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WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL
COVID 19 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES BRIEFING AND FEEDBACK FROM THE CLERK
ON COUNCIL ACTIVITIES TUESDAY 13 JANUARY TO TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2021

FOR INFORMATION TO Chairman Cllr J Burden, Vice Chairman Cllr I Bugler, Cllrs R Woolford, C Melville, Mrs. C Vosper, Mrs. L Spencer – Duncan
ADMINISTRATION

2425 Following the increased spread and virulence of a new Covid 19 strain and changes to governmental advice effective from January 2021 the Clerk had after liaison with the Chairman and Vice Chairman postponed the Meeting originally proposed for 2 February. The Council will revert as soon as practicable to meet and exceed the annual statutory requirement as in 2020-21 of at least one Annual and three General PC Meetings in the forthcoming Municipal year 2021-22.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2426 The Draft Briefing and Feedback Notes circulated and published for the cancelled 2 February meeting had been noted by all Councillors. Formal Acceptance of these Notes and the signature of the Chairman was deferred to the next public PC meeting

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

2427 The Outstanding Action Points arising from the last and previous PC Meetings and Briefings had been circulated to be noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

2428 The PC were informed that the a Virtual Public Inquiry on the Studland Ferry proposed fare increases and alternative DC/BCP/STC and NT proposals had been completed. A decision on this application would in due course be made by the Government Minister responsible.

2429 A 10 year lease had been completed by the PC to Cornerstone for use of a part of the WM Car Park area adjacent to the Toilet block for a mobile mast erection. The Clerk has sought the start date for these works from the Applicant.

2430 Cllrs agreed a request for a donation to Corfe Castle pre-school facility as this was a facility used by WM children. This would be provided from 2021-22 WMPC donations fund.

2431 Cllrs were informed how the Church of England has set a Net Zero carbon target for 2030. The Benefice of St Aldhelm is working in partnership with the Diocese of Salisbury Net Zero task group and Planet Purbeck to achieve this. In respect of the 'Management of Church lands' heading Cllrs had noted details of the proposed St. Nicholas Church (WM) Environmental Project dated 1 February 2021 with Kathy Hollidge as Project Leader. It is proposed to create a 3-year Management Plan to be reviewed at least yearly. The work will be done by a team of volunteers from the community, Worth Planet Action and the church to involve as many people as possible.

2432 KH had looked at the churchyard with several of the PCC, members of the St Nicholas church and Worth community with a view to improving its biodiversity and general value for wildlife. Ideas included

- to research and document the wildlife of the churchyard, including any previous records.* to document the species sightings on Caring for God's Acre/National Biodiversity Network Atlas.
- to liaise with the ongoing reptile survey
- * to map the site to show built features, trees and the existing management.
- * to review the mowing regime. The grass is already left longer on the Western bank as a spring flower meadow for Primroses etc. Most boundaries are also left longer.
- to start this year, with a smallish experimental site of longer grass as a sunny, summer meadow. The area of this is to be agreed with the Churchwardens. The longer grass and flowers will encourage butterflies. There are already areas of longer and short grass, dry stone walls and a generous number of mature trees, shrubs and hedges.

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Further proposals for consideration included.

- to create a Summer bank of native annuals on the Grave Spoil pile. This earth pile would be weeded and then seeded with annuals this Spring. A strip of long grass and existing plants about 2-3 metres wide will be kept in front of the hive to allow access to the hive for people and bees. Physically clear the weeds from the paths to the Church doors whilst avoiding the use of harmful chemicals such as pesticides, herbicides and fertilisers.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

2433 The PC noted the Dorset Council Highways proposed work on the dangerous state of the road down from the Square and Compass with a Road closure of Banks Hill road access into Worth village on the 10 February 0900-1600

2434 The DC agreement and instructions to implement their Worth village new double yellow line extension proposals were still outstanding.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

2435 The Chairman had previously disclosed an Interest in the Planning Applications on Renscombe Farm and took no part in any consideration or recommendation on these items.

2436 PA 6/2020/0469 - Renscombe Farm, Renscombe Road, Worth Matravers, and Swanage, BH19 3LL
Proposal: Proposed window & door alterations. External landscaping alterations

2437 PA 6/2020/0470 Application For: Listed Building Consent - Proposed window & door alterations. External landscaping alterations

2439 PA 6/2020/0582: Householder Planning Permission Rose Cottage, Hillbottom, Worth Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LT: Proposed reinstatement of excavated ground oil tank and oil bund following contaminated soil removal. Regularisation of kitchen extension

2440 PA 6/2020/0583 Application For: Listed Building Consent - Other Development Rose Cottage, Hillbottom, Worth Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LT Proposed reinstatement of excavated ground oil tank and oil bund following contaminated soil removal. Regularisation of kitchen extension

2441 DC as Planning Authority following consultation with all Cllrs was informed the PC had 'No Comments' on these applications.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

2442 The 2020 Cash Book Reconciliation. 30 December had been circulated and was noted.

2443 The 2020-21 WMPC Budget 31 January provisional outturn had been circulated and was noted.

2445 The Cash Book Reconciliation for the 31 December 2020 and the Budget and Expenditure to 31 December 2020 had been circulated and was noted.

2446 The following invoices received 1 January - 2 February 2021 had been certified for payment with two signatures by the Chairman /Cllr Vosper / The Clerk as appropriate.

R Khanna	£	738.58	December Clerk's salary, PAYE, and expenses
WMPC Office	£	66.59	BT Internet and phone,
J D Facilities.	£	628.55	November WM Toilet Cleansing
ITB Gardening	£	210.00	Hedge cutting and grounds maintenance
Burden Building Services	£	58.78	Purchase of road edge post reflectors

2447 Confidential

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DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

2448 No discussion took place as the proposed 2 February PC meeting was not held due to local CV 19 incidents. Briefing notes on all Agenda items had been forwarded to all Councillors. No members of the public had raised items for discussion by the PC with the Clerk.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND COMMUNICATION

2449 At present due to CV19 meetings in public are not being held. All meetings when held will be open to the public to attend and observe but not to take part in the proceedings. Members of the public wishing to raise items with the Parish Council must contact the Clerk in writing two days in advance of a meeting. When a meeting is held any member of the public seeking access to the hall to attend that meeting must follow as directed all the WMPC and HXVH Risk Assessment requirements including social distancing and use of face masks. The toilets within the hall are not publicly available.

2450 The next PC meeting originally scheduled for the 2 March or 6 April 2021 will be held at HXVH when government requirements and the local Purbeck Covid 19 issues are clearer and a safe risk assessed PC meeting can take place at this hall.

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