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Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross village hall on Tuesday 5 February 2018.

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. DCC Cllr Ms. C Brooks

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD.

There were four members of the public present.

1776 A resident of Worth Matravers who is a Member of the Purbeck Film Festival Committee requested that the PC give financial assistance to the 2019 Purbeck Film Festival. He put forward that this was an important Arts initiative bringing events and visitors to the Purbeck area. He agreed that a number of events were to be held some way away from Purbeck namely at venues in Bournemouth and Poole and indicated these would be diminishing in number in future years. He felt that as the PC had not for some years given any support to the Festival that it would be appropriate to do so in 2019.

1777 The PC considered the representation from two local WM residents in support of a request for the provision of a four metre wildflower strip within Begbie Orchard. The residents indicated they would bring to the project their experience elsewhere of laying wildflower meadows. They acknowledged that a considerable amount of work was required to clear the strip of the existing grass and this would be carried out by volunteers. They wished to try a pilot scheme so that the impact or success could be monitored. A general discussion took place highlighting the need for any voluntary work to be fully supervised so as not to create any problems of spoil removal impacting on the field or future grass cutting or maintenance operations.

1778 A resident drew attention to the continuing problems of waste collection in South Instow. There had been no improvement despite many complaints to Dorset Waste Partnership. Refuse and recycling collection was sporadic at specific properties or on the scheduled collection days. There appeared to be confusion at DWP about which of their vehicles are able to collect in South Instow even though large construction vehicles and occasional full size refuse trucks continue to access building sites and properties in the road. It was agreed that this was an issue that the PC and local elected representatives should take up with DWP. **Action** Clerk DC Cllrs

The public discussion period ended at 7.54 pm.

Declarations of Interest; None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1779. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 December 2019 had been previously circulated. Cllr Vosper proposed and Cllr Selby 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

1780 The Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings were noted. Actions to upgrade the CCTV at WM Car Park needed to be pursued as no further action had occurred since the two cameras had been refixed in November 2018. The PC noted the positive response from the DCC Ranger regarding the tarmacing of the footpath past London Road. It was agreed that these works could be carried out by the PC contractor with a 50% contribution from DCC and should include the resetting of the manhole cover. Liaison with DCC would continue with a need to complete the work by 31 March 2019. **Action** Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

1781 The PC considered a request for donation from Purbeck Film Festival in the light of the representations received during public question time. The PC agreed that in the light of not having made a donation for some years it would make a donation of £250 for 2019. The PC highlighted the need for up to date financial accounts to be provided in support of any future request for a donation. **Action** Clerk

1782 The PC considered the proposed Heads of Terms for the Begbie field land transfer from PDC to WMPC which the PC had sought prior to the 31 March date of the abolition of Purbeck District Council. The Transfer was agreed in principle and to seek certain clarifications. The PC delegated the decision and future action to the Clerk after consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair. The Clerk would employ a Solicitor to handle the transfer.

Action Clerk

1783 The PC considered the representation in the public question time made in support of a request for four metre wildflower strip in Begbie Orchard. This was agreed in principle so long as it was understood by the volunteers that the control and maintenance responsibility for all of the field including the Orchard and the grass cutting areas and schedules for all or part of Begbie Field resided with the Parish Council. The Clerk was delegated to finalise the pilot area strip behind the Begbie Cottages. Cllrs indicated that support for purchasing wildflower seeds may be available in the future. **Action** Clerk

1784 The PC considered a request for road salt dump by the Wessex Water reservoir entrance in Haycrafts Lane for use in inclement freezing weather. It noted that Cllr Field had delivered salt bags to the Wagtail Cottage area concerned and these were in place for use during the recent snow. This proposed location was on the access to and within private property. There are already two salt bins provided in Haycrafts Lane by the PC and further expenditure on a new salt bin was not be supported. The PC formally thanked Cllr Field for all the work he had carried out on snow clearance in the WM area. **Action** Clerk

1785 The PC agreed in principle the use of the WM Car park for an organised Charity walk for 'Walk for Parkinsons' in June 2019. Cllrs had some concerns that the car park is often full during these months and additional arrangements for overspill parking would be useful under such circumstances. It was agreed to raise these issues with the organisers. **Action** Clerk

HIGHWAY MATTERS

1786 Cllrs drew attention to a number of footpath stiles which were damaged, dangerous, or out of action. Most had previously been reported to DCC but had still not been attended to. These included the burnt out stile by Quarr Farm and the broken stile at Pierpoint, The footpath gate from Weston Farm to the DDC Renscombe car park needed fixing as did the stile by Haysoms St Aldhelms quarry. The hedge at the footpath past Swanworth quarry had been cut back by Cllr Bugler but the long drop down from the stile to the ground level was increasingly dangerous. Concerns were expressed about the increasing size of the potholes in Worth Village on the road opposite the old Post Office. These had been reported to DCC Highways. **Action** Clerk

1787 The PC noted the problem of the road edge falling away into the ditch by the Cottages in Tabbits Hill lane was reoccurring. This was, as previously, caused by large wide wheel based vehicles using the lane.

1788 The PC considered that the recent hedge cutting by the contractor needed to be improved both on the top cut back and the outstanding instruction for removal of all vegetation on the highway verges by Sunny Hayes in Haycrafts lane. Other overhanging private hedges on the A351 Valley road needed attention and Cllr Selby undertook to follow this up with local farmers. **Action** Clerk Cllr Selby

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

1789 PA6/2018/0669 Dairy Cottage Compact farm WM BH20 5HT Single story side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation. No objection

1790 PA6/2018/0679 Knolldown Valley road HX BH20 5HU Demolish existing and replacement of dwelling house No objection The PC noted information that this property has not previously been in permanent residential occupation.

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1791 PA 6/2019/0012 Cedar Lodge, South Instow, Harmans Cross BH19 3DS. Erect Garage. No objection

1792 PA6/2018/0651 Lisnadil, Worth Matravers BH19 3LF Change of roof dormer alterations to doors and windows and conversion of loft space to new bedroom with external staircase.

The Parish Council objects to this application. This area is very tight in terms of neighbour boundaries and this proposal results in neighbours gardens and windows being overlooked seriously affecting their amenity spaces and is contrary to development close to boundary guidelines. The PC fully supports the resident objections already forwarded to PDC. There is also the issue of uncontrolled light pollution visible from a very large surrounding area created from very large windows and the internal lighting arrangements especially on property used for non-permanent residential use. Permanent daily Timers throw light from an unoccupied building with its unshuttered or semi-permanent open curtain rooms out across the dark sky generally enjoyed across this area of the AONB and by residents in the vicinity.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1793 The 2018-19 PC Accounts and Reconciliation 31 December 2018 were noted.

1794 The 9 monthly Budget and Expenditure to date was reviewed. The detailed Budget for 2019-20 would be set at the next meeting. **Action** Clerk

1795 The PC resolved to submit a Council Tax Precept of £ NIL **Action** Clerk

1796 Payment of invoices received and checked 6 December – 5 February 2019

R Khanna	£ 764.50	Clerk's December Salary PAYE, and expenses
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WMPC Office	£ 113.00	Office BT Internet and phone
J D Facilities.	£ 628.55	WM Toilet Cleansing December 2018j
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WMVH	£ 81.00	Committee Room rental
PKF	£ 360.00	Auditors fees
Burden Building Services	£ 190.20	Repairs to premises

1797 **Confidential Minute**. Cllr Vosper & Cllr Woolford would collect the car park donations from 5 February 2019 at WM and HX respectively.

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1798 The PC noted that the BT telephone box at HX was an eyesore being in disrepair and in need of painting and maintenance. BT had previously informed the PC that they no longer wanted this box. They had agreed to the relocation of this telephone box to the Swanage Railway platform a long time ago but this had not occurred. The PC felt that the redundant box was no longer wanted and should be removed by whoever wanted it.

1799 Cllrs drew attention to a number of static caravans which appeared to be lived in. One had a solar powered reactive light operating on the door. These included ones at Woodyhyde, Windy Ridge and Abbascombe Poultry Farm sites where they were originally unoccupied or in place for a short period where construction or house renewal was taking place. It was agreed to seek advice for PDC Planners. **Action** Clerk

1800 Cllr Vosper reported back as the PC representative on the WMVH management committee on a request from them for a permanent electricity supply to be provided on the Village Green. This would cater for a situation if the current arrangements from a private supply stopped in future. This was not supported by the PC as estimates of the price of a new meter and supply had previously been obtained and they were too costly for the infrequent usage. It was suggested a generator would appear to be the solution as they are relatively cheap to purchase and run and could be stored between the Events on the Green.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm. Roger Khanna Parish Clerk