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WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL  
COVID 19 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2020

PRESENT Cllrs J Burden Chairman, Vice Chairman Cllr I Bugler, Cllrs C Melville, Mrs. C Vosper  
APOLOGIES, Cllr Mrs. L Spencer – Duncan, Cllr Mrs. K Riggs, Cllr R Woolford

#### ADMINISTRATION

**2310** The Parish Council's October meeting notices and meeting arrangements provided for public attendance. One Member of the public attended. No members of the public had raised items for discussion by the PC with the Clerk. In person access was permitted to the hall under the current government guidelines. Full safety procedures as set out in national and local guidance for work use of public halls were followed

#### PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

**2311** This was temporarily suspended due to Covid 19.

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**2312** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 September had been previously circulated. As proposed by Cllr Vosper and seconded by Cllr Melville these were agreed by all Councillors as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman. **Action** Clerk

#### CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

**2313** The Action Points as circulated arising from the last and previous meetings were noted.

**2314** The PC continued to be concerned at the failure of Dorset Council (Highways) to deal with the ongoing water leakage from the BT utility box in Worth village down into the village. This would become a significant safety problem once a cold spell of winter set in. **Action** Clerk

**2315** The Clerk confirmed Dorset Waste Partnership had started the new collections of the relocated and new litter bins and dog waste bins in the HX Haycrafts lane area.

**2316** Cllrs noted that the roadside bin at the bus stop in HX had been recently emptied by DWP.

**2317** The Clerk updated information from SSE Contracting on the 24 September that they were awaiting the supply of the lanterns for the two new Street Lights at the junction of Haycrafts lane and the Valley road A351. **Action** Clerk

**2318** The BT repairs to the BT phone box in WM village had not been satisfactorily completed as there was still a hole in the front door and the inside had not been repainted. BT would be pursued again to complete the works. **Action** Clerk

**2319** In respect of road surface salting for the 2020-21 winter emergencies Cllrs noted the emergency snow plough had been relocated from the closed WM Weston farm to the operational WM Compact Farm. CF was willing to take on this emergency highway clearance work. They needed amendment work to their tractor to be paid for by DC to ensure their tractor had the necessary connection to fit the plough when required for emergency highway clearance work. **Action** Clerk

**2320** The PC noted the proposed Studland ferry fare increases from £4.50 to £6.50 a trip would be examined on 16 November at a virtual Public Inquiry..

#### DORSET COUNCIL; COUNCILLOR REPORT

**2321** No report has been provided and the DC Cllr was unable under CV 19 to attend the in person WMPC meeting at the HXVH. Cllrs reiterated their concerns about the lack of adequate PC representation from their DC Cllr.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

**2322** The PC noted the Studland Ferry fares increase DC /WM Chairmen's meeting on 30 September had been cancelled. A further meeting for the PC's at the next SE Purbeck Group of Cllrs and Clerks on the 9 October would be held with DC in attendance for this item. **Action** Clerk

**2323** The Clerk would be attending the forthcoming virtual Public Inquiry and representing, under his delegated powers, the PC objections into the proposed Studland Ferry fares increase. **Action** Clerk

**2324** The PC noted that the WMPC 2019/20 Budget Return: had been agreed by the External Auditor (PKF).

**2325** The PC noted the 2020 Annual Playgrounds inspection reports were being separately actioned by WMPC and HXVH. The PC agreed to pursue repairs and improvements to the WM playground to include replacement of damaged areas and for a new aerial overhead to run across the playground. **Action** Clerk Chairman

## HIGHWAY MATTERS

**2326** The PC noted that local DC Ward Cllr Cherry Brooks is now paid an allowance as the lead Member for DC Highways (+£10,000pa)

**2327** The PC noted the DC action to move on the longstanding unauthorised and illegal encampment from the Royal Observer post in WM back to Crack Lane in LM. Concerns were expressed that previously it had simply returned subsequently to its previous highways layby site in WM parish.

**2328** The PC noted and fully supported the DC Proposed Amendment to Waiting Restrictions in Worth Matravers village **Action** Clerk

**2329** The Chairman and Cllrs raised again the state of the road down from the Square and Compass to the Worth village Green with the flooding from the BT manhole continuing and a number of defects which needed fixing. **Action** Clerk

## PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

**2330** PA 6/2020/0382 My Time (Previously Renscombe Outdoor Adventure Centre), Renscombe Road, Worth Matravers, BH19 3LL Proposal: Internal & external alterations to existing building. Repairs to roof and installation of photovoltaic panels on the roof of the building. Erect new raised decking. The Worth Matravers Parish Council has no objections to this proposal.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

**2331** The 2020-21 Cash Book Reconciliation. 31 August was noted

**2332** The 2020-21 WMPC Budget 31 August outturn was noted

**2333** Payment of Invoices received 2 September – 6 October

R Khanna	£	817.23	Clerk's salary, PAYE, and expenses
WMPC Office	£	66.50	BT Internet and phone,
J D Facilities.	£	628.55	WM Toilet Cleansing
ITB Gardening	£	836.00	Grass cutting and grounds maintenance
HXVH	£	44.00	Hall Rental
R Woolford	£	48.00	Street signs
N Adams	£	232.80	Playground inspections
PKF	£	360.00	External Audit fees

**2334** The Worth Matravers car park - 12 month moving income totals were noted.

**2335** **Confidential**. Collection of WM & HX Car Park Donations for October 2020 would be by the Vice Chairman and Cllr Woolford.

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## COUNCILLOR RAISED INFORMATION AND OTHER ITEMS

**2336** The Chairman updated the PC on his meetings held with Pegasus Group acting for Mobile phone operators Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited regarding a possible new mast in WMCP. Details of the site were provided for Cllrs .A concern was expressed to ensure the mast would be available to all mobile operators rather than just a single applicant such as Vodaphone **Action** Cllrs Clerk

## DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

**2337** The Chairman reported back on his visit with the Clerk to the Swanworth quarry where they saw the large area of reclamation already completed and in progress. The site and its current area were walked over and details of the current planning applications proposed extension towards Kingston via a new bridge over the footpath were looked at on site. WMPC who support the permanent retention of employment on this site had no objections in principle to this application at its previous meeting on the 1 September. On site the major WMPC issue for the new application would be full safeguarding of a/the pedestrian footpath right of way at all times. The Clerk would update these PC supportive comments to DC Minerals Planners following this meeting. **Action** Clerk

**2338.** Cllr Melville raised the concerns raised with him on the speed of vehicles in Pikes lane in Worth village. Recently there had been a near miss of a child running out of the Withy Bed area into the lane. A potentially fatal incident was avoided as the car was able to stop in time, though if the car behind them had been a bit closer, there were local concerns that things would have turned out badly for the child and vehicle occupants. Residents had indicated to him they would only be too happy to pay for a set of speed humps.. Residents had arranged a meeting with a DC Highways representative who regrettably failed to turn up. CM asked if the PC would pursue a speed limit and look for an access restriction to prevent larger vehicle becoming trapped on this narrow roadway

**2339**The PC was aware of the very odd situation that all the roads in the centre of Worth village had a 60 mph speed limit. Previous attempts to get this reduced had failed as DC stated there was no current problem from their recent speed surveys (which had previously been carried out at the expense of the Parish Council) .WMPC continued to have concerns about the speed of traffic through the village on both sides of the Village Green including past the Withy Bed and the new houses on the LM approach to the village, the state of the yellow lines , and the verge parking as occurred regularly in the summer months. The Clerk confirmed that the PC was willing to pay for some comprehensive area wide upgrading of yellow lines in Worth village as part of the new TRO proposals.

**2340** The ongoing and continuing damage to the bollards outside Rose Cottage and the water leakage by the entrance to the village green were raised again for rectification by DC (Highways). **Action** Clerk

**2341** Cllrs continued to express concerns that the upstand stone by the WM playground entrance had not yet been replaced following its removal by the Bladen occupier's contractor. **Action** Clerk

This Meeting closed at 2020

The next PC meeting will now be at HXVH on 3 November. This would be advertised as Open to the Public to attend and observe and held in compliance with the Covid 19 Parish Council and Village Hall Management Committee Risk Assessments criteria.

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