

7/06/2015

Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Annual Meeting held in Harmans Cross Village Hall on Tuesday 2 June 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 three members of the public present.

595. Members of a local Coasteering and Climbing organisation who had been contacted by a local landowner attended and briefed the PC on these activities as run by their long established local company. They discussed the visitor growth and the impact on their company of the recent NT proposals for managing and licensing the Dancing Ledge and adjoining areas of cliff face and coastal edge. The NT proposed a maximum capacity and a booking system to manage the local impact of organised attendances by themselves and three other companies now meeting this commercial demand. Other individuals groups and organisations including large school parties were also current visitors. They estimated there were at least 6000 visitors for this type of activity in the main summer months with up to 200 at any one time on Dancing Ledge. It was considered these proposals may well extend and disperse demand especially from individuals and smaller noncommercial groups towards East Man and Seacombe cliffs in WM parish. The discussion highlighted that there were potential risks of ad hoc climbing and coasteering use of some of the cliff and coast areas in WM.

The public session closed at 7.57pm

Declaration of Interest

None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

596. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 May had been previously circulated. Cllr Vosper proposed, seconded by Cllr Woolford 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

597. The Clerks previously circulated report on Action points arising from the last and previous meetings was noted. The roundabout scheme at West Burton field was now being pursued with a new contractor for a report back to the PC.

CORRESPONDENCE

598 The PC noted the agenda items for the forthcoming meeting between PDC Chief Executive and Town and Parish Council Clerks.

599 Details of the Further Together Initiative meeting at DCC on 23 June were noted.

600 Cllrs noted the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Circular for elected councillors from the Dorset Police.

601 Cllrs having noted the information provided in the public discussion period expressed their concern as to the lack of any consultation from the National Trust with WMPC in developing proposals for licensing and management of Coasteering and Climbing activities which would affect Worth Matravers Parish. They noted documentation recently supplied to the PC by e mail from the NT showing areas of cliff and coast in the parish which were the subject of the NT consideration. Cllrs were very critical of the failure of the NT to take into account current cliff ownerships and historical issues especially at Seacombe. Ad hoc activities appeared to be increasing with dangerous practices of cliff top roping to unsecured fence posts having been recently observed. The existing vehicle access and parking restrictions into WM village which prevented use of the coaches (vehicles of more than 8 seats) used by these organisations did not appear to have been considered by the NT. The Winspit road down towards the cliffs was a private road and a locked farm gateway also used for emergency access for the coastguard service had recently been observed as blocked by a visiting coach. The PC asked that arrangements be made to obtain an NT representative to attend the next meeting. **Action** Clerk

HIGHWAY MATTERS

602. Cllr Sandham updated the PC on the implementation of the proposals for CCTV and the quotation from A R Harris for WMCP was agreed. The quotation from DWG Smith for surface works to include a new foundation in the centre and waste bin relocation was agreed. **Action** Clerk

603 Cllr Woolford updated the PC on the proposed 30mph for HX and ancillary measures being considered to support Road Safe enforcement after implementation. The scheme would go to the Regulatory Committee meeting at DCC on the 11 June. Cllr Lovell asked that interested parties give notice, attend, and speak in the Public Discussion period in support of these proposals. **Action** Clerk

604. The PC noted the 13 May meeting in WM with DCC officers and agreed the extension of the existing AAT restrictions and an increase in the limited waiting to one hour. **Action** Clerk

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

605 The PC noted that an Appeal APP/B1225/W/15/3028988 had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate against the Refusal to grant consent on - PA 6/2014/0599 Erect 9 affordable dwellings with associated parking and car ports; form new vehicular access. Land adj. Abbascombe Cottages, Worth Matravers BH19 3LG. The PC agreed to pursue with the PI their request that the appeal be held as a public inquiry as the written representation procedure would not allow proper examination and consideration of so many inaccurate and contested statements made by the developer in their appeal statement. **Action** Clerk

606 The PC noted that the PDC Planning Training Scheme offered a 'Setting the Scene' session on 10 June 2.45pm – 4.30 pm .

607 The PC noted PA 6/2015/00211 Application for conversion of Agricultural Barn to domestic dwelling Renscombe Farm Renscombe Road Worth Matravers and PA 6/2015/00212 Listed Building consent for conversion of Agricultural Barn to domestic dwelling had been approved by PDC

FINANCIAL MATTERS

608 The PC noted receipt of the report and sign off of the 2014-15 Annual Account Statement and Return by the Internal Auditor. The Annual Audit Return and the Governance Statement for 2014-15 was agreed and signed off by the Chairman for return to the External Auditor. **Action** Clerk

609 The PC noted the 2015 Pensions regulations and agreed the fete donation to WMVH.

610. Payment of invoices received and checked 6 May to 2 June 2015

R Khanna

Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses

J D Facilities.

WM Toilet Cleansing

ITB Gardening

Grass cutting

611. Confidential Minute

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION`

612 Cllrs raised issues about black bag dumping by holiday visitors in WM at the Green and the WM car park litter bins and asked the Clerk to take this up with any identified properties. **Action** Clerk

613 Attention was drawn to the poor condition of the top style at Eastington and this was to be referred on to the NT. **Action** Clerk

614 Cllr Woolford confirmed a meeting with DCC Highways at 3 June to look at the issue of overhanging and overgrowing grass and vegetation on the Valley road footpaths from the Western end to the Ponderosa. **Action** Clerk, Cllr Woolford

615 The extension of the highway safety scheme using the 400 small reflectors on roadside fence posts now purchased was to be pursued with the landowners. It was not anticipated there would be any objections. **Action** Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.01pm

Roger Khanna Parish Clerk WMPC