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PRESENT Cllrs J Burden (Chairman), Mrs. C Vosper, I Bugler, Mrs. L Spencer-Duncan

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs, R Woolford

ABSENT. DC Cllr Ms. C Brooks

1900 A public presentation on the New Homes Development at Abbascombe in Worth village was made by Robin James from East Boro Housing Association. He gave information on this local HA established in Wimborne in 1960 with a remit especially to support vulnerable people. The site would be completed in 2020 He outlined the terms of allocation of units was as set down in the planning and affordable homes agreement for the site .EBHA anticipated rentals for the five rental properties of £100, £119, and £135 for the one , two and three bedroom units respectively. Four units will be for sale at 75% of market value and interested parties could contact him.

1901 Mr. James confirmed that there was no key worker element in allocations as this was cascaded by the strength and closeness of any local connection to WM and subsequently surrounding parishes. The issue of a future mortgage in possession sale was raised as this could break any chain of the 75% ongoing affordability He would investigate this further as well as any advantages of leasehold over freehold sale in preventing the loss of the discount to the full market valuation in future possessions .Concern was expressed that the four units would in time revert to second homes rather than permanent residents and he agreed preventing this was a priority for the EBHA. The Chairman thanked him for his presentation as this should be the start of a close working relationship.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

There were three residents present

1902 A resident asked for progress in respect of April Minute 1840 to seek reassurance from the Local Authority that every practical asbestos site investigation, as legislatively required has been carried out at the Abbascombe site. The DC response was the the 2014 TEC Consulting geo-environmental site investigation report stated that the relevant ground issue was that Basic Radon protective measures are necessary in the construction of new dwellings or extensions. On 5 March 2019 this firm subsequently conducted a walkover after the surface had been stripped away and confirmed no visual evidence of asbestos on the site. Dorset Council stated that under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 DC, like all councils in this country ,investigate potentially contaminated land but can only take formal action if the land is where substances are causing or could cause significant harm to people, property or protected species. At this time DC stated it has no evidence that this site would fall under the legal definition of contaminated land and will take no further action.

1903 The resident raised issues being created from timed cycling events and Sportives most of which do not directly affect the WM parish roads and footpaths but do run along surrounding roads giving essential access for residents. The recent 100 Km Super Beast had caused problems in the village obstructing the Square and Compass junction. WM had approximately 300 cyclists using the extended Super Beast route whereas Lulworth had 1500. The fastest time, an average speed of 30mph over the 100Km, indicated a serious safety concern for local residents along the route. The issue has been discussed at the SE Purbeck Councils group and at DAPTC with a Code of Practice evolved but seemingly not read by many participants. All the Local Authorities in Purbeck feel Event Cyclists must be identified with a number displayed on their backs rather than one on the front. Cycling is a keep fit and healthy sport and events are now running at 1-3 events each weekend in the summer. A basic rule of respect and courtesy should be shown for local residents, walkers, and visitors to the area. It was agreed to pursue the issue with the Civil Contingency Group which includes all agencies affected and to support other affected DAPTC councils in continuing to make national representations for ensuring better order and conduct from 'Event' cyclists. **Action** Clerk

Declarations of Interest; None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1904. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 7 May 2019 had been previously circulated. Cllr Vosper proposed and Cllr Spencer-Duncan 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

1905 The Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings were noted. Cllrs noted that the 1 May Clerk's letter to the Chief Executive of the new Dorset County raising DWP issues had been responded to. DWP stated they had no records of Cllr Woolford's many communications with them. The Clerk would continue to seek responses to issues raised directly with DWP on the lack of adequate litter bin collection at HX open Space and additional recycling facilities at WM Car Park. Both issues have not responded to by DWP for many months. **Action Clerk**

1906 The Clerk confirmed that BT would be repainting and repairing the door of their telephone kiosk in Worth village in their 2019 programme. **Action Clerk**

1907 The Clerk reported back on discussions at the HXVHMC where it was agreed to seek new small childrens facilities for the playpark within a budget of £10,000. Alternative proposals are to be pursued by a small group of local residents of HX and a preferred scheme developed to which the PC would consider facilitating and contributing to. Similarly the WM small childrens playground would benefit from any ideas and proposals especially any that addressed mobility and diversity issue. The Chairman asked that a zip wire for WM be investigated **Action Clerk**

1908 The Clerk reported that Japanese knotweed had been reported to him by a walker on Haysoms (Landers quarry) site Haycrafts lane near Gallows Gore. Cllr Bugler confirmed this had been there some time and Haysoms had stated they were involved in ongoing attempts to eradicate it.

DORSET COUCIL –ELECTED COUNCILLOR REPORT

1909 The DC Cllr was not present and did not provide a report

CORRESPONDENCE

1910 The PC noted meetings of the SE Purbeck T&PCs and the coming DAPTC meeting on 12 June which would consider motions to the National Association for the AGM on the 7 November.

1911 The PC considered correspondence from a WM resident on recent verge and pathway strimming by DC and the PC. The 'Wild verging' proposed was not considered a practical or useful initiative. Some of the plants referred to as needing protection are harmful and even notifiable. Keeping visitor walkers in the carriageway due to hanging roadside brambles, nettles, and other harmful plants or concealing surface verge levels for stand offs from traffic or hiding small children behind high wild grass verges on local single lane roads such as in Haycrafts lane is not supported. The PC agreed it had a duty to ensure public safety and would continue to do verge maintenance work it considered necessary. **Action Clerk**

1912 In respect of the local rural environment concern was expressed that plants and seeds not local to the area should not be planted in grassland or open spaces as they could be harmful in upsetting the local eco balance.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

1913 The PC considered and agreed the long established additional waiting restrictions proposed for Worth village Worth village. **Action Clerk**

1914 The PC agreed £50 for the new Worth property location sign. 2 signs would be erected, one on Worth bank and one on the car park fence. The contractor would be asked to source fixings and posts. **Action Clerk**

1915 The PC considered the suggestion from a Worth property owner who had physically marshalled the car park for the WM fete. He suggested that Pay and Display with an hourly rate of £1 an hour be installed at the WM car park. His view was that the PC did not know that many car park users simply did not make any donation.

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The PC agreed with the Clerk's detailed response which showed how all the relevant, information, social, environmental, and business factors were regularly considered by the PC in setting a donation level request. This was to cover the direct costs incurred as collections were carried out by the volunteer parish councilors. This income also enabled the PC to fund significant improvements and uniquely set a NIL Council Tax for many years. It was agreed to seek further information on enforcement opportunities for the Parish Council in respect of the ongoing summer issue of increasing unwanted overnight camper van parking. **Action Clerk**

1916 Cllr Vosper felt more information should be publically available on the positive work and significant investment by the Parish Council in maintaining and where legislatively possible improving facilities and infrastructure across the Parish. (£35,000 was spent in 2018-19) The Clerk would prepare a report for the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

1917 PA 6/2019/0314 Listed building consent Internal and external alterations 1 London Row, Worth Matravers Swanage BH19 3LH. The Parish Council wish to express concerns about the detailing on the Pikes Lane frontage which shows glass blocks at approximately knee height directly adjacent to the footway. It considers this detail to be ugly and incongruous on the street scene adding nothing to enhance or improve the appearance of the listed building or its contribution to the Conservation area..

1918 TWA /2019/095 Valley View, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, BH19 3DZ Rear works to T1-6 (Pines) reductions and removal - branches, dead wood ,stem front Works to various T1-9 Eucalyptus Oak Elm - reductions and removal ,crown reduction, removals and felling.- due to the scale of works proposed. This item was deferred for further investigation.

1919 TWA/2019/096 Flower Meadow, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross, BH19 3EB: (T1) Oak - crown lift to 4m, remove epicormic growth from main stem, remove major dead wood No Objections.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1920 The 2018-19 PC Accounts and Reconciliation 30 April 2019 were noted.

1921 The PC agreed the 2018-19 Annual Audit Draft Return Accounting Statement figures and these were signed by the Chairman. **Action Clerk**

1922 The PC agreed to a 3 Year Inspire (AXA) term Insurance renewal supplied by Came and Co.

1923 Payment of invoices received and checked 8 May - 4 June 2019

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| Came and Company | £ 640.27 | Council Insurance 2019-20 |
| R Khanna | £ 739.03 | Clerk's salary PAYE, and expenses |
| WMPC Office | £ 53.00 | Office BT Internet and phone |
| J D Facilities. | £ 628.55 | WM Toilet Cleansing |
| ITB Gardening | £ 744.00 | Grass cutting |
| ITB Gardening | £ 504.74 | WM Car Park rear fence repair |

11924 Confidential Minute.

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1925 It was agreed to seek assistance from Suttles Ltd in respect of repairing the longstanding problem of the large drop by the stile by their Swanworth quarry. This could be followed up at the July Swanworth Quarry liaison meeting. It was also agreed the PC would if necessary repair relevant stiles to upkeep the local footpath network. A volunteer Parish footpaths officer would be welcomed as this post had been vacant for some time. **Action Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm. Roger Khanna Parish Clerk