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**Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross Village Hall  
on Tuesday 1 December 2015 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT Cllr Burden (Chairman), Cllrs, I Bugler, R Woolford, R Field, R Sandham, CC/PDC Cllr M Lovell

Apologies for Absence Cllrs Ms. M Shanks and Mrs. C Vosper

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There were two members of the public present.

**780.** Concerns were expressed on behalf of the residents of Haycrafts Lane about the lack of safeguarding of the AONB by the Planning Authorities at DCC and PDC. These residents, many longstanding, were located on the Lane from HX to Gallows Gore. Over the past 15 years it was felt that the stone quarries adjacent to the lane had vastly and adversely increased their impact on the local community. Areas of slag heaping and earth mounding within the AONB especially where previously open grassland existed were getting bigger and spreading wider. In spite of the original planning agreements no significant reinstatement of excavated areas back to the original grassland had taken place even after many years of works.

**781** Haycrafts Lane was used by many pedestrians as walkers and also by many cyclists. It needed its rural appearance integrity and character and diversity of bushes and trees protected. The Lane was narrow with bends and became increasingly unsafe for pedestrians with large vehicles towing caravans as well as large motor homes seeking access to and from caravan sites off the lane. The number and adverse impact of camping sites on Haycrafts Lane had increased with official and unofficial ones spreading from the automatic 28 day usage allowance. Action was sought from the PC to remedy these problems

**782** The Chairman responded that every effort was made by the PC to seek enforcement by PDC of illegal sites and camping but regrettably some of these activities were now almost established due to the lack of effective PDC Planning enforcement.

**783** On the Valley road this summer severe and potentially dangerous problems were encountered of pedestrians walking to and from Corfe from the camp sites often in the dark without any form of illumination or reflective clothing. A footpath was urgently wanted on safety grounds. Added to this was the growth of numbers, noise and activity at weddings at the Purbeck Valley Farm off the A351 Valley road and the addition of the large folk music event held on that site for the first time in 2015.

**784** The Chairman confirmed the PC was aware of and understood the impact of these issues. Many of these problems were already reported to DCC and PDC regrettably with little positive re action. Cllr Woolford as the local HX resident and Cllr confirmed how it was difficult for him to reconcile his view of excavations and heaps of stones and spoil material on the land from HX up towards Gallows Gore as any part of a National Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Further proposals were being made by DCC Minerals Planners to make this situation much worse with extra extraction sites. It was essential that residents made their views known to DCC as part of the ongoing stages of consultation on the existing and four new proposed major excavation sites in the Gallows Gore and Haycrafts lane area. Residents were encouraged to write to DCC especially in respect of the environmental problems they faced in the AONB arising from existing Minerals sites and to take their concerns up directly with the MP and elected politicians at both PDC and DCC.

The public session closed at 7.46 pm

**Declaration of Interest**

**785** Cllr Burden declared an Interest in Item 6e and was absent for this items

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**786.** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 November had been previously circulated. Subject to spelling corrections Cllr Woolford proposed, seconded by Cllr Field 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

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

**788** Cllrs agreed that the central Withy Bed in WM needed to revert to a more traditional cut back Withy growing area. The existing ongoing maintenance problems of weed and bramble overgrowth had resulted from the lack of local WB gardening volunteers. Discussion was needed with the PDC Tree Officer in respect of the size of the surrounding trees and damage to the bus shelter.

The PC tasked the Clerk with confirming their land ownership and responsibilities for the Withy Bed and Pond area. A future planting and area management plan then needed to be drawn up with Cllrs for local consultation.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

**789** The PC agreed in principle to support a private initiative 'Commemorating the Wreck of the Halsewell and the actions of people of Worth Matravers'. These actions were in saving shipwreck survivors at a time when adjacent communities further up the Dorset coastline were engaged in deliberate and deadly wrecking operations.

#### HIGHWAY MATTERS

**790** The PC noted that orders had been placed by DC Maintenance for a new P sign and bollards adjacent to Cobblers Cottage in WM village. DCC had rejected further new or relocated existing No Through Road signs in Pikes Lane.

**791** DCC Traffic had confirmed their provisional programme included advertising the agreed TRO proposals for WM village area in Jan/ Feb 2016 which subject to public advertisement could be implemented in March 2016.

#### PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

**792.** PA 6/2015/0676 Application for :- Full Planning Permission Erect side extension to existing garage Tabbits Hill Lane (Ash Vale), Harmans Cross, BH20 5HY WM. No objection.

**793** PA 6/2015/0689 Application for: - Full Planning Permission Create new vehicular access with brick pillars from Valley Road to existing drive. Valley Road (Greenacres), Harmans Cross, BH20 5HU. WM. There were some concerns on additional access to Valley road across the existing footway but this access provision and design was a responsibility of DCC Highways.

**794** PA 6/2015/0695 LB Consent Stoneleigh Cottage WM Take down chimney stack and rebuild. No objection.

**795** TWA 6/2015/0196 St Nicholas of Myra Church, BH19 3LQ WMCA **Description:** (T1) Sycamore - south side of tree - reduce lateral branches by up to 2m, north and west side of tree - reduce lateral branches by 2-3m; (T2) Lime - reduce entire crown by up to 3m, remove epicormic growth from base & crown, remove major dead wood, crown lift above footpath & road to statutory heights & crown lift above graveyard to 2.5m; (T3) Lime - reduce entire crown by up to 3m, remove epicormic growth from base & crown, remove major dead wood, crown lift above footpath & road to statutory heights & crown lift above graveyard to 2.5m; (T4) Lime - crown lift above footpath and road to statutory heights & crown lift above graveyard to 2.5m; (T5) Sycamore - reduce entire crown by 3-4m, remove major dead wood; (T6) Hawthorn - remove stem growing towards war memorial; (T7) Sycamore - remove epicormic growth & ivy band; (T8) Sycamore - remove epicormic growth & ivy band. The PC noted that no reasons or justification for these tree works was given in this application which stated under para 8 that there were no tree condition or property damage considerations requiring these TPO protected tree works.

**796** TWA 2015/0197 Valley Road (Upper Downs), Harmans Cross, BH19 3DZ **Description:** (T1) Sweet chestnut - reduce the central stem with rib by 2-3m; (T2) Oak - remove medium-sized rubbing secondary branch on south side of tree; (T3) Oak - fell; (T4) Oak - fell; (T5) Oak - reduce branches overhanging property by approximately 2m; (T6) Oak - reduce branches overhanging property by approximately 2m; (T7) Oak - reduce branches overhanging property by approximately .The PC has concerns about this application as the trees seemed perfectly healthy and would like carefully investigated the stated tree disease and as Oak trees contribute so much to the environment and

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locality and take so long to establish objects to any proposal to reduce overhanging branches where no substantive reasons of disease or damage are given.

**797** TWA 2015/0218 Haycrafts Lane (Oak Ridge), Harmans Cross, BH19 3EB **Description:** (T1) Oak - fell; (T2) Oak - reduce by 3m; (T3) Oak - crown lift by 2-3m. The PC resolved to object to all of these proposals. Inspections have been done by Cllrs who have knowledge of tree works and they consider these works proposed to natural Oak species TPO trees to be unnecessary and unjustified. All trees shed either leaves or small particles over the Autumn /Winter as part of the natural process. Dropping leaves on cars parked below is not a justifiable reason for felling or lopping a mature oak tree. The PC requests that this application be refused.

#### FINANCIAL MATTERS

**798** The PC noted receipt of the Bank Statement/Cash book reconciliation for 31 October and reviewed the annual running income totals from the first 7 months of 2015-16.

**799.** Payment of invoices received and checked 4 November to 1 December

R Khanna

Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses

J D Facilities.

WM Toilet Cleansing

ITB Gardening

Grass cutting

W G Smith

Grass cutting

**800.** Confidential Minute

#### PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

**801** Cllr Woolford thanked the Clerk for his responses to the representations made to the PC on the 30 mph HX speed limit.

**802** Cllrs noted that a revised application for a substantial Affordable Housing scheme in Langton Matravers on the Spyway Orchard site had been made. Any representations to PDC were required by 8 October. It was agreed individual Cllrs would make any representations they considered appropriate

**Action** Cllrs

**803** Cllrs considered and agreed the new ceramic tile for the WM toilet refurbishment. **Action** Clerk

**804** Cllr Lovell had reported to DCC Highways the illegal enclosure of the passing bay by the Downshay Manor access road. It was a criminal offence of the responsible party to enclose the public highway. The Clerk would formally make a report to DCC and DCC Cllr Lovell confirmed he would seek to have these chains and barriers removed by DCC Highways. Action Cllr Lovell, Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.43pm  
Roger Khanna Parish Clerk