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## **Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Worth Matravers Village Hall on Tuesday 3 April 2012 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT** Chairman Cllr Burden, Cllrs Mrs. J Meates,, R Sandham I. Bugler, County/ District Cllr M Lovell

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**485.** There were apologies for absence from Cllr Hobson and Cllr Field.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There was one member of the public present.

#### **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Burden and Cllr Mrs Meates declared an interest in Agenda Item 7b) Planning applications.

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**486** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 6 March 2012 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Meates proposed, seconded by Cllr Burden acceptance of these Minutes and these were passed by all Councillors present as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

### **CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING**

**487** The PC noted that Mrs Ceri Vosper who was present was willing to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. She was welcomed to the meeting and it was agreed unanimously to her taking her seat on the Council for this meeting.

**488** Details of the current progress of the proposals on the Begbie orchard had been received by the Clerk and these would be progressed with Cllr Bugler agreeing to be the lead councillor for this project **Action** Cllr Bugler, Clerk.

**489** The PC noted the draft proposals for new property location signs for Harmans Cross were awaited from PDC mapping unit. A mock up would soon be available for inspection and display. **Action** Clerk.

**490** Parking permits for Worth Car Park were presented by the Clerk and agreed by the Council. **Action** Clerk to liaise with residents of London Row who had expressed a wish for these permits.

**491** The Clerk reported back on the outstanding Action Points from the Council meeting on the 6 March previously circulated to all Cllrs. The PC noted the response to the MP from DCC rejecting both a new footway in Haycrafts Lane and any additional crossing point facility on the Valley road. It was agreed the letter from DCC should be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bower who had raised the issue at a public question time at a WMPC meeting and to the HX Village Hall Management Committee for their information. **Action** Clerk

**492** The PC agreed to be represented at future liaison meetings at Corfe Castle station with the Swanage Railway but regretted that they were unable to be represented at the forthcoming meeting on the 20 April.

**493** The PC noted that the terms of the Begbie request had been strictly followed so no commercial or non residential tree sponsorship had been sought or accepted. The local organisation whose offer had been raised at the March meeting had however been informed that their sponsorship of future improvement work elsewhere in the parish would be welcome

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 494.** The Parish Council noted with regret the refusal of the PDC Chief Executive to release to the delegated parish councillor the Affordable housing need survey forms. He had stated by letter to the Clerk of 29 March that that such release to the PC would be illegal. It was agreed that the Clerk appeal direct to the Information Commissioner for release of these forms as they had specifically been commissioned for the Parish Council with a covering letter from the Chairman of the PC.  
**Action** Clerk
- 495** The PC resolved that the housing needs survey carried out was inconclusive and unless any further data comes to light on the issue the results provided to date confirm that there is no requirement for additional units to be provided in Worth Village. Cllrs regretted that this survey unlike previous ones did not have sufficient replies to be meaningful, and the results were so inconclusive compared to the previous surveys. The PC considered the requirement demonstrated in the previous survey had subsequently been satisfied by the building of the affordable units at Windy Ridge. These units had recently been occupied. **Action** Clerk.
- 496** The PC discussed the possible provision and funding of a Defibrillator unit for use in the Worth area. It was agreed that further inquiries would be made with the Coastguard service to see if there was a practical local application for such a unit. **Action** Cllrs Sandham, Bugler
- 497** The PC noted the correspondence received following a recent incident on the pathway through Worth Village. It was noted the pathway could be slippery and that a section by the litter bins had sections of tarmac requiring investigation and action. Cllr Burden agreed to look into the matter and possible repairs and maintenance. **Action** Clerk Cllr Burden

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- 498** It was agreed by Cllr Lovell to take up the PC Highways complaint on the report back of the DCC Highways group which was not considered either accurate or a satisfactory response .
- 499** A letter from a local resident thanking the PC for all their efforts on behalf of the area was gratefully noted. She did raise the ongoing problems of the noise levels generated by the road surface on the Valley road at the rise by Moonfleet garage. The Clerk confirmed the noise levels were substantial and had a significant impact especially in the gardens on the lower south sides. It was agreed that the resurfacing of this section of road was a priority which had been flagged up as Item 10(A) in the Parish Plan and the complaint should be followed up with DCC Highways. **Action** Clerk
- 500** The DCC proposals for Parish snow cleaning arrangements were noted and any further consideration deferred until a future meeting. The administration costs and prospective liabilities for the Parish Council of taking responsibility through a local scheme of annual plans and programmes for snow clearing arrangements were of concern .

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 501** PA 6/2012/0148 New Oil tank and enclosure Weston Weston Road WM – No Objections
- 502** PA 6/2012/0200 Erect detached garage Avalon Haycrafts Lane HX No Objection. Concern was expressed that 5 non protected trees could be subject to felling as part of the application as they had been described as within falling distance of the new timber structure. It was also agreed to seek assurance from PDC that no additional light pollution would be created by exterior lighting associated with the new building
- 503** DCC Decision to approve PA 6/2011/0694 was noted. Downs and Southdown Quarries Application to amend condition 18 of consent to reduce buffer zone Downsay Field from 5m to 2m. This was contrary to the PC objection and objections made by County Cllr Lovell at the DCC Planning committee.
- 504** PDC Decision PA 6/2011/0127 Consultation on Application for a Marine licence Navitus Bay Meteorological Mast .District Cllr Lovell reported back that the application had been objected by PDC to on similar grounds to those set out by the WMPC in its response to PDC

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- 505** PA 6/2011/0139 6/2012/0216 Annesfield revised application. No Objections.
- 506** The DCC approval to the Eastington Farm application for stone extraction with 2013 reinstatement was noted.
- 507** The PC was updated by the Clerk on the non determination and appeal proceeding on the new House at Pond View. It was agreed to inform PDC that the previous decision of the PC to recommend refusal was confirmed.
- 508** The Clerk reported back on the outstanding parliamentary initiatives to give PC's the right to appeal against County and District Council planning approval contrary to their specific recommendation for refusal. Information had been sought of case examples where a PC would have wished to use such a facility and it was agreed that two recent refusals one at DCC and one at PDC would be appropriate. These were the above reduction of the safeguarding strip to the SNCI at Downsay fields and the redevelopment of the Craft Centre at Worth. Cllr Meates agreed to lead on preparing the information on the background to the latter setting out the reasons why the PC would have wished to appeal the approval decision of PDC to overturn a previous refusal to consent for change of use to residential. **Action** Clerk, Cllr Meates

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 509** Payment of donations and invoices received and checked March 7 to April 3 2012
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| Mr. R.Khanna             | Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses |
| Burden Building Services | New boundary rail HX Car Park     |
- 510.** Confidential Minute
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- 513** The Summary of PC Budget Income and Expenditure to 31 March 2012 and the histogram receipts for WM car park and HX were noted.
- 514** Cllr Burden agreed to approach the previous year's Hon Internal Auditor to act for 2011-12  
**Action** Cllr Burden

### **PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

- 515** Cllr Bugler raised concerns about the lack of promised action to remove dumped rubbish and tyres at Renscombe car park. This had been there for some time and was attracting further beach and fly tipping rubbish. The identity of persons responsible for some of the fly tipping had been confirmed and it was agreed to pursue these dumping and enforcement issues with DCC who are responsible for the car park . **Action** Clerk
- 516** Cllr Burden raised the need to improve the entrance road into Worth Village by Begbie field. It was agreed to look at a clearance scheme for this side bank area to remove ivy and overgrowth on this the ancient Worde. An estimate would be prepared for the PC **Action** Clerk. Cllr Burden
- 517** The parking issues preventing through unrestricted movement on the north side of the Green were felt to need some attention. Additional restrictions were needed to cover the whole year rather than just the summer months especially to assist larger vehicles seeking necessary access to deliver.
- 518** The PC confirmed that West Burton field was available for use for parking for weddings and funerals being held at the church providing the PC's consent had been given. This was subject to the user taking responsibility and liability for rectifying any damage to the surface caused by parking of vehicles if due to heavy rain the ground was too soft to take the weight. Persons seeking to use the field were to ensure no damage occurred.
- 519** The scarifying out by rain of channels in the pathway down from London Row had created a very uneven surface which needed rectification work to the large ruts now present. DCC were to be asked to repair this way used by many walkers. **Action** Clerk
- 520** The new gateways at Abbascombe were subject to considerable criticism for the workmanship as they had not been erected in line with the existing fence lines but placed in front of the old styles.

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The Clerk agreed to inspect these new gates and contact DCC and the PC footway and Parish Rights of Way officer to seek some improvement as this was an ancient right of way and considerable resources had been used. **Action** Clerk

- 521** Complaints had been made of dogs being loose in West Burton Field and these were reported to have been from Worth House. A number of dogs were present at that location and could easily jump into the playing fields It was agreed to include in the Dubber article a request that all dogs should be under control and not loose in Worth Parish . **Action** Clerk.
- 522** The construction of a new wall internally in Post office cottage was noted with the creation of the new Ice Cream selling area. Clarification over any change of use or requirements for Listed Building consent was to be sought. **Action** Clerk
- 523** Parking issues in central Worth were raised and additional enforcement would at times be an asset to prevent obstruction especially on the tight bends and corners
- 524** The accumulation of a range of large items off the Worth to Langton road at the former Abbascombe Poultry Farm was considered unsightly. Advice from PDC would be sought to see if this was in breach of the planning permission given. **Action** Clerk
- 525** Cllr Bugler would act as Chairman and Cllr Sandham gave his apologies in advance for absence for the May meeting of WMPC.

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm