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## **Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Worth Matravers Village Hall on Tuesday 5 August at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT** Cllr Burden (Chairman), Cllrs, Mrs. Vosper, Ms. M Shanks, R Sandham, I Bugler, R Woolford

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**308.** Cllr Field.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There were two members of the public present.

**309.** A resident raised the impact of the future heavy goods traffic movements from the California rig extraction site. The Clerk confirmed that the PC had made comments on this issue with Corfe Castle PC at the time of the planning application. This application had been approved by PDC some time ago.

**310** A resident raised the recent traffic and highway obstruction problems especially into the evening and late night on the weekend of the 2 August. The roads in Worth and especially on the entrance from Langton were blocked by inconsiderate parking. There would have been serious problems for any emergency fire or ambulance service vehicle seeking to access properties in the village. Concerns were expressed on a range of management and environmental issues caused by the large number of visitors to the Square and Compass and the music events held there.

**311** The Chairman confirmed he had personally been blocked out of the village on the Langton road approach and had phoned Dorset Police. After waiting some time for a response he was informed they were aware of the complaints. The Police stated they were very busy and their observations from, it appeared a number of drive past trips, had indicated there were no serious enough obstruction problems to warrant Police action. DCC and not the Police was responsible for parking problems. There is no service currently available in WM from DCC for enforcement in these out of hours and weekend periods. There was a full discussion on the wide range of traffic and parking issues generated by visitors to WM on the roads and in the car park in the summer and school holiday periods.

The public session concluded at 8.02pm

### **Declaration of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**312** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 July had been previously circulated. Subject to correction of venue Cllr Vosper proposed, seconded by Cllr Sandham 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**

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

**314.** The PC noted that 16 residents of the parish had not responded to repeated e mail, letter or Dubber requests regarding their donations for the trees they had requested planting in the Begbie Orchard. The PC decided that one further contact should be made to those on e mail and a note placed in the September Dubber that these trees would be made available for reallocation to other interested residents if no response was received by the end of September. Action **Clerk**

**315** The PC noted the report of the WM Rights of Way Officer who had looked at all the issues raised at the last meeting. The problems at styles on the quarry footpath and Worth to St Aldhems were reported to DCC and the overhanging vegetation on the coastal path from Worth down to Seacombe Valley and to St Aldhems were for the NT to deal with.

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A complaint had been received of the path from Chapmans Pool to Renscombe having been ploughed over and observations had confirmed this had occurred .The path had now been re-established by public footfall. Action **Clerk**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**316** The PC considered an approach from the Community Safety Officer at PDC in respect of 'Uninvited' doorstep traders. It was agreed that there were no specific roads or areas where this was a problem

**317** Mike Gough of Leesom House reported on their use of the WM car park by their 4 mini buses all of which have a permit from DCC to enter Worth. LH operate on a one way trip basis dropping parties at one end and collecting at the other approximately 3 hours later . The WM car park is used as a safe collection and dropping off area. The problems of no mobile signal makes contact with the school parties more difficult in terms of planning arrival and the length of stay at WM. Cllrs referred to the recent problem in June of obstruction of car parking spaces by coaches preventing movement in the car park. MG confirmed that all Leesom House drivers would ensure that coaches were parked carefully even when simply picking up or setting down .The PC agreed to permit these 4 vehicles to use the WM car park and that the Leesom House would contact the Clerk by e mail to inform him of their vehicle registrations and any future use .

**318** The PC considered a request for use of the WM Green for a Benefice service on the 31st August. The organisers indicated there will be approximately 30 people attending the service and there may well be music in the form of a guitar, or keyboard, with hymns being sung. The service is planned to take place at 10am and will last approximately 1 hour. The Green is to be used as outdoor services draw a congregation of people who would not necessarily come into a church. The last two have been very successful. The PC noted that parking will be offered at West Burton Field or drivers advised to use WM car park. Any organiser on the WM Green must carry their own public liability and personal accident insurance. Cllr Bugler confirmed he had informed the organisers of need to physically separate parking from runners in a race taking place through W Burton on the footpath on the same day. Action **Clerk**

**319** The PC confirmed that it would meet the Clerk's and Members administrative expenses incurred as part of any attendance and representation as an Interested Party in the Navitus Bay Planning Inquiry. This is to be held in Bournemouth from September 1. The PC understood that the developers had now accepted the quality of Dr. Langley's technical and graphical representational work on the visual and other impacts of their proposals. The PC thanked him for all his efforts and considerable work to date on this large and complex planning application. Action **Clerk**

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**320.** Cllr Woolford confirmed that he was unaware of any change to the DCC 2014 – 15 Highway programme on the proposed HX 30 mph limit with gateways. He was aware of some fuchsia bush encroachment towards the Valley Road footpath by Silver Mist. The PC noted with regret how the Southern Gas connection works to recent development on the Poultry farm site had not been coordinated with the resurfacing programme. SG had opened up the carriageway soon after the resurfacing of the road.

**321.** The PC agreed a specification for clearance and improvement work in Worth Village was necessary. The Clerk confirmed that the contractor for the Begbie Field bank works had been instructed.

**322** The PC noted the recent WM meeting on 16 July with representatives from DCC Highways. DCC had requested the PC obtain approval to site the no through road sign on the soft frontage towards the pump by Happy Cottage. DCC were uncertain as to who was responsible for the edge strip by Cobblers Cottage and were seeking more information. Similarly DCC agreed to relocate the car park direction sign to opposite the Egg and finger post signs. They would seek an estimate for the footway build out in Pikes Lane requested by the PC. DCC had been informed that the PC was prepared to contribute to the costs of work in the highway which may not otherwise be given priority. Action **Clerk**

**323** The PC discussed the issues raised in Public Discussion period on the problems of traffic, coaches, street parking, obstruction, and overnight camping in WM car park. The PC agreed in principle to a quotation from A. R .Harris for the CCTV works .It was concerned that these works should not take place in isolation. The PC needed to decide in the first instance the security, management and administration objectives with a clear set of enforceable rules for use of the car park. These needed to balance the problem and any consequences. Action **Clerk**

**324** The PC agreed that a strategic highway and parking management plan for all of WM village needed to be produced after discussions with interested parties such as PDC, DCC, Dorset Police and the local businesses. Expenditure and a timetable would then be agreed for actions. The objectives needed to be comprehensive and the alternative means of achieving them such as the practicality and availability of external enforcement contractors fully investigated. Early discussion should be initiated with the Square and Compass on alleviating the impact of major and music events. DCC would be pursued regarding existing and proposed waiting restrictions and the possibility of a Service Level agreement for traffic enforcement out of usual hours. Action **Clerk**

**325** Cllrs had attended a meeting in Langton on 16 July which had discussed the impact of the numbers of business mini bus and coaches now parking at National Trust free car park by Langton House and in the surrounding approach roads. Proposals had been tabled by the NT to increase the car park and improve access but these were felt locally to be increasing business use rather than controlling it. Some of these firms also use WM car park without a permit. The PC agreed the problems of coach and overnight camping especially in vehicles in unsuitable areas should be raised for discussion at the next Chairman's meeting with the Leader of the Purbeck District Council. This is a problem across the Isle of Purbeck which was being considered piecemeal by different authorities outside any formal and comprehensive Planning or Highway Management policy. Action **Clerk, Chairman**

#### **PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS**

**326.** There were no Planning or Tree Work Applications referred to the PC since the last meeting

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**327**The PC formally noted the External Audit confirmation of the Annual Return for the 2013-14 accounts

**328.** The PC noted receipt of the Parish Council Accounts Reconciliation to 30 June 2014, the Cashbook Summary and the Budget Statement report up to the 30 June.

**329.** Payment of donations and invoices received and checked 2 Jul to 5 August.

R Khanna

Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses

J D Facilities.

WM Toilet Cleansing

ITB Gardening

Grass cutting

PDC

Planning Training

Burden Building Supplies

Premises repairs

BDO

External Audit fee

**340.** **Confidential Minute**

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

**341.** The PC noted concerns expressed about the play equipment at W Burton field which had recently been externally and independently inspected. The Chairman would take action. Action **Chairman**

**342.** The heavy pedestrian usage this summer of the new kissing gates and styles on footpaths in WM was causing maintenance problems and these were to be raised with DCC Rangers responsible. One example was the gate at East Man and the pair opposite one another on the road to Abbots way

**343** Cllr Woolford informed the PC of residents' concerns which were being expressed to PDC about the lack of planning enforcement at the Sunny Glades site off Haycrafts lane. Action **Cllr Woolford**

**344** The Chair and Vice Chair as PC representatives were unable to attend the meeting of the WCPT on the 11 September as it was being held in working time at 1630. Representations had been made that these meetings are held later in the evening.

**345** The PC noted that boundary road hedge growth was causing obstruction as DCC had cut back edge vegetation at the lower verge level. Cllr Bugler agreed to obtain a quotation for an additional hedge high level cut on WM local roads. Action **Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Roger Khanna Clerk WMPC