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

PRESENT Cllr Burden (Chairman), Cllrs, I Bugler, R Sandham, Ms. M Shanks and Mrs. C Vosper, R Woolford, R Field, DCC/PDC Cllr M Lovell was delayed.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were 11 members of the public present.

855 Residents raised concerns on the lack of Licensing and Planning control by Purbeck District Council (PDC) of activities at Purbeck Valley Farm located just over the parish boundary in Corfe Castle parish (CCPC). Similar concerns had been previously brought to the WMPC and District Cllr Lovell and passed on to CCPC to take up with PDC. Residents stated no action or response from PDC officers had been taken on their past complaints about planning, environmental, and noise nuisance. These problems were now occurring on an increasing number of occasions sometimes into the early mornings. Commercial activities were also growing without any change of use of the site being obtained. They said there were 80 events last year (weddings/festivals) under the 28 day licence. They were also concerned about highway danger from pedestrians accessing and leaving the site as there is no footpath. The adverse impact on local residents was not being considered by PDC. Late night noise and disturbance was experienced across the Harmans Cross area. It was reported that complaints about this site were also being misdirected to the local village hall (HXVH) which operates strict control over finishing times for its weddings and music events. The residents were encouraged to write to PDC and take their complaints and speak direct to the next PDC Licensing Committee on the 3 March in the Public Question Time session. Representations would be made by WMPC direct to CCPC. It was also agreed to refer these complaints on to Cllr Lovell as their PDC Cllr who was delayed and not present for this item

Action Clerk

The public session closed at 7.50pm

Declaration of interest

Cllr Sandham took no part in the discussion on item 7 c

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

856. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 February had been previously circulated. Cllr Vosper proposed, seconded by Cllr Bugler acceptance of these Minutes subject to alteration of Minute **830** from approximately 45% to read 4 out of 9 and these were passed by all Councillors present as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

857 The previously circulated report on Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings was updated by the Clerk and Chairman and noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

858 The PC considered a request for a donation to the running of the Purbeck Film Festival. This was not approved. Cllr Sandham agreed to check the Charities Commission accounts and report back if he considered the decision should be revisited.

859 The Clerk reported back from the Dorset (Purbeck) Area Parish and Town Councillors meeting on the 24 February. Concerns were expressed by Parish Councillors about PDC Officer led decisions on Planning and Housing development matters. Despite re assurances from Government Ministers that total demand for new housing in Local Plan Reviews should be bottom up generated this was not happening in practice. Cllrs stated that Top down econometric model data was unchallenged, accepted and promoted by PDC Planning and Housing Officers for inclusion in the Purbeck Local plan LP Review. DAPTC was asked to seek an urgent clarification meeting with the responsible Cllrs at PDC in early April.

860 Parish Cllrs were also concerned about the changes to the policy on Affordable Housing definitions. These Policy matters did not appear to have been considered by Purbeck Councils elected Cllrs before

being implemented by Officers. The unchallengeable nature of 'Confidential' data used by Purbeck Officers for agreeing housing demand and site valuation was a further source of concern.

861 The Clerk reported from the Purbeck Transport Action Group meeting on 25 February. £120 K a year is being spent by DCC manning a cabin by the foot crossing by Wareham station from which the trains are not easily viewed. There is no alternative route for disabled pedestrian or child buggy /pram access across the railway line. Surface level automatic barriers used elsewhere or lifts were refused by Network Rail as the station is not attended 24/7. A ramp scheme was recently refused planning consent by PDC and the high level road bypass bridge crossing is inaccessible as it was built by DCC with no footways. A new TV face screen ticket purchase service machine directly linked to a permanently manned station elsewhere will shortly be trialed at Wareham station.

862 The Swanage Rail service to Wareham was delayed another year to 2017 as the wheels of the diesel units to be used needed work. This can only be carried out in Italy as UK firms with the necessary skills and equipment have full order books.

863 £500K a year in Bus service cuts had been agreed by Dorset CC removing the occasional weekday bus routes across Dorset. A scheme to use school buses to carry passengers on spare capacity was being trialed. A number of existing school bus services serve or pass through Worth and Langton Matravers and pass along the main road through Harmans Cross. Spare DCC mini buses from social services etc. were to be made available for developing by communities into Accessible local Community Transport facilities mainly for older or younger teenage residents in villages and communities who are isolated without car availability.

864 Concerns were expressed about a repeat of 2015 local area Bestival chaos around Wool BR station. This was caused by the organisers of the weekend festival promoting in their advertising railway access via Wool station with no connecting public transport availability. PDC Licensing Authority had not yet addressed this issue for 2016. Reports from 2015 highlighted problems of the numbers of persons left at the railway station due to lack of sufficient taxi / public transport facilities from and to station to the Bestival site some 4 miles away.

865 Surface water is lying on Shore road due to poor resurfacing levels and this is still unrectified after many months by DCC Highways. Pedestrians and bus stop users on the sole available footway were regularly splashed by traffic moving through large kerbside puddles. Swanage Cllrs agreed to investigate and pursue action and reported that the beach work would be completed by the end of March with the beachside footway then reopened.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

866 Cllr Woolford updated the PC on concerns about highway drainage and potential property flooding caused by carriageway edge damage on Tabbits Hill Lane. This was caused by large vehicles overrunning the grass areas and pushing soil into the drainage ditch. Cllr Lovell agreed to arrange a site meeting with the relevant DCC Highways Officer and Cllr Woolford. **Action** Cllr Lovell Cllr Woolford

867 Work was still outstanding as previously set out on site by DCC to relocate 50 mph signs and yellow markings on the approach to the HX 30 mph limit from Corfe Castle. Cllrs noted that Police Enforcement had recently been taking place with an unmarked car stopping a number of speeding motorists.

868 Continuing concerns were expressed about the poor state of the local and main road carriageways in the area. The large surface deterioration by the Swanage Free School had remained for a long time although white spray paint markings around the problem area had recently appeared.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

869 PA 6/2016/0013 Erect 9 affordable dwellings with associated parking and car ports; form new vehicular access. .Land adjacent Abbascombe Cottages, Worth Matravers, BH19 3LGPA. The detailed response prepared by the Clerk from input and consultation with all Cllrs was approved. A request should be made for a site visit to be organised by PDC for the 5 new Cllrs on the PDC Planning Committee

870 PA 6/2016/0043 Application for: - Full Planning Permission Other Development Erect single storey extension with decking, erect porch to front elevation and internal alterations. North Instow (Paxfield), Harmans Cross, BH19 3DT. No Objections

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871 PA6/2016//0073 Demolish existing utility room and rebuild larger one Barrow Lee Tabbits Hill Lane Harmans Cross BH20 5HY Haycrafts Lane. No Objections

872 PA 6/2016/0094 Application for :- Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) Confirmation that actions set out on drawing 11106-75 will constitute a material commencement of building operations approved under planning permission 6/2013/0331. Pikes Lane (Pond View), Worth Matravers, BH19 3LQ. There was no evidence of any building works having started on this site.

873 TEL/2016/0002 Application for: - Harlequin Group Ltd Openreach broadband cabinet Renscombe Road (S/O 1), Worth Matravers, BH19 3LL. The cabinet location was noted

FINANCIAL MATTERS

874 The PC noted receipt of the Bank Statement/Cash book reconciliation for 31 January 2015.

875 The PC noted the current cashbook annual account status at 1 March excluding income banked for February 2016. Details of all expenditure to date on each of the budget headings and an explanation on the significant and additional expenditure items including the WM Toilet refurbishment was provided and noted by the PC.

876. Payment of invoices received and checked 3 February to 1 March 2016

R Khanna

Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses

J D Facilities.

WM Toilet Cleansing

ITB Gardening

WM Grass cutting and tree works

Burden Building Services

WM Toilet refurbishment invoices

A R Harris

WM Toilet electrical inspection report

Dorset CC

HX Open Space grass cutting

877 The PC noted that the contractor had substantially cut back the hedge surrounding HX car park and was informed he had now banked the outstanding cheque issued by the PC in December.

878 Cllrs noted the HX Car Park donation box had not been easy to repair satisfactorily after the last vandalism damage. It was agreed the Chairman and Cllr Woolford would liaise to implement a fit for purpose risk management repair and collection strategy. **Action** Chairman, Cllr Woolford, Clerk

879. Confidential Minute ..

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

880 Cllr Sandham reported back on meeting the Police and Crime Commissioner on his recent Swanage visit. The P& CC agreed to find out why the request from the PC to his Office for details of which crimes the Police would investigate had not yet been actioned. He acknowledged he needed to meet the P&TCs and a venue arrange by his office in Corfe Castle would be appropriate.

881 Cllr Bugler relayed a suggestion that the PC place solar panels on the WM Toilet roof. It was agreed that the site with its orientation, overhanging trees, and low site electricity usage would not be a value for money capital investment for the PC.

882 The Clerk was instructed to investigate the land ownership of the hedge boundary to Begbie field as an inquiry about hedge trimming by the PC had been received. **Action** Clerk

883 Cllr Woolford raised the increasing height and adverse impact of the large spoil heaps at the Gallows Gore Quarries. These were now 'Everest like' in the AONB as viewed uphill from HX or from the surrounding residential properties. These complaints should be investigated and passed on to the DCC Planning Officers responsible for monitoring the quarries, and their existing planning consents and conditions. **Action** Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

Roger Khanna Parish Clerk