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**Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross  
Village Hall on Tuesday 6 March 2012 at 7.30pm**

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

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There were no members of the public present. Mr. and Mrs. Bower gave their apologies but wished to thank Cllrs Burden and Bugler for their work repairing the height barrier at Harmans Cross car park.

**Declaration of Interest**

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

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**457** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 6 February 2012 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk confirmed the amendments received had been incorporated in the revision before the Chairman. Cllr Burden proposed, seconded by Cllr Meates 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**

**458.** The PC noted that following the resignation of Cllr Mrs. Newman there had been no interest expressed in that vacancy. A co-optee volunteer would continue to be sought. **Action** Clerk and Cllrs.

**459** It was agreed that Cllr Burden would liaise with Mrs. Newman to obtain details of the work she had carried out to date in pursuing these proposals. The Clerk would check whether any trees had been ordered for the orchard. The PC would consider how to positively progress and implement this scheme through an organised event once further information was available **Action** Cllr Burden, Clerk.

**460** The PC noted the responses received from the Dubber article and the continuing progress on the design of the draft proposals for new property location signs for Harmans Cross. A mock up would soon be available for inspection and display. **Action** Clerk.

**461** The Clerk reported back on the outstanding Action Points from the Council meeting on the 6 February 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. District Cllr Lovell agreed to pursue with the PDC C Exec this letter and the lack of response. **Action** Cllr Lovell

**462** The Clerk presented proposals for a Worth car park permit for use by residents in London Row and these were agreed. **Action** Clerk

**463** The PC noted feedback from the Swanage Bay Wind farm public exhibition and noted with concern its visual effect on the Swanage Bay and Worth coastlines and its scale as currently the largest proposal for such turbines in the world.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 464.** The PC noted the reluctance of PDC to supply the Affordable Housing Needs survey carried out by PDC for the PC. **Action** Clerk.
- 465** The PC noted the Press Release from PDC on their new Dog Warden service which was to be supplied from an in house officer appointment. Cllr Hobson expressed his concern at this expenditure at a time of cut backs. Purbeck District Cllr Lovell stated he had no involvement in the decision and could not assist. No information was available apart from the press announcement.
- 466** The PC noted the coming opening of the Worth Tea shop which was a welcome addition and indicated that whilst there would be difficulties in any commercial use of the Green itself there may be opportunities around or in the grounds of the Village Hall which may be available in the summer months.

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- 467** A 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 had been received after some 28 days. DCC Highways reported back that following the request for action from the Clerk their emergency contractor had called out one of the DCC operatives who was present at the site within one hour of the Clerk's report. The operative had met on site with the Police who he said were in attendance. The DCC operative had a lengthy discussion with the Police Officer. The operative had stated he then witnessed the discussion on site between the Police Officer and the landowner and as he noted the instruction given 'in no uncertain terms' at the time for the landowner to clear the road of mud he took no further action. Cllr Burden expressed some concern at this report for he had reported the problem of the slippery and dangerous road surface to the Clerk on Saturday midday. He was aware how the Police had left the area some 12 hours before the DCC emergency contactor was notified so how he could have met them was a mystery. The Clerk confirmed that after he had reported the incident he had walked to site and was the sole person present in the area over the next 2 hours. The DCC emergency call centre had however phoned him back 6 hours later to say the problem was mud on the road and that was nothing to do with them. They had refused to carry out any further action as mud was not in their contract. The Clerk had then raised the formal complaint on behalf of the PC. County Cllr Lovell stated he was aware of the concerns expressed to DCC by the Clerk on the accuracy of the DCC report but had been assured it had subsequently been carefully checked and verified by the DCC Senior Highways Management. He would seek an explanation from DCC Highways. **Action** Cllr Lovell and Clerk

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 468** PA 6/2011/0094 Listed Building Consent Lobster Cottage WM Erection of internal secondary glazing – No Objections
- 469** TWA /2012/0032 Notification St Nicholas Churchyard and Church Cottage WM Fell three trees. No Objection
- 470** Consultation on Marine License Navitus bay (£5M) single meteorological mast. The PC formally objected to this application as it is outside the proposed development area being a large structure much closer to the Swanage bay coastline. As a result it will also have additional and unwarranted effects on the ecology and environment of the sea shore from heavy construction and subsequent removal of foundations and structures.
- 471** Planning /Enforcement issues/ feedback. Feedback on responses received on unauthorised work on fields adjacent to the WM car park was given. The removal of the long abandoned digger on the Worth to Langton road was noted

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- 472** PA 6/2011/0139 Post office Cottage internal works in Listed Building .Cllr Burden declared an interest in this late item and left the room. The plans were considered . No Objections.
- 473** Cllr Lovell updated the PC on the non determination and appeal proceeding on the new House at Pond View.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 474** Payment of donations and invoices received and checked Feb 8 to March 6 2012

Mr. R.Khanna	Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses
DWG Smith	Grass cutting HX
HXVH	Hire of Hall DAPTC
Coastwatch	Donation to emergency telephone
PCC	Rent of West Burton field
Kingston Kontractors	Hedge trimming

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**475.** Confidential Minute

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- 477** The Summary of PC Budget Income and Expenditure to 29 February 2012 and the histogram receipts for WM car park was noted.

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

- 478** Cllr Burden raised his concerns about the proposals highlighted in the weekly Rural Digest newsletter to extend Right to Buy to Housing Associations especially where specific affordable consents had been given as in Worth. He was assured by Cllr Meates that the Worth Community Property Trust owned the new houses at Roman Barn in perpetuity preventing this happening.
- 479** Cllr Burden reported back on his discussions with DCC highways in respect of outstanding drainage problems on the north side of Worth Green, They had attended site and jetted out all the highway drains in the area .DCC would be pursuing the resident to clear and connect his land drainage to resolve the issue. If necessary through enforcement action as there was a safety issue in winter of snow and ice forming from the surface water overflow from private property. Concern was expressed that the new Water Board work reinstatement o/s the Tea Rooms showed off the longstanding potholes either side of the reinstatement work and this needed urgent and permanent DCC action.  
**Action** Clerk.
- 480** Cllr Field raised the parking issues preventing through movement on the north side of the Green especially for larger vehicles seeking necessary access to deliver .These were likely to be made worse by construction work and scaffolding access at St Nicholas Court The main problems were on the bends opposite Worth house and these would be exacerbated outside of the restriction which apply 1 May to end October each year, It was agreed this was an issue which needed to be kept under review as to what if any further restrictions on waiting and loading were necessary.
- 481** Cllr Field raised the forthcoming proposal for a single maximum height 15 m height turbine to serve Weston farm requirements There were no objections in principle to this proposal.
- 482** Concern had been expressed by some Worth residents about the proliferation of solar panels facing out from the Winspit Estate causing an unacceptable environmental impact through light reflection. Whilst these concerns were appreciated solar panels in this location are to a large extent permitted development and owners do not need to obtain planning consent .On a listed building they do need listed building consent.
- 483** The meeting was given correspondence in the form of an enquiry about possible sponsorship of trees or the Orchard from a local charitable organisation and the proposal would be investigated. **Action** Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm