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Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross Village Hall on Tuesday 5 December from 7.30pm

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

Apologies for Absence DCC Cllr Ms. Cherry Brooks

#### PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were three members of the public present.

**1420** A resident raised issues with the consultation proposal in the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Pre-Submission Draft Mineral Sites Plan for extraction of Purbeck stone on a site at Gallows Gore off Haycrafts Lane (PK21) He stated that none of the residents adjacent to the site had been previously consulted about this specific proposal. DCC officers had agreed any consultation letters to affected residents sent out, but not received, had not included a plan showing the location of this proposal. The resident explained how it had appeared on a land search on his property as he was selling it and as a result the purchaser withdrew. The seven residential properties surrounding the site were now subject to Planning Blight affecting the sale of these properties. He was concerned the PC should be aware of the adverse associated environmental and impact issues from open excavation workings on the immediately adjacent local residents. Cllrs noted these views and especially the ongoing situation of multiple and cumulative impacts on these properties and the AONB from existing and proposed quarrying in the immediate vicinity of Gallows Gore.

The Public Discussion ended at 7.46 pm.

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**1421.** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 7 November had been previously circulated. Cllr Vosper proposed and Cllr Bugler seconded acceptance of these Minutes and these were passed by all Councillors present as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

#### CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

**1422** The previously circulated report on Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings was noted. The Clerk reported that Langton Matravers PC had also raised issues on the GRIP channels being cut by DCC Highways for surface water run-off. In the Acton area the GRIPS now provide excellent escape routes for lambs and pigs that can easily pass under the wire through the new holes. No remedial action has yet been taken. The Clerk confirmed that local vandalism and theft from the HX car park and specific graffiti had been reported to the Swanage Police Community Support Officers for investigation and identification of offenders.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

**1423** Cllrs formally considered the consultation documents on the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Pre-Submission Draft Mineral Sites Plan. Once again proposed sites in the parish at Gallows Gore were wrongly labelled as being in the adjoining parish. This in a small way reduced the cumulative impact in the document of the existing and new open cast quarrying proposals which are located at Gallows Gore in Worth Matravers parish. . Some changes had been made since the last consultation with the PC reducing the size of the site opposite Gallows Gore Cottages and leaving out a small area of land at PK21 where endangered species of butterfly and bat were thought to reside.

**1424** Cllrs agreed that Haycrafts Lane was totally unsuitable with the existing flow of ordinary traffic for any access for the large heavy goods vehicles working at the quarries. Increased holiday and summertime recreational pedestrians and cyclists movements would with poor intervisibility be in conflict with the very large stone moving lorries taking up the whole of the road. It was decided to make representations in the consultation against the proposed site PK21 on the grounds of access, cumulative and individual impact on adjacent residential properties and the major impact of additional quarrying on the AONB.

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**1425** Cllrs raised concerns about any additional HGV traffic from these proposed sites or the Swanworth Quarry extension on the Kingston to Langton road and the ongoing failure of DCC to require full restoration of all completed quarried sites back to their original ground level. It was agreed to support the resident's concerns on PK21 site and to make representations to seek this sites removal from the current proposals in the DCC Minerals Site Plan. **Action Clerk.**

**1426** Cllrs noted the Temporary Entertainments Notice TEN for Carols on the Worth Village Green on 15 December 2017 and commented it seemed to be expanding over recent years. The organisers would be asked to ensure the Worth Green, for which the PC is responsible, was protected in adverse weather, other legitimate users were not interfered with, and post the event to clean it up and reinstate any damaged areas. **Action Clerk.**

**1427** The PC considered a request for a donation towards a Referral & Judicial Review of the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group plans for A&E and Maternity moving to Bournemouth Hospital. Clear legal advice given to PDC Policy group was circulated and Cllrs agreed that it was not advisable to join such an action even with a donation due to issues arising from a lack of control and potential accountability. Cllr felt that this was a role of challenge PDC should be taking with a much more proactive role taking a lead in opposing the proposed changes. The CCG estimated ambulance attendance and then travelling times of one hour to Bournemouth from the Isle of Purbeck did not agree with Cllrs own practical experience of on occasions travelling for more than an hour to reach Bournemouth Hospital.

**1428** The PC considered an email representation from a Mr. Finch which made various claims on the increased safety of a 40 mph as opposed to the current 30 mph speed limit on the A351 Valley Road. Cllrs did not agree with his proposition noting the increased risk of more serious injury for motorists, elderly and child pedestrians of an impact at higher speeds was documented by the Department of Transport. It was noted how contrary to his representations the Purbeck Gazette had ensured the topic was fully discussed on their correspondence pages with letters for and against the proposal. Cllrs agreed that no further action would be considered until and unless this correspondent supplied factual information rather than repeatedly stating his opinion. If he could provide evidence and professional support to justify his statements that a 40mph speed limit on the Valley road was safer than the current 30mph limit they would listen to it.

**1429** The PC discussed their concerns that PDC was not representing the views of the Parish and Town Councils in South East Purbeck by supporting proposals by SW Trains to cut direct off peak trains between London and Wareham from two to one (50%). Additional proposals by SWT to remove all direct access from Wareham to Clapham Junction and Basingstoke, two very important national rail transport interchange hubs, were also being supported by officers at DCC and PDC. The PC had agreed with the detailed representation from Corfe Castle PC opposing these proposals but these views had been disregarded by District and County Council officers in their report. Cllrs considered there was little support from the Purbeck area for a better service from Weymouth to Portsmouth at the expense of direct access to London from Wareham. A twelve min possible improvement in off peak service running time for the one hourly train between London and Weymouth had been put forward by SWT. This could not compensate for the additional station changes and increased journey time of up to thirty mins on the remaining hourly service between London and Wareham. The PC asked their PDC Cllr to oppose the officers SWT consultation report recommendations at full Council. **Action Cllr Lovell.**

## HIGHWAY MATTERS

**1430** The Clerk reported back that there had been little progress to report from DCC on the outstanding highways issues reported back from his 19 October meeting with DCC Highways Officer. Cllr Woolford asked for information to be obtained on what progress had been made by DCC on serving Highways Enforcement Notices on the properties at Woodlands and Silver Mist. Action needed to be taken by DCC to urgently remove the potentially dangerous footway obstructions. **Action Clerk.**

## PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

**1431** PA 6/2017/0670 Replacement of existing retaining wall and stabilisation of the bank to the upper terraced pitches Caravan Park Haycrafts Lane. Some concern was expressed at the long term sustainability of using rectangle of wire enclosed stones (Gabions) for the retaining wall. It was agreed the PC had No Objections

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

**1432** The PC Accounts, Budget and Reconciliation 31 October 2017 were noted.

**1433** The PC reviewed and noted the moving annual totals from 2014 for car park income at WM.

**1434** It was decided not to renew the Nationwide bond as their interest rates had remained in spite of the recent bank rate increase. The PC agreed to open a one year bond account with Cambridge and Counties Bank as it offered a better rate of interest. . **Action** Clerk

**1435** The PC considered alternative quotations for the Withy Bed Tree works and agreed to appoint NJA Tree care as the lowest tenderer to carry out the works. . **Action** Clerk

**1436** Payment of invoices received and checked 8 September to 5 December

ITB Gardening Ltd	£ 509.00	Grass cutting
R Khanna	£ 672.45	Clerk's Salary PAYE, and expenses
WMPC Office	£ 50.00	BT Internet and phone and Office supplies
J D Facilities.	£ 628.55	WM Toilet Cleansing
DCC	£ 1095	HX open space grass cutting

**1437** Confidential Minute..

## PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

**1438** Cllr Bugler confirmed he had replaced the edge fencing to ground level at the WM playground, re-turfed the goal area, and carried out other minor maintenance work.

**1439** Cllr Vosper, recognising the worth of the Purbeck District Council's Volunteer of the Year process, raised the contribution to the local environment made over many years by individual landowners, business operators, farmers, and others working in the Parish. Cllrs agreed that the PC should pursue the idea and means of formally recognising such work. **Action** Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Roger Khanna Parish Clerk