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## **Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross village hall on Tuesday 3 March 2020**

PRESENT I Bugler Vice Chairman, Cllrs R Woolford, C Melville, Mrs. K Riggs, Mrs. C Vosper, Dorset Council (DC) Cllr Ms. C Brooks

APOLOGIES Cllrs J Burden Chairman), Cllr Mrs. L Spencer-Duncan

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

There were seven members of the public present

**2094** A resident updated the PC that an application had been made for the gift of 100 free sapling trees for planting around the WM car park in the Autumn of 2020.

**2095** A WM resident requested that areas within the village namely at Begbie Field and the Church Field be considered for a more active Bio diversity management plan. In respect of the church playing field area it was agreed that the resident and her group should first approach Mrs. Hoad in the village as she is closely involved in the church and its PCC .The PC confirmed that it was not happy with the current situation on the removed stone stile by Bladons and had raised this again as an issue with Dorset Council footpath officers.

**2096** The PC was sympathetic to improving biodiversity for habitat and insect encouragement on Begbie field. It had responsibility for careful management of this grass and orchard areas some of which was last year turned over to wildflowers. There were concerns as to how and where suitable areas around the trees in the orchard and the footpath through the field could be identified for biodiversity management which is generally leaving areas uncut through most of the year. This proposal would have to work in partnership and not compromise the PC grounds maintenance and the appearance of this area.

Discussion ended 7. 52pm

**Declarations of Interest;** Cllr Bugler took no part in the discussions on item 5a

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**2097.** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 February had been previously circulated. Cllr Woolford proposed and Cllr Mrs. Vosper 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 Meeting Chairman.

### **CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING**

**2098** The Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings were noted. Cllr Bugler confirmed the PC contractor had completed weed killing and verge clearance work in HX.

### **DORSET COUCIL –ELECTED COUNCILLOR REPORT.**

**2099** Dorset Council Cllr Brooks gave an update report on the work of elected members on Dorset Council. The 2020-21 Council tax budgets had been approved and had been raised to the maximum permitted of 4% albeit half of this increase was for social care. She outlined a new DC Governance structure of 6 Lead Members.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**2100** – PA 6/2020/0006 Misty Cottage, Worth Matravers Certificate of Lawfulness , FOI & complaint. Parish Councillors considered the recent correspondence and a Freedom of Information request from Mr. BW of this address. . The PC considered the correspondence complaints unwarranted and unjustified. DC Cllr Brooks understood a similar FOI request had been made to Dorset Council.

**2101** A further response on the CoL will be sent to DC Planning on a number of issues giving concern namely on the proposed use of the above ( Formerly a Certificate of Established Use.) possibly to enable construction of a large part of a previous application refused by Dorset Council ,without a planning consent, under permitted development rights.

The PC objects to such a certificate being issued indeed the application drawings on the DC web site were unclear as to what exactly the CoL would cover and how all of this constitutes permitted development.

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There is a small four inch gap shown in the back wall seemingly totally artificial in construction detailing and unsustainable as a damp and rodent collecting area. This gap affects both external back central side walls indeed its construction must involve works to the roof and side wall foundations of the existing adjacent extension. Similarly the existing extension side doors are shown in the CoL drawing to be either retained as a window onto a blank stone wall a minimal distance away or replaced within a new side brick wall with its own foundation seemingly stand-alone unrelated to the proposed one of the new extension. A rear new window with fan openings is shown as provided for the existing extension. The large and high flat rear roof would be the first in the heart of the Village Green core of this historic conservation area. It would have substantial visual impact implications on the area and existing dark sky with a consequent impact on neighbours. The PC is very concerned in a previous dark sky of such a beautiful Dorset Conservation Area of the proposals for such a large extent of glass roofing. **Action Clerk**

**2102** The PC considered and agreed letters of response from the Chairman to the Dorset Cllr Haynes Chairman of the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee and the Mr T Goodson Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group. These were on the proposed NHS Dorset reorganisation seeking to provide A&E 'Local' for retaining some 18 hour A&E care at Poole. Cllr Brooks relayed a response she had received from Richard Drax MP stating these issues had now been settled albeit against his wishes and past correspondence. The move of A&E to Bournemouth would be completed within 5 years leaving an Urgent Treatment Centre at Poole. Cllr Brooks was requested for a public copy of this response from the MP. (Subsequently provided) **Action Clerk**

**2103** The PC agreed to the proposals for use of the WM car park for a Julia's House Children's Hospice trek 7 June. It further agreed to a grant of £250 donation to this organisation. **Action Clerk**

**2104** The PC agreed to a £250 Purbeck Film Festival Grant. **Action Clerk**

#### HIGHWAY MATTERS

**2105** The PC noted receipt of a cheque to meet in full the costs of the recent damage to the height barrier at WMCP. Cllr Woolford was keeping under review the recent thefts and repairs he had done at the HX car park box.

**2106** The PC continued to seek an inclusive estimate to cover replacement of both lighting units at Haycrafts lane / A351 junction with LED units and new brackets and arms for the outriggers. No response had been received from SSE even after telephone messages were left.

**2107** The PC continued to be concerned at the completed Dorset Council highways design for the entrance to Abbascombe Old Quarry housing site in WM. This has resulted on the development side of the road in a short length of kerbed surfaced footway going nowhere whilst at the same time narrowing the carriageway to a non-optimal 4.4 metres insufficient for passing vehicles on a section of the road where drivers cannot see oncoming vehicles clearly. A wider carriageway should have been specified by DC with a narrower frontage footway. Cllrs felt DC Highways may well have to come back in the future to rectify this error.

**2108** Cllr Woolford raised two different Highway Action Reports on the A351 in HX he had made on the Dorset Highways web site. He congratulated DCH on the speed and efficiency with which both had been dealt with satisfactorily within 36 hours.

#### PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

**2109** PA 6/2020/0067 Square and Compass Inn, Worth Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LF. Erect single storey extension. No objections

**2110** PA 6/2020/0068 Square and Compass Inn, Worth Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LF Listed Building Consent Erect single storey extension No objections

**2111** TWA/2020/023 - Bourne Vale, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, BH19 3DZ: (T1) Oak - reduce two laterals over the bungalow by between 5 and 8m; crown lift to 5m; reduce crown on SW side over the drive by 2m. No Objections.

**2112** The PC expressed considerable concern as to the extent of tree works which have been carried out in the Harmans Cross TPO areas. Specific attention was made to Stonecroft on Valley road where the previously significant oak tree had now been totally removed following stump removal work.

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**2113** TWA/2020/015 Old Farm House Worth Matravers BH19 3 LQ T1 Sycamore crown reduce to previous pruning points to clear back from power lines. No Objections

**2114** PA 6/2029/0335Quarr Farm Quarr Farm road HX BH193DY Extract Purbeck Marble. The PC expressed significant concerns about the proposal to use the long length of Haycrafts lane from the railway bridge up to the Gallows Gore as access for the proposed minerals extraction on a Quarr Farm site. At the 2019 Planning Inquiry on Dorset Minerals Sites extraction this case was made by the PC and proposed sites at Quarr farm and Gallows Gore were removed. Cllrs stated the existing use of the lane was problematical even with currently a rare tractor and similar size vehicles using the lane. The four camp sites on/off Haycrafts Lane generate significant large and wide caravan vehicle movements in their own right through from late March to November and there are few satisfactory and safe passing places.

**2115** The PC noted that an increase of up to 20 large agricultural vehicles a day with stone trailers was proposed from the railway bridge with uphill gradients and bends with little or no forward visibility. Objections to the PC on this proposal had been received from residents in the lane in the past. The lane is heavily used, much more so than when previously used in 2004 for a similar stone extraction, for pedestrian and cycling traffic with a significant risk of injury under certain circumstances. The PC notes it is agreed there is better if longer and safer road access via the A351 and main road network and that the applicants view is that this proposal is however the shortest route with a considerable journey time, distance and CO2 saving. Using a shorter lower quality and higher risk road route often referred to in many built up areas as rat running is a practice many Highway Authorities take positive traffic management action against. The PC considers it is especially important for Dorset Council to safely manage all potential conflict where significant numbers of pedestrians, cyclists, and larger locally generated caravans and other vehicles use and are also generated from sites along the Lane.

#### FINANCIAL MATTERS

**2116.** The 2019 -20 WMPC Cash Book Reconciliation. 31 January 2020 was noted.

**2117** Payment of invoices received and checked 5 February to 3 March 2020

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| R Khanna        | £ 716.98 | Clerk's salary, PAYE, and expenses February 2020 |
| Secure Alarms   | £ 396.00 | CCTV repairs                                     |
| WMPC Office     | £ 60.00  | BT Internet and phone 01/02/20 -28/02/20         |
| J D Facilities. | £ 628.55 | WM Toilet Cleansing February 2020                |
| ITB Gardening   | £ 581.00 | Grass cutting and grounds maintenance            |
| DC Highways     | £ 450.00 | SID movement work                                |

**2118** **Confidential Minute.** From 3 February Cllr Woolford would collect the HX car park donations and The Clerk would be collecting donations at the WM car park.

#### PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

**2119** The PC noted the continuing presence as occurred some years ago of a Link Rider coach in the lay bye at the bottom of Haycrafts lane. the Clerk asked that action be reviewed once the road works in Victoria Avenue Swanage were completed as these would be adversely impacting on the coach company operations especially school transport.

**2120** The PC noted from DC Cllr Brooks that a new planning applications policy of requiring developers to replace each tree removed with three new ones had been adopted by DC. Cllrs felt that recent loss of mature trees on new Planning Applications would not be satisfactorily replaced by three new saplings many of which would not survive.

**2121** The PC was informed by Cllr Vosper of the promotions of a centenary celebration in Worth village 26-28 June of its independence from private estate management. The PC agreed it would be pleased to support such an event and access / usage of the village green.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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