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## **Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross Village Hall on Tuesday 5 February 2013 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT** Cllr Burden (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs. Meates, R. Field I Bugler, M. Hobson, Mrs. Vosper and District/County Cllr Lovell

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**805.** There were apologies for absence from Cllr R Sandham.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There were seven members of the public present.

**806.** Clarification was sought on the current situation on the WM Affordable Housing. (AH) No specific proposal or application had been discussed with the PC. It was confirmed a list of alternative sites had been previously provided through the PC some years ago and all were then rejected by PDC. It would be helpful if these and other sites which in principle would be available such as the one mentioned for HX could be provided to PDC. Residents noted they could individually respond and there was an Agenda item on the current PDC public consultation on AH provision 2012-2027.

**808** The extensive tree planting adjacent to the WM car park by a local land owner was raised. The responses received from PDC and the DCC AONB team to complaints on the lack of protection from the impact of tree planting for the essential environment and heritage which underpins visitor numbers and the local economy were noted. The conflicts between the DEFRA encouragement of tree planting on open agricultural land for biodiversity and the potential future impacts on iconic views in and across the AONB were noted.

**809** Continuing concerns were raised about the accumulation of rubbish and caravans at the encampment on the land of Sunny Glade HX. PDC enforcement officers had responded that a few vans had been on site for more than 10 years whilst enforcement on removing others was complicated by family occupation. These issues and future action were under consideration by PDC with their legal officers.

**810** The potholes at Afflington on the Valley Road were still cause for concern after the DCC remedial treatment. It was noted the deep pothole on Haycrafts Lane had been filled in. The road surface reinstatements o/s the Post Office in WM had also deteriorated again. **Action** Clerk

**811** The application to DCC for a Waiting Restriction extension in WM village to cover all year rather than just the summer months was explained. Further on street resident parking would be obstructive as larger vehicle access needed to be maintained through the village. Resident parking permit facilities were available for the WM car park.

The public session ended at 7.58 pm

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

**812.** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 8 January had been circulated prior to the meeting. Subject to a correction on Minute 784 with the February 27 date of the forthcoming Priests Way exhibition, Cllr Vosper proposed, seconded by Cllr Field acceptance of these Minutes. These were passed by all Councillors present as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

### **CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING**

**813.** The Clerk confirmed that HX property location sign final fixing details had been provided to the supplier and a date for delivery was expected. **Action** Clerk & Cllr Burden

**814.** The Begbie Orchard tree delivery had taken place. Some trees as requested were not yet available but the bulk had now been supplied. One specimen tree had been planted staked and tied.

**815** Cllrs Bugler and Burden had supplied and fixed in a new boot scraper at the WM toilets.

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**816** Sandra Brown the WM Footpath and ROW Officer had confirmed the public exhibition on a scheme for repair and upgrading of the Priests Way for 27 February at WM VH 1400 to 1700hrs.

**817.** Cllrs noted the progress on the previously circulated Action Sheet of the 8 January PC meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**818.** Members discussed the Housing Strategy 2012-2027, and the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance 2012-2027 and agreed the draft response prepared by the Clerk as previously circulated to all Cllrs. In summary that the PC supported the supply of rental accommodation to satisfy local needs at less than market rates which would be funded by the occupier without further subsidy. The PC had concerns that local needs were inadequately and too loosely defined especially in relation to Housing Strategy and for development on Rural Exception sites. The PC considers that existing family and employment connections need to be more explicitly defined and more mature with an existing continuing relationship of at least 10 years defining a connection. On the employment connection this should require that the demand and work pattern need a continuing close or on the job location. The PC noted and referred on to PDC the example of the eligibility policy for affordable homes in the Peak District. **Action** Clerk

**819** On Housing Strategy it was noted the PDC Housing consultation document made no reference for the need for an integrated land use and transport strategy. Many households on new affordable homes including those with one car availability will not have private transport availability for many essential family journeys. These developments should support and be supported by existing regular bus services. Locations for rural exception sites should be required to have community facilities (Shops schools clinics Libraries Post Office) accessible on foot or from a regular bus service. In that respect the housing needs for some settlements like WM could be made in adjacent areas such as Langton Matravers as these have extensive or accessible community facilities via the regular 40 bus route and are no more than a ten minute walk or 5 min cycle ride away.

**820** PDC should be requested to review its Bronze category of Housing Need which enables applicants who have no connection with Purbeck or who have existing satisfactory housing provision to require inclusion on the Housing Registry and consideration for local affordable homes. Cllr Lovell, the PDC Housing Spokesman, stated that he was seeking a change in this definition to exclude non local households from the Housing Register. **Action** Clerk

**821** The PC noted the forthcoming round of consultation on the Navitus Bay Wind Farm off the WM coastline still the biggest such proposal in the world. The PC encouraged all to attend the exhibition at Swanage on the 13 February to make their views known and recorded. Cllrs who attended an event held in January 2013 noted the recent display of the strong local opposition to the proposal all along the Swanage sea front. They were disappointed how Wind Turbine and Renewable Energy/ Save the Polar bear supporters arrived from outside the area.

**822** The PC noted correspondence from the CAB and Victim Support. It was agreed to continue support to the CAB with a donation of £250. **Action** Clerk

**823** The forthcoming DAPTC meeting would be attended by Cllr Meates and the Clerk.

**824** It was agreed to defer consideration of the Heathland Development Plan to the next meeting in March. **Action** Clerk

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**825.** The Clerk reported an application had been made to Dorset CC as Traffic Authority for the existing WM WR to be extended to cover the whole year rather than as at present the summer months. An offer to fund the advertising costs was included in the application.

**826** The PC noted a report on the effect of the recent snow on access in WM and the need for a local farmer to rescue a DCC Highways gritting vehicle and the support vehicle and trailer sent to its assistance. The Clerk reported that some use had been made by local residents of the grit bins in Haycrafts Lane. He would encourage others via the Dubber article to use this facility when the lane was difficult to pass. **Action** Clerk

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**827** The erosion on the footpath down from London Row was raised by Cllr Bugler with photographs of the ruts at 20 cms. deep and 60 cms. across. This would be raised by the Clerk and the ROW Officer with DCC. **Action** Clerk

**828** The condition of the road surface down to Hill Bottom was raised in respect of surface defects re-occurring after the past maintenance by DCC Highways. **Action** Clerk

## **PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS**

**829** PA 6/2013/0022 Ground mounted Solar PV Array Renscombe Farm There were no objections. Cllrs noted this application should have been recorded as retrospective and that the ground array was preferable to the roof mounting visible and reflective from a long distance away. **Action** Clerk

**830** TWA/2013/0020 Oak Copse HX Branch removal in contact with BT line No Objections **Action** Clerk

**831** TWA Decision Notices 2012/0192 St Nicholas Court 2012/0177 WM April Lodge HX 2012/0178 Briar Patch HX noted.

**832** PA 6/2013 /0054 Turnpike Quarry Broad Mead Field Acton WM Replacement Purbeck Limestone Quarry and use of overburden for restoration of original quarry. This application received on the 5 February was reviewed and final comment delegated to the Clerk after consultation responses from Cllrs Mrs. Meates and Mrs. Vosper. There was concern about the cumulative visual impact of a 30 year extraction timescale on this sensitive part of the AONB and the gradual spread of industrial activities and storage in the land towards WM. Concerns were expressed that the effect on this important landscape of this and so many other extraction and storage sites which were being worked on in the close vicinity around Acton did not to date seem to merit sufficient attention by either the applicants or the Planning Authority. In addition there had been no consultation or notification with adjacent residential property at Gallows Gore or opposite the site on the Langton Road. **Action** Clerk

**833** PA6/2013/055 St Aldhems Quarry Extension Operation importation of stone until 2046 crushing restoration to calcareous rich grassland and retention of faces of geological interest This application received on the 5 February was reviewed and final comment delegated to the Clerk after a consultation response from Cllr Field. **Action** Clerk

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**834.** Payment of donations and invoices received and checked 9 January to 5 February 2013  
R Khanna Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses  
I Bugler Begbie Tree stakes and ties

**835.** Confidential Minute

**836** The PC approved the annual 2013-14 Budget. **Action** Clerk

## **PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

**837.** Cllr Meates raised the future on WMPC historical documents she currently held and it was agreed these would be sent to the DCC Archives. **Action** Clerk & Cllr Meates

**838.** The broken bench seat at HX crossroads was noted and it was agreed to remove it. Consideration would be given by Cllr Burden to the practicality of replacement with an existing seat held by the PC.

**839.** Cllr Lovell reported the existing PDC contract with SITA would end in October 2013 and thereafter procurement of toilet cleansing at WM would be the responsibility of the PC. A positive report was received on the existing Swanage contractor and it was agreed to include them on future tendering for the three year contract. **Action** Clerk

**840** Cllrs noted the parish boundary PDC consultation and referred on the possibility of the four cottages in Hill Bottom which were only accessible through WM to be removed from Corfe Castle and included in the WM parish. **Action** Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.54pm