

Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Worth Matravers Village Hall on Tuesday 4 February at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr Burden (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs. Meates, Mrs. Vosper, R Field, R Sandham, County/ District Cllr Lovell.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

155. Cllrs I Bugler & R Woolford.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were 5 members of the public present.

156. Residents stated they had recently met Lovells Quarry representatives and the DCC Planning officer on site. They had expressed their views on current excavations and specifically to the DCC officer that the Planning Conditions previously set by DCC were not met or enforced very well. Their view was that quarry workings were getting closer to houses and remedial edge boundary treatment was poor. Advance planting, maintenance, establishment and protection of the new boundary hedges should be required by DCC to provide much better protection for adjoining residents. They had support for quarrying as a difficult job but DCC should make operators reinstate as they go especially with the long timescales of up to 40 years now proposed for ongoing site activity. Concerns were expressed of flooding and the lack of a strategy for reasonable access to any additional sites. Haycrafts Lane was unacceptable for vehicle access traffic to any quarrying activity and the Quarr farm site proposal was not supported. The Chairman noted these points for consideration in the subsequent Agenda item.

The public session ended at 7.46 pm.

Declaration of Interest

157 There were no declarations of Interest.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

158. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 7 January had been previously circulated. Subject to two minor amendments from the Clerk, Cllr Vosper proposed, seconded by Cllr Meates 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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

160. Margaret Cheetham from PDC attended to explain the background and the current consultation on the Swanage Local Plan. All adjoining parishes whose residents use Swanage as their local centre for many retail and other activities were invited to comment. This Plan was to allow for the government requirement for 200 additional dwellings. Some additional retail in Swanage has been accepted under the adopted Purbeck Local Plan. Separate issues such as future Traveller sites were not to be included in the Swanage Plan as these would be subject to future consultation.

161 The PC noted and would consider in March a quotation for works to the bank at Begbie Field.

Action Clerk

162 The PC noted the representation by a resident to DCC on the proposals by DCC for future Minerals extraction sites in WM Parish. These included concerns about the unsuitability of Haycrafts Lane as an access for the Quarr Farm proposal, the impact on the AONB of the Swanworth Quarry extension, and the potential flooding and other difficulties on the NT Broadmead field and meadow land site.

163 The PC considered the sites put forward under the DCC Minerals site plan strategy by landowners for mineral extraction at Quarr Farm off Haycrafts Lane, Downs Quarry, Swanworth and Broadmead field off the Kingston to Langton road.

164 The PC supported the views expressed earlier by residents on the need for enforcement by DCC of planning conditions and the need for advance planting, maintenance, establishment and protection of the new boundary hedges within fencing adjacent to the workings and residential properties.

165 The PC accepted and endorsed the continuing Purbeck Stone quarrying operations in the Parish and the requirement for any such business operation to have a reasonable long term planning future. On the individually proposed sites Quarr Farm was not supported .The PC considered Haycrafts Lane was unsuitable for quarry access traffic. The PC had major concerns on the suitability of any access onto Haycrafts Lane. This is unrestricted with gradients sharp narrow bends poor forward visibility and access to residential frontage property. The PC was concerned about the likely damage from quarry traffic to the environmentally protected verges, boundary hedges and land alongside forming part of the Lane.

166 The PC considered that the proposed Swanworth extension operations would due to the lay of the land and the long period for extraction has more impact on the AONB than the previous larger scale operation and could be an eyesore. The Broadmead meadow and field was a very visually attractive local feature especially for walkers. Care needed to be taken to restrict and contain operations to ensure rolling phased reinstatement to prevent more cumulative impact on the AONB.

167 The effect on the AONB of non regulated quarrying was a concern in terms of the potential for cumulative impact when reinstatement of large extraction areas did not take place for many years. The PC considered quarrying an integral part of this Purbeck area and whilst bio diversity for certain plants thrived on the poor quality surfaces created it was considered there had to be a mutual respect in the Minerals site strategy and by the site operators for maintaining the existing environment and visual quality of the AONB . Action **Clerk**

168 The PC considered issues of Refuse collection and recycling for owners of properties in London Row IN WM. Cllr Meates indicated from a Minute of the PC of many years ago that the land opposite these properties was held by DCC on behalf of the PC. The PC as owners did not approve the siting of the many new DWP bins or receptacles on this land. They were unattractive in the context of the cottages had an adverse impact on the area and had the likelihood of attracting litter from users of the adjacent footpath. Owners of these properties would be asked to find alternative arrangements for collection with DWP. Action **Clerk**

HIGHWAY MATTERS

169 Cllr Lovell reported that the highway gully on the Valley road had now been cleared and that the footway which had been closed by DCC between N Instow and Moonfleet garage should now be open.

170 Cllr Lovell stated he would arrange for collection and proper re erection by DCC Highways of the blown down finger post direction sign to Worth for the Swanworth junction constructed by the Chairman. Action **Cllr Lovell & Clerk**

171. The review of WM Car park lights and CCTV was deferred to a future meeting. Action **Chairman& Clerk**

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

172.PA 6/2014/0003 Application for :- Full Planning Permission Minor material amendment to PP 6/2013/0351 (Erect three detached dwellings - Reserved Matters) to allow a revised level to access (Increased), resiting of houses, revised elevations and internal layouts. Valley Road (Harmans Cross Poultry Farm), HX . The PC welcomed the small move away from the adjoining property boundary. It was concerned at the scale of this development and of this amendment .It felt that the amendment did not constitute a minor modification bringing the size of units significantly over that originally indicated at Outline stage. The PC has residual concerns about the access arrangements and that the site has been removed of all original internal landscaping features.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

173. Payment of donations and invoices received and checked 8 January to 4 February 2014.

R Khanna	Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses
JD Facilities.	WM Toilet Cleansing
Burden Building	W Burton Bench
I Bugler	Grass cutting
A R Harris	WM Toilet works
N Power	Utility bill

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174. Confidential Minute

175. The PC noted receipt of the December 2013 reconciliation and that all bank accounts had now been consolidated at Santander.

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

176The Chairman reported that the WM pond clearance and cleaning work would commence on Sunday 16 February subject to weather conditions. Action **Chairman**

177 The PC received a report on damage to the stone wall opposite Bridles in WM. Action would be taken to get it repaired by the on-site contractors. Action **Clerk**

178 A report was received of a TV dumped in the hedge near Compact Farm. DWP would be asked to deal with it. Action **Clerk**

179 Problems were reported with the WM collection box. Cllr Field agreed to repair it. Action **Chairman & Cllr Field**

180 The PC noted that the 40 route would continue to be run as at the existing timetable by the Bus Company until the end of the summer season.

The meeting closed at 8.44 pm

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