

**WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024**

Present, Chairman Cllr J Burden, Vice Chairman Cllr I Bugler, Cllrs , J Hooper
Mrs. C Vosper, Mrs. L Hemmings. Dorset Cllr Ms. C Brooks
APOLOGIES, Cllrs T Peacock & C Melville
Declaration of Interest. 6c Cllr Burden 8b Cllr I Bugler,

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

3280 14 Members of the public were present with three separate presentations on behalf of local residents raising concerns and objections to planning application proposals at Downs Quarry Kingston road Worth Matravers . These planning applications were to extend the restoration end date of current workings from the original proposed 2008 date to 2025 and to facilitate access to and future workings to 2045 in a northern extension area of Downs Quarry for the extraction of Purbeck and other building stones

3281 The concerns of these residents many of whom were longstanding and local to this area who have already submitted their written objections to DC Minerals Planning Officers, were on the adverse environmental impact of the proposed quarry operations and especially setting a precedent. These would be closing in towards existing residential units off Haycrafts Lane. These included, impact, on the AONB visually locally and across the valley, and more dust, noise, especially from reversing vehicles, affecting properties off Haycrafts lane.

The Public discussion period ended at 2025

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3282 The draft Minute of 6 February 2023 was formally accepted by all Cllrs as proposed by Cllr Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Vosper. These Minutes were signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of their decisions and a summary of their communications.

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3283 Cllrs noted the Actions and Clerks update on matters arising during Actions arising from the meeting of 6 February 2024 and outstanding items **Action** Clerk Cllrs

DORSET COUNCIL

3284 A verbal report was provided by Cllr Brooks updating the PC on current initiatives and actions at Dorset Council. A written report as previously will, when received, be circulated to all Cllrs.

CORRESPONDENCE

3285 A sign off certificate had been received for the Harmans Village Hall Play area works This enabled the PC to raise a cheque for the full invoiced amount of ££15,265.20

3286 The PC noted with concern two recent personal injury cycling accidents at the corner of Haycrafts lane opposite the Caravan and Camping site. These would be formally referred on to DC Highways for resolution. **Action** Clerk

HIGHWAY MATTERS

3287 The Clerk gave an update on a-Proposed Temporary Road Closure Kingston Hill Kingston between 09:30 and 15:30 25th March 2024. This would prevent any access along Kingston Hill by car lorry or bus with a very long detour required.

.PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

3288 VOC/2023/07502: Downs Quarry, Kingston Road, Langton (Worth) Matravers, Swanage BH19 3JP: Extension of Downs Quarry for the extraction of Purbeck Stone (with variation of condition 20 of 6/2021/0165 to extend the restoration end date to facilitate access to the northern extension area).

P/FUL/2023/07355 Downs Quarry Kingston Road Worth Matravers Swanage BH193JP: Northern extension of Downs Quarry for the extraction of building stone
VOC/2023/07522 Downs Quarry, Kingston Road, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3JP Extraction of Viviparus and Burr Limestones and restoration to deciduous native woodland (with variation of condition 20 of 6/2021/0167 to extend the restoration end date to facilitate access to the northern extension area).

3289 The PC for a long time had concerns about the ever increasing timescales for restoration of existing quarry workings with the specific application VOC/2023/07502 further extending existing quarry working prior to restoration from 2021. The current additional proposals P/FUL/2023/07355 for further quarry workings were recently reported by the Operators to be until 2045.

3290 The concerns of residents many already submitted in their written objections to Dorset Council (DC) Minerals Planning Officers were shared by Cllrs. In addition the PC noted major departures from the documentation in the approved Minerals Site Plans Policy document of 2014.

3291 The PC considered that for VOC/2023/07522 a much more objective assessment of need and local availability of the specific types of stone described justifying this additional planning application should be part of DC consideration.

3292 In respect of the three concurrent applications on this quarry the PC brought to the attention of Minerals Planning officers that it shared residents' concerns about reinstatement timescales and any ongoing and long term impact on residential property. This may occur in whole or part from the likely location, depth, and their possible widespread extent across the areas shown on the extension for the 'Extraction of Viviparus and Burr' Limestones

3293 The PC considers it essential that there should be a case made in respect of the generality of these Limestone descriptions demonstrating the future need against any current local availability for these Viviparus and Burr Limestones.

3294 Planning Appeal P/FUL/2023/02301 Retain external decking area to boathouse at Chapmans Pool Boat House area to boathouse at Chapmans Pool Boat House. After some discussions it was decided as with the previous planning application to make no comments or representations.

3295 P/FUL/2024/00734 The Firs Haycrafts lane Erect new dwelling and detached garage with store above both with solar panels. Form new access. The PC although noting a rather cramped site decided to make no objections due to the lack of impact on the adjoining residence

3296 P/FUL/2024/00712 Barn Opposite Old Quarry Close Worth Matravers. Partial demolition and conversion of existing barn to form three dwellings with associated landscaping and parking. The PC Objected to the size and scale of is proposal.

3297 The current very high barn structure, a replacement for a barn burnt down a few years ago, was not considered to be a reasonable comparison size and height to justify this residential proposal for three new three story terraced properties. The site unlike the one opposite offered no affordable housing and being on the outskirts of Worth village would if approved rise to further private development pressure and impact on open land and gardens in this village area

3298 P/FUL/2024/00063 Abbascombe Poultry Farm Worth Matravers Swanage BH19 3LF
Replace former workshop with dwelling and associated parking and access. No comment

FINANCIAL MATTERS

3299 The PC noted the 2023- 24 Budget & current 29 February 2024 expenditure update.

3300 Agreement was made to payment of Invoices received 6 February to 5 March 2024

R Khanna	£ 935.12	Clerk's salary, NI, PAYE, and expenses.
WMPC Office	£ 68.61	Web site Internet and phone,
J. D. Facilities.	£ 699.13	July WM Toilet Cleansing
Dorset Council	£ 1600.49	HX Open Space Grounds maintenance
ITB Gardening	£ 1387.20	WMPC Grounds maintenance
Creative Play	£15265.20	HX Play Area childrens equipment

The appropriate cheques were prepared as pre noted by the Clerk. These were signed with two approved and independent signatures **Action** Clerk.

3301 The Chairman agreed for March 2024 to voluntarily collect donations from WM Car Park & Cllr Peacock had agreed to collect the HX Car Park donations **Action** Cllrs

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3302 Cllrs raised their concerns about the need for a dark skies police for Worth village. An increasing numbers of properties are installing highly visually impacting boundary permanent or movement actuated lighting. **Action** Clerk

3302 The design proposal for a replacement Duck House for Worth village was agreed at a cost of £395 plus installation .The three replacement ducks, locally available, had been reserved and the WM Grounds Maintenance Contractor for Worth Green would order and erect this facility. **Action** Clerk

3303 The fencing replacement for the Worth Matravers childrens playground was discussed. The current very high fence was not considered necessary and a replacement 8 foot high wire fence green powder coated was agreed at £3870. **Action** Clerk

3304. Cllrs considered the recently advertised Studland Ferry proposals to increase fares on this ferry not long after the previous increase. A letter to the Secretary of State was agreed with the full detail to be signed off by the Chairman.

In Summary

Worth Matravers Parish Council objected to these proposals as most of the original objections to toll increases made in correspondence to the DoT and the Inspector 2018 and 2020 can be demonstrated to still apply. In further and preliminary observations it resolved

- to request the Secretary of State for Transport that a full and open Public Inquiry is held into the Bournemouth – Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company 2024 proposals

- to request the SoS to ensure that this Ferry company be required in advance of any Inquiry to provide fully detailed written evidence of this Ferry Company's past and current annual financial performance. . This to include its investment policy and past practice for the cost of the Ferry replacement for the Inspector and Objectors to consider.
- to express their concerns about the current and future accumulating economic and environmental impact and traffic congestion effects of these proposals and recent past fare increases. These specifically affect transport accessibility to and from the South East Purbeck area and on the main alternative road network towards Poole **Action Clerk**

3305 Cllrs noted, and where present, supplied the Clerk with their nomination forms for the 2024-29 Parish Council. This election will be held on Thursday 2 May 2024. These would when all fully completed be delivered to the temporary Dorset Council elections office to be available at the previous Purbeck District Council Offices in Wareham. **Action Clerk**

The next PC meeting will be at Harmans Cross Village Hall at 1930 2 April 2024

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