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**Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Worth Matravers  
Village Hall on Tuesday 7 February 2012 at 7.30pm**

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

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**420.** There were no Apologies for absence.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There were no members of the public present.

**Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Bugler and Cllr Burden declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 e) Contracts and left the meeting for that item.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**421** The Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 January 2012 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Field proposed, seconded by Cllr Sandham acceptance of the 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**

**422.** The PC noted that following the resignation of Cllr Mrs. Newman a vacancy now existed and a co-optee volunteer would be sought. **Action** Clerk and Cllrs.

**423** It was agreed that Cllr Bugler would lead in respect of continuing the Begbie Orchard proposals and he would liaise with Mrs. Newman to obtain details of the work she had carried out to date in pursuing these proposals. **Action** Cllr Bugler.

**424** The Clerk was requested to contact the HXVHC to inform them of the availability of free Copse trees under the Jubilee wood Initiatives. **Action** Clerk.

**425** The PC expressed their approval for the design of the draft proposals for new property location signs for Harmans Cross. The PC having discussed alternative sites including by the Village Hall and by the Parish notice board and Parish Bus Shelter agreed to seek views via the Dubber on the possible alternative sites for locating these signs. It was agreed to present the final draft proposals at a local venue before they were ordered. The size and sites of the signs would be decided on by the PC once this consultation and the cost of the final design were known. The PC expressed its thanks to Mr. Whicker for all his voluntary work to date on preparing these proposals. **Action** Clerk.

**426** The Clerk reported back on the outstanding Action Points from the Council meeting on the 3 January previously circulated to all Cllrs. The PC noted that no response had been received to date from the Chief Executive of PDC to the Clerk's letter of the 23 January 2012 on Minute 406 regarding the Affordable Housing Needs Survey.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 427.** The PC discussed the clash of dates for the June PC meeting with the extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee now falling on the previous date. It was agreed to change the date of the June meeting to the 12 June at Worth Village Hall. **Action** Clerk.
- 428** The PC noted the letter of 23 January from DCC stating that the necessary funding for Dorset wide Broadband had now been identified within DCC and PDC and that there would be no need for a precept at the Parish Councils to help fund this expenditure.
- 429** The PC noted the recent announcement from the Dorset Waste Partnership on multi authority acceptance of a new waste management contract. The PC endorsed the Clerk's representation in respect of seeking to avoid unnecessary expenditure by retaining existing larger black waste wheelie bins rather than replacing them with smaller ones, not providing the two food waste bins where they were not required at properties already carrying out such waste recycling on site and to ask for a wheeled facility rather than the proposed 55 litre box for moving the heavy glass recyclables. The PC was concerned about existing waste collection problems for holiday homes which could be exacerbated by the new proposals.
- 430** Cllrs noted the Purbeck Core Strategy 2006 – 2027 was to go to a Public Inspector and noted the Dorset Heathland Supplementary Planning Document 2012-14.
- 431** It was agreed not to enter for the competition for the Dorset Best Kept Village competition.
- 432** The PC noted the forthcoming meetings DAPTC 8 February Stoborough VH which the Clerk would attend and the Offshore Wind Farm ENECO exhibition at Swanage Mowlem 21 February 2pm -8pm.
- 433** It was agreed that following receipt of an invitation from PDC that Cllr Burden would represent the PC at the Volunteer of the Year award ceremony at PDC in March. **Action** Cllr Burden.

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- 434** The Clerk confirmed that he had received a holding reply to the PC complaint about the emergency response from DCC following the recent road traffic accident on the Langton to Worth road by Eastington Farm entrance. He advised the meeting on the respective responsibilities of the Highway Authority and others. DCC had indicated they were unable to reply within 28 days but a reply would soon be forthcoming. Cllrs were aware that mud on the road from use of an adjoining farm entrance was responsible for the slippery road. They expressed their concern about the lack of action by DCC in this incident when in previous incidents, on instruction from DCC, mud had been quickly cleared by local farmers using their own vehicle facilities. The costs had then been recharged to the landowner. The PC concern was the lack of any action for 7 days following the original complaint by the Clerk on behalf of Cllrs of a slippery road surface in winter conditions. This was at a location at which a skidding accident had already taken place. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- 435** The hedge trimming work in Worth initiated by Cllrs had been completed and an invoice from the contractor for the work carried out to date would be sought. **Action** Clerk.
- 436** Cllr Burden raised the issue of upgrading the existing wooden finger post signs to Worth and the Clerk confirmed that this matter of improvements taking place as a result of part funding contribution of such low priority DCC highway work by the PC was with DCC Highways for a policy decision.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 437** PA 6/2011/0049 Side extension April Cottage South Instow HX . No Objections
- 438** TWA /2012/0015 The Spinney Springbrooke Close HX. Noted
- 439** PA 6/2012/0072 Tetbury, Springbrooke Close HX Single storey extension. No Objections
- 439** Planning /Enforcement issues/ feedback. No feedback since the last meeting had been given.
- 450** Cllr Burden raised the ongoing issue which needed to be addressed by PDC of the time lag between planning consent, building completion, and the naming, numbering, and post coding of new developments. The position of the new affordable homes with an address adjacent to a road they

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could not gain vehicle access from was a point in question. This was still causing considerable local inconvenience to drivers seeking access and unnecessary disturbance to local residents in the Newfoundlands Close cul de sac. **Action** Clerk

**451** The PC was unsure whether they were meant to be consulted on minor amendments to approved consents. The recent application for Roman Barn dwellings sent to full PDC Planning Board was a point in question where Cllrs were concerned about the size and location of the sheds as proposed in the new application amendment .Clerk was asked to seek clarification on applications for minor amendments\_ to existing consents. Cllr Bugler declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion. **Action** Clerk.

**452** Cllr Lovell indicated that he had been informed that the decision on a new House on Pond View was delayed pending a S106 agreement although he had been assured by PDC this did not mean that a consent was likely to be issued.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**453** Payment of donations and invoices received and checked January 4 to February 7 2012

Mr. R.Khanna	Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses
Mr I Bugler	Grass cutting
Burden Building	Repair of HXD
Dorset Works	Grass cutting

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**456** The Summary of PC Income and Expenditure to 30 January 2012 was noted. The draft Parish Council Budget for 2012-13 prepared by the Clerk was considered and accepted, the Asset register having been noted at the January meeting.

**457** The PC confirmed their agreement to the donation of £50 to WM Village Hall for the Carols on the Green concert and agreed for future years to provide a donation of £50 to each of the village halls in HX and WM in place of supplying each with a Xmas tree. The PC considered a request from HX for a donation of £100 towards the funding of a special event for the Queens Jubilee at the HX village hall. The PC confirmed it would not be holding a Jubilee event and accordingly agreed to similarly make available the sum of £100 to each village hall for this purpose. **Action** Clerk.

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

**458** The PC agreed to continue with the rotating Chairman and Cllr Field agreed to act as Chairman for the March 2012 meeting. Cllr Burden as Vice |Chairman would chair the Annual meeting in April.

**459** The PC reviewed the practical application of the pre meeting Public Discussion period during 2011. It was agreed that wherever possible this 15 minute time should be prioritised to the public to use for their presentation of their issues. Cllrs would respond and assist in the discussion where appropriate via the Chair. Any items raised requiring a decision would be dealt with on the main Agenda by Cllrs thereafter. The previous practice of taking or bringing forward any individual items raised by the public to the beginning of the formal committee agenda was agreed.

**460** The PC discussed the state of the Worth toilets and agreed some substantial work was required to deal with the decoration and damp issues. Concern had also been expressed about the need to ensure clear space was available in the vicinity to reduce any potential fire hazard. **Action** Clerk to investigate and liaise with surrounding landowners.

**461** The PC noted the progress on the Localism Act and the role of the new Neighborhood Plans. These could be prepared for all or part of a Parish to specify areas where for example any new development would be acceptable.

**462** The use of West Burton field for car parking for a local resident's funeral on the 9 February was agreed

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- 463** Cllr Bugler reported that rubbish collecting in Renscome car park was now attracting fly tipping and this was to be brought to the attention of DCC. **Action** Clerk to contact Ms J Penney of DCC.
- 464** The continuing problems on the north side of the Worth Green were to be brought to the attention of DCC highways by Cllr Burden who was currently in discussion with them. These included the blocked highway drain south of the Square and Compass and the ever present potholes on the north side of the green by the Tea Shop. Similarly the blocked top gulley down from the Square and Compass was overflowing and this water causing a danger when freezing in the winter conditions **Action** Clerk to contact DCC highways.

The meeting closed at 9.34 pm

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