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Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Worth Matravers village hall on Tuesday 2 October 2018.

PRESENT; Cllrs J Burden (Chairman), I Bugler, R Woolford, R Sandham, Mrs. H Selby, Mrs. C Vosper, Cllr R Field., DCC Cllr Ms. C Brooks PDC Cllr M Lovell

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD.

There were no members of the public present.

Declarations of Interest; Cllr Selby declared an interest in items 6a and 6 c and Cllr Burden declared an interest in item 6c .They were both absent for discussions on those items . During the absence of Cllr Burden the meeting was chaired by Cllr Bugler.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1690. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 November had been previously circulated. Cllr Vosper proposed and Cllr Sandham seconded acceptance of these Minutes and these were passed by all Councillors present as a true and accurate record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

1691 The Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings were noted. It was agreed that there be further investigation of solar powered CCTV at HX Car Park. **Action** Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

1692. The Dorset AONB Draft Management Plan consultation was considered. The PC noted the response of PPAC that the AONB gives protection for the area yet it is under resourced and it struggles to deal with the expectations of Purbeck residents especially in relation to planning matters. The PC agreed that the AONB Draft Plan has no specifics for managing the balance between commercial / employment and the visual impact of Open Caste Quarrying. It had no specific aims or objectives to ensure timely reinstatement, especially to previous levels, of quarry sites or on reducing visual impact of existing and future spoil heaps. **Action** Clerk

1693 A Public Inquiry had been held on the 25 and 26 September into the proposed Studland to Sandbanks Ferry price increases. Studland, Worth Matravers and Corfe Castle PCs made objections to the Inquiry together with Swanage Town Council and PDC. These were based on the impact of such rises on the local population, businesses relying on employees and visitors and the overall economy of the Isle of Purbeck. Concerns were expressed on the likely impact of diverted traffic onto the local road system especially through Corfe Castle. The Clerk had attended and given evidence along with many local objectors.

1694 Although the Ferry was highly profitable with an annual operating surplus in 2017 of £1.24Million the Fairacres Holding Company sought to increase the charges further. Evidence was given that this proposal represented an increase of over £1000 a year for regular Swanage users by 2022. A Fairacres Director responded that as a private company they had the right to maximise their returns. He agreed that they had spent £5K on the maintenance of the Ferry road in 2016-17. He considered that a 5% return amounting to £190K taken as profit each year was a reasonable annual return to the company on their claimed £3.8 M asset valuation of the 4 Km Ferry approach road.

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Very substantial sums (£Millions) in dividends had been paid to the 3 Directors over recent years whilst the nominal Ferry Replacement Reserve account total had significantly declined. A decision will be made by the Government Transport Minister to whom the Inspector will address his report.

1695 The Dorset Minerals Sites Plan Public Inquiry had been held in Dorchester on 25 -27 September and attended by the Clerk and a number of residents from the Worth Matravers Parish. This was in respect of the Gallows Gore proposals, the Swanworth Quarry proposals and the cumulative impact of quarrying proposals in the parish. The Quarr Farm and Gallows Gore sites were removed from the proposals prior to the Inquiry as was part of the proposed Blacklands quarry extension immediately adjacent to Gallows Gore Cottages. In respect of the Swanworth extension, concerns were expressed by the AONB team and DCC officers who indicated that there was substantial visual impact of these proposals on the landscape of this Heritage Coastal area. The Inspector indicated that this Inquiry was a halfway house and that her responsibility was to consider and report to the Secretary of State on whether there were any substantive reasons for proposals in the Draft Plan not to go ahead.

1696 The Clerk reported back on the need to consider alternative Parish Council web site software and management with the retirement of John Dainton the current web site manager. He was thanked for all his voluntary work to date. The Clerk would carry out further investigation to see how an alternative could be put in place. **Action** Clerk

HIGHWAY MATTERS

1697 The Clerk reported the Speed Indicator Device (SID) had recently been erected at a costing now acceptable at approximately £400. The SID device was then reported via a Facebook group as out of order for a week and a man had been seen in its vicinity. DCC have confirmed that this was the first SID in the county to be vandalised with the significant damage to its connections putting it out of action. This was regrettable as it had occurred in Worth Matravers parish in Harmans Cross on equipment purchased for the community benefit by the PC. The SID was specifically placed to remind motorists who may have forgotten the 30 mph limit so that they could avoid a speeding fine and points on their driving licence. Residents and users of the A351 through HX would be asked in the Dubber to record and report any future SID vandalism or suspicious activity. **Action** Clerk

1698 A discussion took place with County Cllr Brooks on the outstanding and current Parish Highways and Traffic Issues with DCC. She informed the PC that a Proactive Maintenance Unit with a budget for local highway maintenance for parish areas had been agreed by DCC and reports of items requiring attention should be more speedily dealt with via the DCC web site reporting system. She undertook to review previous correspondence and communications with DCC Chairman on the long outstanding PC proposals to DCC for assisting traffic through the Worth village. The Clerk would supply her with the content of e-mails with DCC officers just prior to Xmas 2017. These arose from meetings held by the DCC Regulation Team Leader with the DCC Chairman, Cllr David Jones, at which he and or his committee previously had inappropriately suggested that pinch points in Worth village were a good alternative to the PC proposed parking controls. **Action** Clerk

1699 The PC considered a range of proposals for Worth Matravers car park mirrors. Whilst smaller and cheaper mirrors were available it was agreed to spend £500 on an Industrial 180 degree angle mirror with a 8 metre maximum sight line to be erected opposite the car park entrance. **Action** Clerk

1700 The PC noted that the WM men's urinal toilet outflow had been blocked for a second time and on this occasion cleared by the Chairman. It was agreed in principle to look at a modernisation strategy with replacement of the current arrangement with single stall positions and an external piping outflow system. **Action** Clerk

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS.

1701 General concerns were expressed that planning applications often state no work has started yet in a number of occasions the work has not only started but has been completed. A discussion on the regulations for neighbour notification requirements and the posting of street information on development proposals took place. It was agreed the Clerk would seek clarification on PDC procedures for neighbour notification of PA's. **Action** Clerk

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1702 Cllr Sandham noted that some applications did not on the PDC web site have neighbour notification dates and responses at the time the PC formally considered them and this was essential when representing local interests.

1703 PA 6/2018/0407 Householder Planning Permission. - Tree Tops, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross, Swanage, BH19 3EB Erect a single storey side extension. No objection

1704 PA /2018/0492 Full Planning Permission - Minor Development. Land adjacent to Briar Rose, South Instow, HX, BH19 3DS. Erection of a single dwelling, creation of vehicular access, parking and landscaping. (Amended Scheme) Concern expressed that the access has already been created. Concern also expressed that the landscaping plans (Work completed) are not complete and do not show the pond in the garden at point E nor its overflow into a ditch flowing on to the Railway. No drainage scheme is submitted with the application. Concern that this railway ditch flows down to Swanage a land drainage proposal previously objected to on other applications.

1705 PA 6/2018/0532 Pond View, Pikes Lane, Worth Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LQ Erect an extension to the east elevation and alterations to existing house. Alterations to doors and windows in outbuilding. Drawings noted as incomplete relating to a removal of window but no replacement by a door. No Objections

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1706 The 2018-19 PC Accounts and Reconciliation 31 August 2018 as previously circulated were noted.

1707 The External Auditors sign off and response to the supplied WMPC 2017-18 Statement of Governance and Annual Accounts was noted.

1708 Payment of invoices received and checked 5 September – 2 October

ITB Gardening Ltd	£ 709.00	Grass cutting and minor work.
R Khanna	£ 697.35	Clerk's Salary PAYE, and expenses
WMPC Office	£ 50.00	BT Internet and phone
J D Facilities.	£ 628.55	WM Toilet Cleansing
Venture Scouts	£ 300.00	Square Fayre Donation
DCC	£ 888.00	SID solar panels and annual contract

1709 **Confidential Minute**. The Clerk and Cllr Woolford would collect the car park donations from 2 October 2018 at WM and HX respectively.

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1710 Cllr Selby had been contacted and asked to raise the issue that recent new property on Haycrafts lane had not complied with the original plans specifying a post and rail fence. Whilst most properties further up the road had post and rail this enclosure with a close boarded fence was incongruous. It was agreed to approach PDC Planners to see if they could encourage the return to a consistent fencing along this new section of properties.

1711 Cllr Selby reported that the overhanging bushes on the A351 by South Instow were forcing large vehicles and Buses across the carriageway pushing traffic in the other direction over towards and giving problems for pedestrians on the foot way on the other side of the road.

1712 The PC noted that a visit by DCC enforcement officers and two PCN's had been issued in worth village recently. Whilst the circumstances seemed questionable it was agreed that Cllrs do not get involved in private PCN issues as individuals should appeal through the regulated system.

1713 The obstruction of the footway from Lifton to by St Michaels garage was raised and this would be reported for action to LMPC as it was in that parish.

1714 Cllr Woolford reported a number of potholes, rutting, and other defects in Haycrafts lane

1715 The Clerk was asked to follow up with a local contractor to get Haycrafts lane overhanging bushes and high hedgerows cut back before the Winter.

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1716 The DCC A351 Autumn verge cut from Wareham to Swanage was raised and subsequently confirmed by the Clerk as having been completed.

1717 Cllr Bugler raised the need to replace part of the goal structure at the WM playground and this was agreed. **Action** Chairman

1718 Cllr Field reported a broken style rotten and in pieces on coastal path at Pierbottom. Clerk to refer to DCC. **Action** Clerk

1719 Cllr Field reported that a number of visitors were making holes through field boundary hedges and even fence wires to access blackberry bushes on private land. This created escape points for farm animals. It was agreed to report this in the Dubber with a request for more respect, care, and consideration for private land from locals and visitors blackberrying in the Worth area. **Action** Clerk

1720 Cllr Vosper had received concerns about the refuse and recycling service which resulted in the bins being left out uncollected on the relevant days. PDC Cllr Lovell explained how there were problems at Dorset Waste Partnership with maintaining their recycling and other collection rounds. Various bins were being collected on different weekdays until these could be resolved. He also informed the PC of the next Council meeting of PDC was at the Purbeck School at which the draft Purbeck Local Plan would be discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Roger Khanna Parish Clerk

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