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WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL  
COVID 19 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2020

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

#### ADMINISTRATION

**2385** The Parish Council's December rearranged meeting notices and meeting arrangements provided for public attendance. No members of the public attended. 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. **Action** Clerk

#### PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

**2386** This was temporarily suspended due to Covid 19.

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**2387** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 November had been previously circulated. As proposed by Cllr Woolford and seconded by Cllr Vosper Bugler these were agreed by all Councillors as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman. **Action** Clerk

#### CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

**2388** The Action Points as circulated arising from the last and previous meetings were noted.

**2389** The Clerk updated that no information had yet been supplied from SSE Contracting on the installation of the new lanterns for the two new Street Lights at the junction of Haycrafts lane and the Valley road A351. The Clerk would pursue SSE again **Action** Clerk

**2390** The PC discussed the standing stone by Bladon WM and all PC present agreed that it should not have been removed, The PC had acknowledged the petition but questioned its relevance as the stone had been removed without prior permission being sought.

#### DORSET COUNCIL REPORT

**2391** The PC considered DC Cllr Brooks e mail representations and others previously received from the Dorset Council Monitoring Officer and which directly led to the cancelation of the intention to hold this PC meeting on the 1 December. Similarly an e mail report and correspondence had been provided by DC Cllr Brooks. Consideration of these items was deferred by Members for future discussion and any required action or response. The Clerk was instructed to liaise with DAPTC and arrange a Special Meeting in January for Cllrs to consider future action in respect of a response to both of these DC items. **Action** Clerk

#### CORRESPONDENCE

**2392** The PC noted the deferral of the Studland Ferry Virtual Public Inquiry 6 January. The Clerk confirmed they would not be directly represented. Further objections in writing to the Inspector supporting Studland Parish Council's objections and highlighting the need for an independently secured Ferry replacement Reserve account would be made following this meeting. With the company history of income received from price increases over the last ten years the need was for no price increase to be approved in the absence of any satisfactory proposal for financing a fully independently protected legal fund for a £ 10 +Million ferry replacement. **Action** Clerk

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**2393** The PC agreed to defer further consideration of this Outline proposal for Worth village playground improvements. to a working group of local Worth Cllrs . They would then be able to involve local Worth residents direct on development of individual items proposed. **Action** Cllrs, Clerk

**2394** The PC noted the resignation of Parish Councillor Karen Riggs. All present were sympathetic to the reasons for her resignation arising from the Covid 19 effect on her Swanage business. The PC wished her better fortune in her necessary relocation to live and work in the Poole area.

## HIGHWAY MATTERS

**2395** The PC noted the continuing lack of effective DC action to move on the longstanding (2018-2020) unauthorised and illegal Volkswagen van and caravan parking which had quickly returned from Crack Lane in LM to the Royal Observer post in WM. The Clerk had supplied to DC information on the available legal powers to ensure enforcement action to remove this blight. No Notice had yet been served.

**2396** After 18 months with Dorset Highways for action an investigation on site by Cllr Melville had now led to the identification of this vehicle. The Clerk had investigated further to confirm the vehicle identity together with its longstanding lack of an MOT or vehicle excise license.

**2397** Although a matter for DC as Highway Authority in the absence of action the Clerk would now contact the Police direct for assistance and the DVLA for enforcement each using their own separate enforcement powers. These it was understood did not include powers for general removal or a requirement to relocate this vehicle both of which responsibilities lay with Dorset Council. . The DC Cllr was again asked to give priority after some 18 months of inaction to getting her DC officers to take the necessary enforcement. **Action** Clerk, DC Cllr Brooks

**2398** The PC rejected proposals by the DC Cllr Brooks that it should part fund certain drainage works on Banks Hill Worth village where surface water flooding out of the road surface had continued unrectified for many months across the carriageway. The PC did not consider the DC proposal would rectify the existing problem and considered that this responsibility to maintain the safe flow of traffic was one solely for DC as the Highway Authority. It was agreed the PC should submit a Freedom of Information request to ascertain what DC had actually done in respect of rectifying this ongoing problem over the past 12 months. **Action** Clerk,

## PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

**2399** TWA TPO/2020/136 Knolldown, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, BH20 5HU: (H1) Cypress hedge-fell;(G1) Oak, ash, hazel - fell;(T10) Sycamore - fell;(T22) Oak – fell TPO Dorset Council (Knolldown, Valley Road, Harmans Cross) (Ref. TPO 507) The PC objected to these proposals . The substantial L shaped hazel hedge over 2m in height was an important landscape feature on land adjoining the highway Similarly the development as approved should have protected adjacent trees as usually required by TPO's

**2400** Cornerstone and Vodafone Ltd TEL/2020/0002 - Worth Matravers Parish Council Car Park BH19 3LF A request for a legal determination of Dorset Council as to whether or not Prior Approval is required for the siting & appearance of a 20m column to support 6 antennas, 2 transmission dishes & 2 equipment cabinets with compound fencing & ancillary development . No comment

**2401** PA6/2020/0451: Rocklee, Worth Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3LF Convert roof space to habitable accommodation including installation of 4 roof lights No objection. The PC was unsure as to why this development required a planning consent as the rooflight works proposed in the roof would not they felt usually require planning consent.

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## FINANCIAL MATTERS

**2402** The 2020-21 Cash Book Reconciliation. 30 October was noted

**2403** The 2020-21 WMPC Budget 30 October outturn was noted

**2404** The PC reviewed the current expenditure, reserves and receipts received in 2020 during the Covid 19 period. The PC decided to make a Parish Council rate precept on Worth Matravers residents at £NIL. This would be the tenth year in a row a £NIL precept was levied by the Parish Council. **Action** Clerk

**2405** Payment of Invoices received 4 November – 8 December

R Khanna	£	720.58	Clerk's salary, PAYE, and expenses
WMPC Office	£	66.50	BT Internet and phone,
J D Facilities.	£	628.55	WM Toilet Cleansing
ITB Gardening	£	362.00	Grass cutting and grounds maintenance
Burden BS	£	88.20	Grounds maintenance WM
HXVH	£	75.00	Xmas tree donation
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**2406** **Confidential**. Collection of WM & HX Car Park Donations for December 2020 would be by the Clerk and Cllr Woolford.

## COUNCILLOR RAISED INFORMATION AND OTHER ITEMS

**2407** Cllr Bugler confirmed the receipt and planting of the gifted but very tiny Woodland Trust trees around the perimeter of the car park.

**2408** The PC noted the removal of the padlock at the gate into the extension of the car park. It was agreed to seek to find out who had removed it and why and to replace it with a new combination lock **Action** Clerk

**2409** The PC agreed to the purchase of a new set of reflectors to go on the fence posts on the entrances and exits to Worth village. Chairman would procure these and erect them where required to maintain continuity. **Action** Chairman

This Meeting closed at 2100. The next PC meeting is to be arranged as a (**Minute 2391**) Special Meeting in January at HXVH 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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