

24/06/2021

**WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL
COVID 19 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES 1 JUNE 2021**

Present, Chairman Cllr J Burden Vice Chairman Cllr I Bugler, Cllrs R Woolford, C Melville, Mrs. C Vosper, Dorset Councillor Mrs. C Brooks

In attendance Dorset Councillor Nocturin Lacey- Clarke

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mrs. L Spencer – Duncan,
22 members of the public

Declaration of Interest. None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

2543 The lack of a footway in HX around the Poultry Farm area was again raised. A resident presented the ongoing and specific problem of crossing the A351 through Harmans Cross for a newly arrived resident's child. There are ongoing dangers for her from having to make multiple crossings to get to her school bus stop each day due to the missing section of pavement. DC Cllr Brooks stated she would now pursue this matter as the estimate he had been told for provision given by DC Officers was in excess of £480k.

It was noted that the Portfolio Holder DC Cllr Ray Bryan had agreed he would be meeting the HX Cllr Woolford on site at a future meeting the next day.

2544 A petition had been received about the Church Fields Standing Stone and residents had raised multiple environmental and proximity concerns mainly about the proposed zip wire for consideration as part about the proposed playground improvements in Worth village. They subsequently attended a special on site meeting in WM with the Chairman, Cllr Vosper and the Clerk on Sunday 30 May. These comments were noted and would be considered by Cllrs in the subsequent Agenda items

2545 A number of residents came to express concerns and objections to any proposals for a combined pedestrian / cycle way on the Poultry Farm side of the A351 road through HX .which has no footway. DC Cllr Brooks stated she would now pursue this matter as the estimate she had been formerly told for provision given by DC officers was in excess of £480k.

2546 Cllr Brooks was accompanied by a fellow DC Cllr Nocturin from Blandford whose behaviour was exemplary including making an apology during the Public Discussion time period for turning his back on the Parish Council to carry out his own separate discussions with residents.

Public discussion ended at 2005

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2547 The Minutes for the 11 May meeting were formally accepted as proposed by Cllr Vosper and seconded by Cllr Melville. These were agreed and signed by the meeting Chairman as accurate records of their decisions and communications.

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

2548 The Outstanding Action Points arising from the last 11 May and previous PC Meetings and Briefings had been circulated and were noted with the Clerk giving an update where appropriate. **Action** Clerk

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DORSET COUNCIL; LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT

2549 DC Cllr Brooks local did not provide a written report. Her verbal one firstly covered items previously circulated to all Cllrs in the DC weekly report and include such items as the total Covid 19 deaths in Dorset (Nil)

2550 Cllr Brooks asked that as their DC Cllr she and the PC should now move on with a new start following this, the first meeting she had attended, in over a year. She stated she would be attending all future meetings. She would insist that the missing footway section in HX would be on list to be looked at again with involvement from the DC Road Safety Team. She confirmed an increased Highways budget was agreed from the government for special schemes and projects

2551 She stated that new parking restrictions were now in place in Studland but was uncertain what the no parking between the yellow lines signs referred to. She stated DC Tow away enforcement powers were restricted to Studland and Lulworth Cove.

CORRESPONDENCE

2552 Following the public discussion on the Worth village playground improvements, the Chairman confirmed the proposed Zip Wire would be excluded from the current proposals. The three remaining items for would now be subject to detailed discussion with the manufacturer and installer and local liaison with residents in close proximity and potentially directly affected. **Action Clerk**

2553 The PC noted in respect of the request for publicity of the Universal Credit Information <https://www.jobcentrernearme.com/universal-credit/tha> that this would be in the Minutes, on the web site report, and displayed in the Dubber article. **Action Clerk**

2554 The Clerk reported his concerns about the failure of a Dorset Council Environmental Health Officer to take up complaints from the PC as received from WM village residents on the 6 Abbascombe WM exterior lighting. This DC Officer had stated only individuals could make such complaints to their office. The Clerk had noted some 50 uplighters in the surface of the driveway with many others surface mounted elsewhere. These had been animal actuated in the night to the great distress of a number of residents opposite. The Clerk had visited after 10.00pm but at the time these were not switched on and the property possibly a second home or BTL was empty. **Action Clerk**

2555 Cllrs raised issues about a previous DC Dark Skies policy which Cllr Brooks stated DC was still looking at. The Clerk would raise this with the MP who regularly takes up individual complaints on peoples behalf.

2556 The 5G Rural Dorset Project - Worth Matravers Car Park SSE CCTV damage was still outstanding with a site visit for repair scheduled with the PC CCTV provider for 24 June. It was subsequently confirmed that the signal would go live before 4 June. Cllrs were still concerned as to who was entitled to use this facility as this was not yet clear whether that other companies than Vodafone could place their equipment on this mast The Chairman confirmed that from his on-site check the drainage pipe across from the entrance did not appear to have been severed by these works. **Action Clerk**

2557 The Clerk formally noted receipt of the Petition regarding footpath standing stone in Church field Worth village. He reported these type of stones had great historical significance across rural England often being in situ over 200 years. 5 remained in Worth one needed re-erection. It was agreed the Clerk would review the design to see whether the retained stone could be designed into a future facility to ease up passage for pedestrians past it whilst still deterring dogs from a free run into the childrens play area. **Action Clerk**

2258 Cllr noted the Invitation to Swanworth Quarry Liaison meeting 15 July 1700 with Cllrs to confirm attendance. The Chairman confirmed attendance **Action Clerk**

2559 The PC fully supported the current campaign to retain the Swanage Paramedic car.

2560 The PC noted the receipt of a card prepared by children of the Corfe Castle playgroup thanking the PC for its generous £1000 donation towards supporting that organisation.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 2561** The PC noted progress was being made on the proposed Worth village TRO with a PC contribution to new road markings. On site work for implementation of these restrictions was expected before the end of July
- 2562** Cllr Woolford gave a report back on the meeting he had held with the Clerk with a DC Highways Officer on the morning of 1 June 2021. Occupiers managing the caravan site off Haycrafts lane were very concerned about drainage issues at the mouth of their access. This had resulted in water running off from the road into their site and flooding up to 4 pitches. This made them unusable. On site it was noted how an existing road gully was located on the uphill side of the campsite entrance with ponding forming lower down and overflowing into the campsite. These problems were caused by the culverting across the site entrance of the previous drainage ditch. It was agreed this would be separately investigated by the DC Highways Officer
- 2563** Issues of general concern were the state of Haycrafts lane with many ruts potholes and surface irregularities causing problems especially for the large caravans towed into/ out of their site.
- 2564** The DC Officer would subsequently mark up all defects he had noted from the long list previously provided to him by Cllr Woolford for the whole of the WM and HX Parish area.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

- 2565** Tree works application TPO/2021/044 - Oak Hill, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, Swanage T1 Maple - Crown raise to 6m above ground level. T2 Maple - Reduce by 3m. **No objection**

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 2566** The Cash Book Reconciliation. 30 April was noted
- 2567** The following invoices received 12 May to 1 June were agreed and certified for payment.
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| R Khanna | £ 722.66 | Clerk's salary, PAYE, and expenses |
| WMPC Office | £ 66.59 | BT Internet and phone, |
| J D Facilities. | £ 628.55 | January WM Toilet Cleansing |
| ITB Gardening | £ 880.00 | Grass cutting and grounds maintenance |
| DAPTC | £ 259.14 | Annual subscription |

2568 Confidential

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

- 2569** Cllr Bugler raised concerns about the lack of use of the WM car park central refuse facilities. The gateway bin was often overflowing with side dumped rubbish whilst the former were largely empty. The Clerk would investigate additional signing. **Action** Clerk
- 2570** Cllr Bugle reported damage to the height barrier which unfortunately due to the CCTV damage could not be followed up with the culprit
- 2571** Cllrs raised the issue of overnight parking from the new WM Shepherds Hut users. Cllr Woolford agreed to liaise with the owners to organise payment for a permanent annual parking permit for these two units as elsewhere offered in the Worth village centre **Action** Clerk Cllr Woolford
- 2572** The Clerk reported that following the last meeting item a voluntary donation of £100 had recently been made by Harrison and Wilson building contractors to cover their vehicles parking up all day and an occasional vehicle overnight. This had been acknowledged with thanks.
- 2573** Cllr Woolford raised again the dangerous state of the junction of the A351 and the Langton Hill as with restricted visibility from van and bus vehicles it was very difficult to get a clear line of sight of oncoming vehicles. The junction needed re configuration of its islands rather than to just ban the left turn
- Meeting closed 2105hrs

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