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

PRESENT; (Chairman), Cllrs J Burden, I Bugler, R Woolford, R Sandham, R Field, Mrs. C Vosper DCC Cllr and Wool PDC Cllr Ms Cherry Brooks

Apologies for Absence PDC Cllr M Lovell

Declaration of Interest None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were four members of the public present.

1320 Residents raised their ongoing concerns on the continuous nighttime unregulated noise disturbance caused by the large number of evening events taking place at Purbeck Valley farm (PVF). The recent Folk and Love Festivals had given especial cause for complaint due to the increasing scale and impact of the event and the danger arising with departing late night revelers being at risk walking in the Valley road. A most recent wedding reception on site had also been rowdy and very noisy late into the night giving a number of HX residents problems. This site with the large amount of additional activity from Land and Wave hen, stag, and other organised camping events was growing as an unlicensed / unregulated entertainment centre rather than the occasional additional and supportive income use of farmland.

1321 Cllr Woolford had attended the original PDC Licensing hearing and was concerned that these issues and concerns which were raised at the meeting by Cllrs Woolford and Cllr Dragon from both WM and Corfe Castle parishes were and are being dismissed by PDC. A professional noise impact advisory report from a local resident was also not satisfactorily addressed by PDC Officers and Cllrs. The PVF site was in Corfe Castle PC but the sound seriously affected residents in HX which starts just over the parish boundary and in certain wind conditions travels much further afield. Cllr Woolford would try and attend the next CCPC meeting to raise these concerns again for some joint parish action.

1323 Advice given subsequently at the meeting by Cllr Brooks who had some experience of PDC Licensing issues in her ward was that a clear evidence dossier possibly over 2 years of events noise levels, disturbance, and fully documented problems had been necessary in her ward before any action was taken by PDC. Residents should ask for details of all visits and times of noise and other records taken by PDC officers at all the events which took place at PVF in 2017. The Clerk advised again how residents must ensure complaints are sent at the time of concern to both the PDC 'Out of hours' noise service and copied contemporaneously by e mail to the PDC Licensing officer.

1324 Residents of Worth village raised a number of problems arising from events at the Square and Compass and especially Square Fayre. They felt that the event kept growing and large crowds with drinks were now spilling over into the Village Green area. The village had been gridlocked and they considered continuing caravanning and camping were being allowed by the PC to occur at the car park.

1325 Cllrs respecting these residents views were concerned as to any evidence of the scale of feeling on this topic in the village as many people including temporary and permanent residents welcomed the local activity and events at the pub. The car park camping problem was a peak summertime issue and Cllrs and the Clerk had carried out advice and some enforcement to deter and move on campers where practical. There was always a potential for conflict which needed to be taken into account.

1326 Residents welcomed the work of the Scouts in managing the Square Fayre event car parking at the two off street car parking areas provided and asked if this could be extended to informal patrolling in yellow coats to persuading offenders not to obstruct the roads. The PC agreed that it would seek through liaison and agreement with the pub management to see if any public use of the pub rear land area used for the marquees for the previous stone carving event was possible as the front area was packed out with customers. The PC would seek to build upon the work carried out by the Venture Scouts and would investigate the practicality of physical measures to stop access to the overspill car park from motorhomes and large vans.

The Public discussion ended at 8.01 pm

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1327. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 August had been previously circulated. Cllr Woolford 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 meeting Chairman.

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

1328 The previously circulated report on Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings was noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

1329 The Clerk apologised to the PC for the failure to advertise the Casual Vacancy for a Parish Councillor and this had now been rectified. Accordingly the vacancy had not been filled at this Council meeting.

1330 Cllrs noted the previously circulated Dorset Waste Partnership Guide for Councillors and raised a number of issues about productivity, benchmarking and comparative information from other similar authorities. Cllrs felt the number and cost of administrative and managerial staff shown at 70 FTE for a contracted out service was excessive. There was criticism of the performance of the Partnership and other private trade refuse companies who were collecting waste and recycling in Worth village in so many different vehicles on many different days in a week. Performance in removing waste from the WM car park and at HX Open Space was still felt to be patchy

HIGHWAY MATTERS

1331 The PC agreed a letter from the Chairman to the new Leader of Dorset CC on proposals agreed with the two previous objectors for additional Worth village double yellow lines. The PC agreed to meet the advertising costs and noted the Clerk had amended the draft traffic regulation orders to reduce DCC administrative costs. Cllr Brooks undertook to deliver the letter at County Hall as current Royal Mail postal delivery arrangements were so unsatisfactory.

1332 The PC considered that further cutting back of the hedge would provide the necessary improvement to exit sight lines at the WM car park and the contractor would be instructed to carry out this work and some trimming of the overhanging centre trees. Cllr Sandham raised the need for DCC to repair holes in the passing places on the Kingston to Worth road. **Action** Clerk

1333 The PC regretted that further reorganisation of DCC Highways officers was taking place with the existing local area Highways officer moving on with a secondment. It was agreed that a list of outstanding items would be supplied to the new county Councillor Cherry Brooks. Items raised would continue to be logged on 'Dorset for You' highways defects page .

1334 Cllr Woolford highlighted the now seriously overgrown hedging at the top of Springbrooke Close and from Woodlands and adjacent houses which prevented use of the footway with a buggy. It was essential that this continual problem could be addressed by action from DCC to use their Highways Act powers to cut back and recover all costs from the frontagers. **Action** Clerk

1335 The PC considered the WM village issues raised in the public discussion and agreed to seek further involvement of volunteers in assisting traffic and parking arrangements throughout the area on Square Fayre day. A donation of £200 to the Venture Scouts for their work on that day was agreed .The PC would continue to seek additional parking enforcement resources at the few peak periods when congestion and obstruction in the village took place. Cllr Field outlined how he had sought to persuade campers on the parish car park in August to move to the organised site nearby at Weston Farm and Cllr Sandham who had collected throughout August had similarly sought cooperation rather than confrontation with motor home campers on the few days a year this became an issue. The signs stating no caravanning were all in place and civil enforcement could be considered.

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1336 The PC needed parking and traffic enforcement help for a limited number of days a year including Saturday event days in WM and special bank holiday activity days. It was agreed a way forward was to seek some delegation from DCC to Parish Councils to appoint external civil enforcement officers. With the recent exceptional problems in East Lulworth more general support from councils on the Isle of Purbeck for such an appointment system would be forthcoming.

1337 Cllr Brooks noted the complaints about the condition of Haycrafts Lane and the difficulties and potential danger to pedestrians using it from the five summertime camping sites. She undertook to walk it with Parish Councillors and a DCC Highways Officer **Action** Clerk, Cllr Woolford, Cllr Brooks

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

1338 PA 6/2017/0450 Maswick House Valley Road HX BH20 5HV Erect single storey extension. No Objection

1339 PA 6/2017/0445 Caravan and Motorhome Club Haycraft Caravan Park, Haycrafts Lane, HX Construct 15 proposed all-weather pitches and associated works. New retaining wall. Some concern about any possible impact on the AONB of replacement of grass with hard standings . No objection

1340 Tree Works Application Withy Bed WM. The PC agreed the proposed pruning schedule and delegated the Clerk to make the formal application. **Action** Clerk

1341 Cllrs. present noted the PDC October 31 Planning Training day but due to working and other commitments would be unable to attend.

1342 Cllrs noted the caravan and horse trailer were no longer present in the field opposite Roman Barn.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1343 The PC Accounts, Budget and Reconciliation 31 July 2017 were noted.

1344 The PC noted the current 2017/8 Budget and expenditure spreadsheet statements to the 31 July

1345 Payment of invoices received and checked 1 August 2017 to 5 September

ITB Gardening Ltd	£ 761.00	Grass cutting
R Khanna	£ 654.45	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
Dorset CC	£ 480.00	HX Speed and Traffic counts

1346 Confidential Minute.

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1347 Cllrs were concerned that the National Trust had still not taken action in respect of clearing overgrowing vegetation between Abbascombe and the pub by either themselves or their tenants. **Action** Clerk

1348 The PC noted repairs to the pond wall had been completed and a reimbursable invoice was expected. **Action** Clerk

1349 Cllr Woolford recorded the recent theft of the small sum of money left at the box at HX car park and the loss by removal of the green steel door front. It would be very helpful if found to return it to the Clerk or leave at the car park pillar. A new door would otherwise be required. **Action** Clerk, Chairman

1350 The PC noted the government grants through PDC of £50K to Langton and Corfe Castle PC for the administrative work in setting up a Community Land Trust.

1351 Cllrs discussed and recognised a need to consider regulation and restrictions on Events in the balance of the economic considerations from tourism / visitor activities and social and entertainment needs of a rural community especially younger people. Comment was made that Swanage become a ghost town last year through over regulation on the previously thriving New Year celebrations.

The meeting closed at 9.34pm

Roger Khanna Parish Clerk