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

**PRESENT** Cllr Burden (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs. Meates, R Sandham, I Bugler, R Field, R Woolford

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**988.** There were apologies for absence from Cllr Vosper.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There were twenty members of the public present.

**989.** Many residents from HX attended to voice their ongoing and substantial concerns about traffic pedestrian and safety problems arising from the high volumes and speed of traffic on the Valley road between Corfe and Swanage. Residents welcomed the new road surfacing as smoother and much quieter but regretted that the works were incomplete as the white lines had not yet been replaced. Road signs warning of the cross roads were obliterated by overgrowing vegetation which also forced pedestrians out towards the constant and often heavy traffic. Residents felt that DCC Highways had not grasped the bigger picture of the growth of the speed and volume of traffic on this main road. The HX settlement had many side turnings and access points serving individual and up to 20 houses with poor visibility of fast moving traffic. Residents felt no attempt was being made by DCC as the Traffic, or the Police as the Enforcement Authority, to control speeds and improve pedestrian facilities. Residents of all age groups raised concerns from the difficulty of crossing a road with no pedestrian crossing points to catch a school bus, to those of older age groups, who were longstanding residents in the village, coping with up to five crossings of a road at points without dropped kerbs for wheel chairs, prams, or push chairs, to reach the village hall. The recent four accidents on the Valley road showed the need to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph. The PC was asked to raise these policy and practical issues for future action with the County Councillor Mike Lovell and with the new Dorset Police Commissioner Martin Underhill.

**990** Traffic speeding and parking issues in Worth village during the summer period arising from events at the Square and Compass pub and the Weston Farm summer camp site were raised with problems of obstruction to emergency vehicles by parked cars. The PC was asked to seek a parking enforcement service from DCC to deal with these matters. The need to stop overnight camping vans in the WM car park was also raised

**991** Concerns were raised on different aspects of the Harmans Cross Poultry farm Reserved Matters planning application for three houses. (PA 6/2013/0351) Residents informed the PC that minor amendments had been proposed by the applicant but that severe problems of overlooking and impact on neighbours amenity remained as a result of the 11.2 m height above ground level now proposed by the applicants. Residents were also concerned that the new layout allowed for a further two plots to be created for future development.

**992** Concerns about the lack of an adequate bus service for HX were raised and the Clerk drew attention to the WMPC /HX bus service cuts recently proposed by DCC.

**993** A longstanding local resident who had attended most of the PC meetings at HX stated how pleased he was to see so many people attend and hoped that there would be similar interest in the future. He considered the work of the PC was important in representing the parish views and much was achieved albeit in the face of considerable difficulty and opposition from other responsible bodies.

The public session ended at 8.16 pm

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**994.** There were no Declarations of Interest

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**995.** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 July had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Bugler proposed, seconded by Cllr Sandham acceptance of these amended 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

**996.** The PC noted and formally resolved to thank Charlie Newman for the provision and filling of a large temporary water tank at the Begbie Orchard. Cllr Bugler had used this tank in watering the trees during the recent dry period. Some residents had also come up and used the facility to support the trees they were sponsoring. **Action** Clerk

**997** Cllr Sandham had not received any further amendments on his final draft of the Worth Matravers Property Location map .It was agreed that this would be ordered at the same size as the existing ones which would be replaced on the road and in the car park. **Action** Cllr Sandham, Clerk

**998.** Cllrs noted the previously circulated Action Sheet of the PC meeting on the 2 July. The Clerks action in respect of a procedure for pursuing irresponsible dog owners whose animals attacked the Ducks was agreed. Cllr Field drew attention to the number of free ranging chickens mauled or killed this year on the farm

## CORRESPONDENCE

**999** The PC noted that PDC had requested further action on the Community Governance boundary proposals submitted by WMPC namely to include the four properties in Hill Bottom within the WMPC boundary. These were accessed solely from Worth and had a Worth telephone number but could not vote or take part in decisions on local Worth village matters. They had to go to Corfe to cast a vote on local or central government elections. It was agreed the new boundary proposed would be behind the back gardens of these properties. The PC would contact these residents and Corfe Castle PC to obtain their views on these WMPC proposals **Action** Clerk

**001** The PC agreed that there was no need for a specific Dorset Waste Partnership presentation to the PC as there were sufficient DWP public seminars and individual leaflets and information provided to each resident on the proposed changes by the to local recycling and waste collections . **Action** Clerk

**002** The PC noted the DAPTC meeting actions of 31 July

**003** The PC agreed the draft Toilet Cleansing Contract It was agreed to shortlist 4 contractors The PC preference was for a twice daily toilet cleanse in Summer and a single cleanse in winter together with a weekly general cleanse of the facility as a whole **Action** Clerk

**004** The PC noted the proposed modifications to the Bournemouth Poole and Dorset Minerals Strategy. The Clerk would response based on the comments agreed by the PC **Action** Clerk

## HIGHWAY MATTERS

**005.** The Clerk reported on the proposals sent out by the Leader of DCC to cut £800,000 from bus subsidies in Dorset. In WM these proposals entailed the removal of the 40 evening service from Poole to Swanage the removal of the 44 Saturday service from Worth to Swanage and the removal of the summer X43 service from Swanage through Corfe Castle. Cllrs were concerned that these were significant cuts to local public transport provision and did not form part of any integrated transport policy for serving the Isle of Purbeck. The 40 service was noted as especially well used and on occasion overcrowded in the summer months as a result of the half hour service being discontinued this year and an explanation was to be sought. The loss of any bus service after 6pm would severely affect any local person wishing to use public transport facilities in Swanage, Wareham or Poole for employment hospital appointments or social facilities. The PC considered the well used commercial daytime service should help subsidise the evening service proposed to be deleted. **Action** Clerk

**006** The Clerk would report the range of Highway issues raised in public question time through the DCC web site facility **Action** Clerk

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**007** The continuing number of sea mist / fogs in July causing severe visibility problems on the Worth approach roads were noted

## **PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS**

**008** PA6/2013/0407 Proposed extension, formation of new dormer windows and balconies. Pine Trees Haycrafts Lane HX) Revised Plans No Objections. The PC considered the revised plans to be an improvement on those originally submitted

**009** TWA The Spinner HX Crown reductions No Objections

**010** TWA 2013/0104 Cooya Valley road HX Crown reduction and thin No Objection

**011** TWA 2013/0105 Layton Valley road HX Tree works No Objection

**012** Sunny Glade Planning Enforcement PDC Noted

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**013** The PC noted the approval by the External Auditor of the Annual Accounts. No observations or comments were provided. The publication of the Annual Audit would now be made

**014.** Payment of donations and invoices received and checked 3 July to 6 August 2013

R Khanna

Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses

I Bugler

Grass cutting

BDO

Auditors fees

T Hoad

WM Duck

**015** The PC noted the low interest rates offered and agreed to delegate to the Clerk any action in respect of opening an instant access saver account.

**016.** Confidential Minute

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## **PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

**018.** Cllrs agreed to invite a specialist contractor to give an estimate for renewing the edge of carriageway white lines on the approach to Worth from Langton. The Clerk to discuss this estimate with DCC Highways to see how this outstanding safety item could be implemented. **Action** Clerk

**019** Cllr Burden updated the PC on the locating of boundary stones on Haycrafts Lane and the recent action by unknown vandals to move these into the centre of the road. The recent rain should embed these 400 KG stones to make this more difficult in future. The Clerk would clarify if there were any outstanding invoices. **Action** Clerk

**020** Additional campsite Woodyhyde. Cllrs would monitor the number of days of operation so that the 28 day ruling was not exceeded. **Action** Cllrs\_Clerk

**021.** Cllr Woolford would be pursuing a comprehensive campaign to pursue traffic and safety improvements on the Valley road through HX. Residents should individually contact him by letter preferably attached through e mail in respect of their views and concerns on the pedestrian and vehicle problems on the Valley road. He would continue to ask HX residents to keep detailed records of all damage only accidents along Valley Road as he indicated there were a number each year and these are not recorded by the Police and DCC. These records would help make a better factual case for road safety improvements on Valley road through HX. He would be seeking to place an article in the Purbeck Gazette on the need to resolve these road safety issues **Action** Cllr Woolford

**022** The PC discussed the issue of camper vans on WM car park and would keep under review this problem and possible use of width restrictions on the extension car park. The continuing obstruction problems of road side parking by large vehicles near to the Renscombe DCC car park, which had a width restriction, were noted and should be referred to the DCC Ranger **Action** Clerk

**023** Problems on the Valley road with reflective posts placed the wrong way round and obstruction around the school works through Langton were noted to refer on to their Clerk **Action** Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.38pm