playground latch gated entrance The PC was concerned that unaccompanied small children were able unsupervised to attempt to open this large metal latch. The Clerk had confirmed similar latches were used elsewhere in Purbeck for many years. He would draw this concern at the next visit to the independent playground inspector and he would consider and report back if there were any other satisfactory alternatives. **Action Clerk**

4037 The PC noted that the rusty condition of the larger childrens swing chain and fittings had been of concern and these two had been removed pending a replacement with stainless steel fittings. **Action Clerk**

4038 The PC noted that HX Open Space trenching work final overrun cost had been supplied to the PC. 50% of these costs would now be forwarded to HXVH following the October meeting **.Action Clerk**

HIGHWAY MATTERS

4039 No specific issues requiring action rose

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

4040 P/FUL/2024/04128: Lufton Valley Road Harmans Cross BH19 3DX

Proposal: Sever land, erect replacement 3 bedroomed single storey bungalows with raised decking. This proposal was not considered as it was outside the Parish boundary

FINANCIAL MATTERS

4041 The PC noted the Cash Book Reconciliation of the PC accounts to 30 August 2024.

4042 The PC noted the 30 August 2024-25 Budget & Expenditure Cashbook return.

4043 The PC noted the External Auditor had now signed off on the Parish Councils 2023-24 Accounts. This will be advertised shortly **Action Clerk**

4044 Agreement to payment of Invoices received and checked 7 August -3 September 2024

R Khanna	£ 810.43	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	£ 1276.80	Grounds maintenance and ancillary work
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Burden Building Services	£ 270.60	Worth childrens play area works
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Secure Alarms	£ 128.40	CCTV maintenance
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BDO	£ 378.00	Annual External Audit Fee
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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.**

4045 Collection of WM Car Park Donations for August 2024 would be carried out by the Chairman. Cllr Peacock agreed to collect the HX Car Park Donations .The Clerk illustrated the significant fall in donations from WM car park over the last few years allegedly due to a lack of cash held by users. It was agreed to pursue with an Operator a proposal for a parallel system for a phone AP donation system for this car park similar to ones elsewhere in Dorset. **Action Clerk**

OTHER BUSINESS

4046 The PC noted and agreed in principle a final draft of the WMPC Objection to the 2024 Bournemouth- Studland Motor Ferry proposals. This would be subject to amendment by the Clerk in the light of ongoing joint discussions with other interested parties. The Clerk was delegated to act on the behalf of the WMPC in furthering this objection as this had to be in to the DfT by the 12 September. Objections had to be in by the 13 September to the Department for Transport. nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk this would be copied to all Cllrs before the next PC meeting on the 1 October. **Action Clerk**

4047 The PC accepted that there was a value in forming part of a wider Consortium of SE Purbeck Authorities and gave the Clerk authority to act in this respect. He was authorised to agree a small financial contribution within his delegated limits to the funding of joint S E Purbeck Counsel for the Public Inquiry re Minute **4046 Action Clerk**

The Parish Council Meeting closed at 2135

The next PC meeting will be at Harmans Cross Village Hall 1 October at 1930

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