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**Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Annual Meeting held in Worth Matravers on Tuesday 5 June from 7.30pm.**

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr R Field.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD.

There were no members of the public present.

**1587** Cllr Brooks confirmed that the present temporary DCC Highway maintenance structure was Dawn Heath as Community Team Leader and David Sigby as her local Team Leader. She gave a short update on progress towards the new Dorset Unitary Authority with a shadow authority and Interim Chief Executive and new elections for 2019. These would reduce the number of elected Councillors for Dorset from 300+ to 82 with the new Cllrs being effectively professional full time appointments.

**Declarations of Interest; None**

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**1588.** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 May had been previously circulated. Cllr Bugler 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

**1589** The Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings were noted.

**1590** Cllrs continued to express their concern as to the lack of action by DCC on a number of Highways related measurers. A list of outstanding items had been sent by the Clerk to DCC Cllr Brooks and she undertook to respond when she had been provided with information by officers. The major concern expressed by the PC was that DCC was not progressing items funded by the PC as they had insufficient resources. They would not delegate their authority to enable the PC to carry out the work using fully qualified local highways contractors. A short discussion on the long ongoing A351 Valley road footway obstruction problem outside Silver Mist illustrated the problem with at least 7 DCC officer visits and two DCC contractors' attendances on site in the last 12 months. These collectively had been unable to achieve the clearance of the overhanging vegetation over the full width of the public footway. Cllr Woolford and Cllr Selby stated that there was considerable use by pedestrians of the footways in HX and more effort to keep them clear of obstruction from ongoing growth needed to be made either by DCC or with their consent to the PC who were willing to take on this task.

**1591** Cllr Selby gave an example of the current confusion whereby in HX vehicle crossovers were originally required to be constructed by DCC but in practice they subsequently agreed them when they were it was done to standard by the private individual. Cllrs felt that if DCC officers were too busy to do work funded by the PC then there should be a delegation to PC to arrange and pay for the works. DCC Cllr Brooks agreed that the current situation where DCC quoted a price, which she agreed was often costly due to carrying their far too high overheads, yet still did not do the work was even more unsatisfactory .

CORRESPONDENCE

**1592** Cllrs Vosper and the Chairman and the Clerk confirmed they wished to attend the Swanworth Quarry Liaison meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm.

**1593** The PC noted the forthcoming Public Inquiries and Examinations on the Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Mineral Sites Plan. That Public examination was at Dorchester 25th - 27th September & 2 & 3rd October 2018 and the Bournemouth-Swanage motor road ferry company –toll review application - Public Inquiry would be held on 25 September,& 26 September 2018 at Studland Village Hall. As DCC were also an objector to the ferry price increases DCC Cllr Brooks undertook to get the DCC Highways officers to liaise with the WM Clerk and other affected local T & PC's in respect of the DCC asset valuation for the Ferry road as this was fundamental to the companies case for the price increases .

**Action** DCC Cllr Brooks, Clerk

**1594** The PC agreed to accept the offer from PDC for the Transfer of Begbie field ownership from Purbeck District Council Assets to WMPC. **Action** Clerk

**1595** The PC discussed the opportunity to make a Motion to the DAPTC Annual General Meeting. It was agreed as per the public discussion that the current situation where DCC was both unable to carry out routine maintenance or amenity work due to lack of resources and unwilling to delegate authority to parish councils to do the work needed addressing. Cllrs were concerned that whilst safety maintenance as defined by DCC would be looked into on report by DCC officers via the Dorset for You web site other matters were not being given any priority even when offers to fund them by the PC were made. Routine replacement and reinstatement of a range of minor maintenance items including replacing or reinstating damaged or worn out signs poles, road markings, clearance of weeds, overhanging hedges and vegetation on the public footways were taking months if not years to get programmed. A motion to DAPTC and work by the DCC Cllr should aim that these responsibilities are shared and be devolved to the parish councils who wish to take up. **Action** Clerk

## HIGHWAY MATTERS

**1596** DCC Cllr Brooks stated that with respect to the current local performance issues on DCC Highway maintenance a DCC Members working party was looking into a different system of meeting PC Highway needs. A possible reversion to a previous system of a DCC Planned Maintenance Unit working solely in specific local areas was being considered .Cllrs did recall that past system had its own performance issues.

**1597** Cllrs noted that the lower end of Haycrafts lane still had large areas of shrub and tree vegetation within the public highway grass verge which needed either DCC or their agreement with WMPC to clear. **Action** Clerk

## PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

**1598** The PC noted the reduced height of the fence at HX Poultry Farm development had been carried out following the Planning Inspectors decision and that the new height was much more acceptable. It was agreed to pass these comments on their enforcement to PDC planning officers **Action** Clerk

**1599** Cllrs were concerned at the ongoing state of the Abbascombe Building site with temporary fencing now up for a long period and unauthorised signs on the perimeter , the area was an eyesore being unkempt and unsuitable for this area of the AONB and action should be sought from PDC to clean up the site prior to construction commencing. The PC was aware of the planning conditions for a reptile fence and recovery but little positive action had been seen on site. **Action** Clerk

**1600** A number of items were raised to be referred to PDC planning enforcement. **Action** Clerk

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

**1601** The PC Accounts and Reconciliation 30 April 2018 for 2017-18 previously circulated were noted.

**1602.** The PC noted the comments of Mrs. J. Hardy as Internal Auditor and her agreement to the 2017-18 Parish Council Accounts. Following prior circulation to all Parish Councillors of the Internal Auditors letter and report and the draft Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 Part 3 the Annual Statement and Return for 2017-18. were agreed and signed off by the Chairman. **Action** Clerk

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**1603** Payment of invoices received and checked 2 May - 5 June

ITB Gardening Ltd	£ 780.00	Grass cutting
R Khanna	£ 697.65	Clerk's Salary PAYE, and expenses
WMPC Office	£ 50.00	BT Internet and phone
J D Facilities.	£ 628.55	WM Toilet Cleansing
HXVH	£ 10.00	Hall rental
Came and Co	£ 612.40	Insurance
Morelock Signs	£2874.00	Speed Indicator Device
A R Harris	£ 684.48	WMCP Toilet hand dryers
WMVH	£285.60	Fayre Donation

**1604** Confidential Minute.

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

**1605** Cllr Sandham raised the ongoing access by the Land and Wave company vehicles into the Worth village centre without official permits. Many drivers were simply displaying the NT permit to access the cliffs when a statutory Traffic Regulation permit was also needed to permit access by their vehicles into Worth village. **Action** Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Roger Khanna Parish Clerk

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