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Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross Village Hall on Tuesday 4 July at 7.30pm

PRESENT; (Chairman), Cllrs J Burden, I Bugler, R Woolford, R Sandham, Mrs. C Vosper, Ms. M Shanks, PDC Cllr M Lovell

Apologies for Absence Cllr R Field

Declaration of Interest None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were three members of the public present.

1265 A presentation of proposals for WM car park management at the Worth Square Fair was made on behalf of Wicker Island Explorer Scouts. They had previously been in contact with the manager at the Square and Compass to develop proposals to help reduce traffic and parking problems on the Fair day. A manual collection of car park donations would be carried out by 14 – 18 year old scouts at both the PC car park and the field parking area on the approach at Abbascombe. They would have public liability insurance and be under supervision of adults. Tickets would be issued for accounting purposes and visitors managed between the two car parks when the WM one was full. Cllrs raised a number of questions regarding hours of operation, litter picking, and toilet facilities in the Abbascombe field. Cllrs, who were generally positive in principle, noted the proposals and would consider their response later on in the Agenda. The Clerk would let the organiser know the outcome.

1266 A report on the number of potholes forming in Haycrafts Lane was given. Especial concern arose as a result of the number of pedestrians walking in the lane to and from the campsites. As there is no street lighting an injury may occur. Haycrafts Lane was a public highway and the responsibility of Dorset CC. A report should be made on their web site. The PC agreed the Clerk would also make a web site representation to DCC. **Action** Clerk

The PC thanks the adjacent owner for her agreement to cut back the HX Car Park boundary hedge
The Public Discussion period ended at 7.47pm

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1267. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 6 June had been previously circulated. Subject to correction start date of 7 June for car park collections. Cllr Vosper proposed, seconded by Cllr Bugler acceptance of these Minutes and these were passed by all Councillors present as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the meeting Chairman.

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

1268 The previously circulated report on Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings was noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

1269 Cllr Bugler was to be congratulated for his award of the Queen's Gallantry Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours. The citation lists his actions as a volunteer coastguard as displaying exemplary bravery, a high level of professionalism, and an outstanding commitment in attempting to rescue a woman trapped in deteriorating weather conditions in the Tilly Whim caves. Neither the lifeboat nor helicopter could gain access in the gale force winds and rough sea so he put his life in harm's way to be lowered by the coastguard team into the cave through a small blow hole. Although buffeted against the sides and roof of the cave his, the final rescue attempt, was regrettably unsuccessful and the woman died.

1270 Cllr Shanks requested that PC meetings be recorded. Some other local parish councils currently do this and she felt WMPC should follow. Whilst a small stand-alone recording machine could be purchased (£90) or a PC and used there were concerns on the benefits.

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The Clerk advised that as a requirement that this data file should be available, published on the web site with the Minutes and retained for 7 years. Administratively this may make the work of the PC more bureaucratic and the Clerk's work potentially more complex and time consuming. The input of voluntary Cllrs may be less open and informal as they would be more liable to subsequent external challenge. The one and a half hour to two hour recording would have to be checked by the Clerk and possibly all Cllrs before publication of the Minutes or posting on the web site. This would create additional work for all concerned. It was agreed to keep an open mind on the proposal. Information would be sought from DAPTC and other Clerks currently making PC meeting recordings, and a report back made to a future meeting if it becomes an issue. **Action Clerk**

1271 The PC considered a donation to WM Village Hall arising from the annual fete. Volunteers from the hall had not attended the car park to assist in management possibly as a result of a misunderstanding. The PC having considered the takings on the day against a similar non-fete day, agreed to make a \$137 donation of £200 to the village hall and to review car park management arrangements for the fete in 2018 **Action Clerk**

1272 Cllr Shanks raised the possibility of the PC setting up a specific capital reserve fund for supporting purchase or renting of affordable housing in the parish. It was considered house prices were too high to realistically reserve sufficient funds for purchase but in principle the PC were agreeable to supporting such proposals within their legislative powers and available finances. Cllr Vosper agreed to raise this at the next meeting of the Worth Community Property Trust. **Action Clerk, Cllr Vosper**

1273 The PC considered a complaint about the placing and collection of refuse bags in London Row WM from temporary residents and rental visitors. Refuse bags are being placed outside properties well before collection times. Local wildlife and domestic animals are ripping the bags open and scattering the contents. The responsibility lies with the owner of the property but the PC accepts that tidying up has to be carried out by neighbours and other members of the local community. It was agreed that trade refuse collection situation generally from properties was unsatisfactory and the Clerk should write to the owner of the property in London Row creating the complaint and seek assistance from PDC and DWP on this matter. **Action Clerk**

HIGHWAY MATTERS

1274 The PC considered a number of items regarding the management of Worth Matravers Car Park. It put on record its thanks to Charlie Newman for the use of his land as the extension car park over the last ten years. The PC currently mowed the land regularly as part of its grass cutting contracts and collectors and the Clerk regularly litter pick this area to keep it tidy. To facilitate his access the PC had supplied and paid for the new gateway from his land directly into this extension and have given permission for additional access from the main car park into the extension. On occasion the extension has to be closed off in accordance with the planning consent or to prevent private cars being stuck following inclement wet weather. This arrangement was felt by Cllrs to have worked very satisfactorily. **Action Clerk**

1275 The summer problem of camping and caravanning in the extension area was raised and a proposal for a width restriction using large stone blocks or a removable post was made. This would need to be considered with the landowner as restricting the width would also prevent any large vehicle access to the private land area of the extension. It was agreed a height restriction was impracticable due to the restricted visibility of such an obstruction especially for large reversing vehicles. The resultant damage to the stone piers and girders would be very expensive to repair. **Action Clerk**

1276 The PC considered the Explorer Scouts proposal and agreed it in principle subject to satisfactory audit controls. All money collected should be deposited with the Chairman on the day and a retrospective donation would be considered by the PC to reflect the resources applied on the car park management at Square Fair. **Action Clerk**

1277 The PC was concerned about ongoing rubbish deposit and collection issues at WM car park. Observations had confirmed DWP had not, on occasions, collected partially filled bins or bags dumped on site by the bins. It was agreed to raise this and other collection issues with DWP as they appear to have insufficient resources allocated to this task. **Action Clerk**

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PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

1278 PA 6/2017/0349Coy Pond Developments Harmans Cross, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, BH19 3DZ Erection of a two metre boundary fence. Concerns were expressed that this was a retrospective application as the fence has already been erected and at the impact of the 2 m fence height.

It was agreed that the Clerk would check on site and with DCC Highways and draft a response for agreement subsequent to this meeting.

1279 PA 6/2017/0258 /2017/0327Mr & Mrs Chris Sibley-Hale Mayflower, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, BH20 5HU Demolition of the existing bungalow and replacement with a new dwelling outbuilding and garage. No objection

1280 Planning Enforcement Items Use of agricultural barn on Worth Rd and use of old chicken farm on Worth Rd. Regular Vehicular use of farm gate on Worth Rd between the barn and chicken farm. Vehicular use of a gate was acceptable but concerns were expressed that the properties did not appear on the Central Rating Lists as businesses liable for Business rates.

1281 TWA 6/2017/101 Woodside Chapel, Tabbits Hill Lane, Harmans Cross, BH20 5HY (T1-T3) Leylandii - fell to ground level; (T4) Sycamore - fell to ground level;(T5) Oak - 2m lateral reduction The PC objected to the oak tree reduction as it was considered excessive and unnecessary.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1282 The PC Account, Budget and Reconciliation 30 May 2017 was noted
Cllr Shanks requested that all invoices should be recorded in the Minutes with the amount paid. Subject to data protection and commercial confidentiality this was agreed **Action** Clerk

1283 Payment of invoices received and checked 7 June May to 4 July 2017

ITB Gardening Ltd	£ 544.00	Grass cutting
R Khanna	£ 654.00	Clerk's Salary PAYE, and expenses
WMPC Office	£ 135.58	BT Internet and phone and Office supplies
J D Facilities.	£ 628.55	WM Toilet Cleansing
Burden Building Ltd	£ 62.50	Radar Memorial repair
N Adams	£ 209.40	Playground inspection
Outdoor Play	£ 1402.20	WM Playground See Saw equipment
Smart Wheelie	£ 80.00	30 mph bin signs

1284 Confidential Minute

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1285 The Chairman reported ongoing discussions with EE/BT on broadband and mobile access to WM village. DCC were also now pursuing these companies to provide rural broadband and mobile services.

1286 The Clerk confirmed the new PDC enforcement procedure resulted in records of complaints but there appeared to be no public data base showing the PDC progress on investigating these complaints, actions taken or cases dismissed as not being of sufficient harm to warrant enforcement action. The caravan in the field opposite Roman Barn had been reported but apart from an acknowledgement no action or response from PDC had been received **Action** Cllr Lovell

The meeting closed at 9.16pm

Roger Khanna Parish Clerk