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Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Annual Meeting held in Worth Matravers Village Hall on Tuesday 7 July 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr Burden (Chairman), Cllrs, Mrs. Vosper, Ms. M Shanks, I Bugler, R Woolford, R Field, R Sandham County/District Cllr Lovell.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were four members of the public present.

620. The PC agreed to take the National Trust presentation as part of the public discussion period to enable all parties to take part and the NT to respond. Jonathon Kershaw from NT gave a presentation on the growth of organised Climbing and Coastering activities by commercial and other persons. The NT had held discussions with Langton Matravers Parish Council and that had led to the licensing scheme discussed at the previous WMPC meeting. More recently he had met with West Lulworth PC on the problems being created by overspill of up to 50% of the previous Langton Matravers demand onto their area. The Dancing Ledge coastal site was the main objective for firms and the NT was seeking to manage, regulate, license and enforce a new management system ultimately through costly Court injunctions. Any company not following the NT Code of Conduct which included Public Liability Insurance would be warned and may subsequently have any license revoked. JK accepted that this activity was now big business with individual firm's turnover in the area was he estimated to be in excess of £1 Million per annum. JK agreed that there were inevitable spin offs of regulated and unregulated demand toward WM and now Lulworth. The NT scheme would be reviewed in 6 months.

621 Cllrs expressed their concerns about lack of consultation and on the problems being created in WM by the recent NT measures. The NT seemed unaware that coaches used by organisations they licensed were banned by legal order from accessing Worth Matravers village and by the PC from the car park. A coach had recently dropped off passengers to walk down to the coast at Seacombe for coastal activities and then parked in a layby on the Langton to Worth Matravers road. A number had been observed dropping off children and passengers dangerously at the Eastington access off the same road. Concerns were expressed of obstructive parking of emergency access locked gates, used by the Coastguard and local farmer, by these licensed firms. It was agreed that the WM restrictions would be provided to the NT by WMPC and included by the NT in their information to their licensees. JK agreed to write to the firms with details of complaints from WMPC and to confirm that he had done so and any reaction received in respect of undertakings by these companies not to do so in future. **Action** Clerk

623 Cllrs questioned whether the NT had the right to share their own specific access rights especially down the signed private road at Winspit and through the gate to Winspit coast with other private companies carrying out commercial activities at Seacombe and Winspit. The extent of overspill was that on a previously quiet coastal site some 70 people had recently been observed on one day on the cliff face at Seacombe. Many of these had arrived by ignoring prohibition warning signs of the Winspit Private Road and no vehicle access signs to Winspit cliffs and coastline.

624 JK undertook that the NT would fully consult in future with the PC on licensing of coastal activities and any specific proposals affecting WM such as extending car parks or facilities for coaches on or in the vicinity of the WM parish boundary.

625 Issues on NT land in the AONB of excessive heights of longstanding overburden were raised. JK considered the NT was not involved. The overburden arose from deep excavation for accessing specific deep Purbeck stone seams. Responsibility was with DCC as the Planning Authority not of the NT as landowner. Cllrs noted that the specific areas for excavation were directed by the NT and the resultant deep excavation resulted in spoil heaps large enough to have a great and adverse visual impact over a large area of the AONB. The NT should give more consideration to reducing spoil heights by placing overburden in the restoration of previous completed excavations in the same area. This had been shown as practicable by a quarry operator in his recent restoration on the Langton to Worth road. The PC considered there had been much improvement in the landscape through regulation of quarrying since the 1980's and more controls by the NT as landowner of overburden heights would complement these improvements.

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626 A resident member of the WMVH raised the possibility of funding for a defibrillator on the Village Hall wall. The PC confirmed that they had in principle offered support funding to both village halls towards a defibrillator unit and had made a contribution to the one at St Aldhelms Head. It was agreed the Clerk would liaise with previous financial information from prospective suppliers and there was an item later to discuss an offer to provide a mobile signal in WM village. If available this would considerably reduce maintenance and provision costs of providing a land line. **Action** Clerk
The public session closed at 8.24pm

Declaration of Interest
None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

627. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 June had been previously circulated. Cllr Woolford proposed, seconded by Cllr Shanks 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

628The Clerks previously circulated report on Action points arising from the last and previous meetings was noted.

629 The WCPT had asked if the PC would contact the MP and support a letter to HM Government on the recently announced intentions in the Queens speech to include Housing Associations in the Right to Buy scheme. The PC was fully supportive of the need to retain social housing provision but was aware that RTB had given support to personal responsibility for home occupation and ownership in the past. Many people had benefitted subsequently climbing the housing ladder and improving facilities for their families at their own expense. The PC was generally in support of the WCPT position. It would await and consider the Government proposals when they were published for consultation. **Action** Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

630 The PC agreed the contents and the Chairman signed a letter to David Cameron MP, The Prime Minister, expressing their concerns about the visual and economic impact of the Navitus Bay turbine planning proposals on the Parish and Purbeck Jurassic coastline generally. **Action** Clerk

631 EE had made an inquiry as to whether the PC would support a new scheme for improving mobile coverage in Worth Matravers. It was agreed to do so and inform the company of suitable sites for their equipment of approximate size of two suitcases on land within the WM PC or WM VH ownership. **Action** Clerk

632 Cllrs Swanworth Quarry - Annual Parish liaison meeting 16 July. The Chairman confirmed his intention to attend the meeting. **Action** Chairman

633 A complaint had been received from a disabled person in a motor caravan about the height restriction at the Renscombe car park preventing their access. The issue was one for DCC as the Operator to consider this complainant. **Action** Clerk

HIGHWAY MATTERS

634. The PC noted the contracts awarded for CCTV and surface works to include a new foundation in the centre and waste bin relocation did not yet have a start date. **Action** Clerk

635 Cllr Lovell updated the PC that the proposed 30mph for HX was expected to be formally approved by DCC Cabinet shortly. **Action** Clerk

636. The PC noted the DCC scheme drawings and agreed the extension of the existing AAT restrictions and an increase in the limited waiting to one hour. **Action** Clerk

637 The PC noted the outstanding issues with DCC on illegal coach parking and access to Worth Matravers village. These were to be taken up with the Police, NT, DCC, and the Company concerned.

638 The PC noted the Police were developing a Cycling Plan for Purbeck for use by organisations of leisure and competition events.

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PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

639 Cllrs were assisted by a presentation by the Operator of their quarrying proposals in the subsequent consideration of Planning Applications.

640 PA 6/2015/0334 Variation of condition 1 PA 6/2001/400 to allow continued quarrying to 31 July 2033 Landers Quarry Kingston Road Worth Matravers Swanage. No Objection **Action** Clerk

641 PA 6/2015/0335 Construction of new workshop garage and marble store extension of existing workshop alteration of existing workshop to front of quarry relocate quarry entrance including the provision of gated access and parking facilities Landers Quarry Kingston road Worth Matravers . No Objection **Action** Clerk

642 PA 6/2015/0373 Conversion of redundant ROC monitoring post to dwelling WM. The sole drawing reference showed a car parked in the West / East Elevation cross section and a reference in the Design and Access Statement.' A small area will be created for the parking of vehicles '.The site is very prominent and high profile and currently any vehicle which is temporarily parked in the lay byes, which are part of the highway, or on this site visually and adversely impacts on the AONB from many directions. The PC has no objection to use of the underground space as a residential facility subject to screening being maintained of the entrance arrangements. **Action** Clerk

643 The PC was concerned that in spite of requests for a Hearing the Planning Inspectorate had decided to adopt the Written Representation procedure for Abbascombe Affordable housing Appeal APP/B1225/W/15/3028988. This Appeal was from the Developers against the PDC Refusal to grant consent on - PA 6/2014/0599 Land adj. Abbascombe Cottages, Worth Matravers BH19 3LG. (Erect 9 affordable dwellings with associated parking and car ports). The PC agreed a formal Statement of Objection to this application to be forwarded on to the Planning Inspectorate. **Action** Clerk

644 The PC noted the next stages of consultation for the Purbeck Local Plan review. A Town/Parish Council engagement meeting was to be held mainly on possible new Housing site allocations and policy on 9th July. **Action** Clerk

645 The PC noted that the PDC Planning Training Scheme proposals for 2015 – 16.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

646 The PC noted receipt of the Annual Audit 2014 – 15 Preliminary Response of the External Auditor drawing attention to SI 2011 No 817 the Management of Risk through Internal Controls. The PC noted that formal consideration of all such Internal Controls needed to be carried out at least annually and formally minuted. **Action** Clerk

647 The PC noted the response to the advertisement for Expressions of Interest for the WM Toilet improvement and the Clerk would seek further tenderers to enable competition requirements to be met as per Standing Orders. **Action** Clerk

648. Payment of invoices received and checked 3 June to 7 July June 2015

R Khanna

J D Facilities.

ITB Gardening

DAPTC

Vicars

Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses

WM Toilet Cleansing

Grass cutting

Annual Subscription and Training

Sign replacement

649. Confidential Minute

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION` `

650 The PC noted with some disquiet the rapid planning enforcement activity initiated against the large Woodhenge type fun sculpture adjacent to WM Car Park very recently erected by the landowner. It was understood a requirement to remove by September had been made by PDC. This immediate action was regretted as the wooden tree trunk sculpture was felt to be a piece of temporary visual art and was being enjoyed by a number of visitors to the WM car park area. **Action** Clerk

651 Cllrs raised the construction of a new garage building opposite the car park as no planning application for these works had been sent to the PC for comment. **Action** Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.51pm Roger Khanna Parish Clerk WMPC