

09/08/2024

**WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2024**

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None

Declaration of Interest. Chairman & Cllr Bugler item 7 f

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

4000 There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

4001 The draft Minute of the 2 July 2024, 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

4002 Cllrs noted the Actions and Clerks update report on matters arising from the meeting of 2 July 2024. The PC noted that 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. He had taken remedial action placing a large protective Corner Stone to protect his land on this corner. Cllrs agreed that to make a £600 donation towards these costs.

Action Clerk,

4003 The Clerk confirmed that Tom Clarke from the National Trust was to give short presentation and answer the Minuted WMPC concerns on their new rewilding plans in Weston farm. **Action Clerk**

DORSET COUNCIL

4003 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. **Action Clerk DC Cllr Wilson**

4004 The footpath off Tabbits Hill lane on the lower Weststbury Farm and the styles will be mended as required. The wetness is under discussion with the landowner and any provision of a board walk facility would need funding in future years. He appreciated that bids for funding relevant PC (Corfe Castle /Langton M to DC would be needed.

4005 He had pursued the. **Action Clerk DC Cllr Wilson**

4006 Cllrs noted Cllr Wilson he had received a more positive approach from DC officers to consideration of new 20 mph speed limits in Worth village. (currently 60 mph) The DC requirements for any future consideration included more local consultation after further speed surveys at £295 at each of the three sites previously measured. This was not warranted as potentially a waste of time and expenditure. It was unlikely that any new speed measurement would differ significantly from those previously measured when the last PC application was refused. The PC reluctantly agreed not to proceed.

4008 He also advertised a 'Big Conversation' event on Wareham quay on 23 August at which DC Officers and Members would be available to engage local residents.

Cllrs asked if DC were aware that this area was used every Saturday morning / early pm for a very well stocked and attended local market. **Action DC Cllr Wilson**

4009 The Chairman raised with Cllr Wilson ongoing concerns about the lack of progress on the advisory sign sought for addressing parking on the off carriageway space by the former Royal Observatory site on the Langton to Worth road. **Action Clerk**

CORRESPONDENCE

4010 the Chairman and Cllr Melville had attended the Swanworth Quarry liaison meeting on the 18 July 2024 . They had noted the update therefrom including progress on the new overbridge across the footpath to the new and adjacent quarrying area.. Concerns were expressed about the overgrowth on this footpath making it near impassable. Cllr Bugler presented a photograph showing a large tree that had fallen across it.**Action Cllrs**

4011 Cllrs received the Reprint of the Priest Way leaflet and agreed the shared cost of £97 each with Langton Matravers PC. **Action Clerk**

4012 Cllrs noted the Dorset Police report on batteries recently stolen from 3 Roadside Speed Indicator Devices. Cllrs Peacock and Harper who manned the WMPC facility in the Valley road would ensure that better and non removable ownership markings would be placed on the PC purchased equipment. It was already secured with a lock which would be upgraded. Cllrs were concerned about the high speeds and inconsiderate / potentially dangerous driving and overtaking along this section of the Valley road .

4013 The PC noted that HX Open Space trenching work to lay a parallel water supply to the opposite fence had been completed. The final outturn cost would be supplied to the PC in respect of its agreement to fund 50% of these costs.**Action Clerk**

HIGHWAY MATTERS

4014 The Chairman raised that albeit in Langton Parish the junction of the Langton to Kingston road and the Worth to Langton road is breaking up . This was occurring under the recent loading from many 6 wheeled stone quarry 20T + vehicles between WM Gallow Gore and the LM quarries close to this junction. This damage which Cllr Bugler noted on observation could be seen on Google Maps and on the ground is now dangerous for cyclists and other two wheeled vehicles. **Action Clerk**

4015 Cllrs discussed and sought clarification on the position was at DC regarding the ongoing and often totally obstructive vegetation growth across public footpaths in the area. They noted the large fallen tree totally blocking the footpath behind the Suttles quarry on the Worth road and further impassable growth along this footpath. Cllr Wilson was asked whether DC were only now reacting to complaints abandoning systematic clearance as for example on the roadside on Kingston Hill and Haycrafts Lane The PC appreciated there were constraints on remedial action on Haycrafts Lane from the environmental blue pole system. **Action Clerk**

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

4016 P/LBC/2024/03337 & Listed Building Consent Location: Ivy Cottage Pikes Lane Worth Matravers BH19 3LQ Proposal: Re tile roof and rebuild chimney stack No Cllr comments /objections received .

4017 P/TRT/2024/04225 Location: Knoll down Valley Road Harmans Cross BH20 5HU Proposal: T14 Scots pine - Fell. For Information Cllrs felt that this tree already damaged / removed needs to be replaced in a similar location closer to the site boundary where there is an existing gap in the tree line.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

4018 The PC noted the Cash Book Reconciliation of the PC accounts to 30 July 2024.

4019 The PC noted the 30 July 2024-25 Budget & Expenditure Cashbook return .

4020 Agreement to payment of Invoices received and checked 3 July - 6 August 2024

R Khanna	£ 916.46	Clerk's salary, NI, PAYE, and expenses.
WMPC Office	£ 66.00	Web site Internet and phone,
J. D. Facilities.	£ 699.13	June WM Toilet Cleansing
ITB Gardening	£ 1221.60	Grounds maintenance and ancillary work
LMPC	£ 95.00	Contribution to Priests way leaflet
Burden Building Services	£ 357.98	WM Car Park Height barrier and Mirrors
Square and Compass	£ 600.00	Donation to Protective Corner Stone

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

4021 Collection of WM Car Park Donations for August 2024 would continue to be carried out by Cllr Melville . Cllr Peacock agreed to collect the HX Car Park Donations **.Action Clerk**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4022 Cllr Vosper reported back from WMVH meetings seeking further clarification on the reasons why the 'Kissing Gate' at the Worth playground entrance had been removed. It was explained how the construction of the new boundary fence and specifically its realignment had precluded retention of this long standing feature . This removal was to enable the adjacent full width pedestrian gate to open completely for users with push chairs etc. The adjacent field gate was not available for these users as it was now permanently locked off.

4023 The Clerk reported that following the PC's letter of Objection to their earlier 2024 proposals it had received receipt of the latest advertised proposals by the Studland Ferry Company These included for an increase in user charges especially pedestrians and cyclists (+66%). It also included various other enabling powers regarding automatic future fare increases and restrictive traffic, parking management. and access charging powers on Ferry Road .Any objections had to be in by the 13 September to the Department of Transport. nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk for the attention of Sandra Zamenzadeh Casework Manager National Transport Casework Team

4024 The Clerk undertook to bring a full report on possible representation and objections to these proposals to the 3 September meeting. This item could also be discussed with Tom Clarke, the local representative of the National Trust, who are directly affected, as he will be attending the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

The Parish Council Meeting closed at 2035

The next PC meeting will be at Worth Village Hall 3 September at 1930

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