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## **Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross Village Hall on Tuesday 4 March at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT** Cllr Burden (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs. Meates, Mrs. Vosper, I Bugler, R Woolford, R Sandham, County/ District Cllr Lovell.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**181.** Cllr R Field.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There were no members of the public present.

### **Declaration of Interest**

**182** There were no declarations of Interest.

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

**183.** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 February had been previously circulated. Cllr Meates proposed, seconded by Cllr Vosper 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**

**184.** The Clerks previously circulated report on other Action points arising from the last and previous meetings was noted. The Chairman was thanked for his work in cleaning out the Worth Pond. The Clerk drew attention to the outstanding DCC Traffic Regulation Order request for the WM Bus prohibition and the TRO amendments requested 18 months ago for new all year WM waiting restrictions. County Cllr Lovell said he would take these o/s issues up with DCC legal officers section Action **Cllr Lovell & Clerk**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**185.** Simon Hart from Lovells Purbeck attended and gave a visual presentation on the new Company which the family had set up in 2009 on their premises on the Kingston road .He outlined their objectives, future strategy, and current programme for Purbeck Stone extraction in the parish. He explained the need for long term business and planning horizons within the constraints on operations from the Planning Authority and landowner limits on extracted tonnages. The company wished to be good neighbours to local residents and supported the Parish Council aspirations on the need for restoration to the previous levels and grasslands. The Company offered the opportunity to visit and see at first hand their operations. It was agreed this would be appropriate when the days were longer so Cllrs could attend in the early evening after work. The PC thanked Simon Hart for his presentation and left it with him and the Clerk to arrange a suitable time for a visit. Action **Clerk**

**186.** The Clerk reported receipt from NBDL of their recently amended proposals for the offshore Wind Park. These had slightly reduced the number of turbines to 194 and sea area of development to 155 sq. km. They had not changed the distance from the Parish of any of the proposed turbines. The PC reiterated its concern on the potential visual impact on the AONB and Heritage coastline so admired by visitors who underpinned the local economy. The PC agreed to be an Interested Party at the forthcoming Public Inquiry. Action **Clerk**

**187** The PC had previously sent its concerns to NBDL on the accuracy of the photomontage of their proposals illustrated at their exhibitions and published material sent to the PC. The PC agreed to send their previous and continuing concerns on these visual representations to PDC with the request that they as a formal consultee include them in their official response on the Adequacy of Consultation by the Developers. The PC agreed to inform the Inspectorate of their concerns on the accuracy of developers or planning applicants' photomontages. Action **Clerk**

**188** The Vice Chairman confirmed he would attend the official presentation on the 6 March at PDC to Mr. John Bugler as the PC volunteer of the Year.

**189** The Parish Council Elections in 2014 would be held for a 5 year term on the 22 May. PDC had confirmed a pack would be sent out shortly to all Town & Parish Councils to explain the process and procedure for nominations. The Annual Parish Council meeting for election of the Chairman to the new PC would therefore be deferred until the 3 June meeting. Action **Clerk**

**190** The PC considered the consultation from PDC of the existing Planning Application Scheme of Delegation to Officers. The Clerk reported concerns expressed by a resident of Worth to the PC on this consultation that Officer Decisions under delegation were potentially undemocratic and lacked transparency. The PC agreed that the existing Scheme of Delegation had 'Gone too far'. There had been a number of occasions over the past year which gave rise to these concerns of the PC. The PC considered that applications should be referred to the Planning Board for reasons of democracy and transparency where, there were significant public objections, the District Cllr supported a PC objection (HX Poultry Farm), variations of standard material or other conditions to approved applications in Conservation Areas or by an Inspector ( Knitson Farm turbine) were proposed. It would be helpful if PA's having wider visual or traffic impacts than in the Parish in which they were located could be simply brought to the attention of affected T&PC's as the relevant Clerks may well miss these on the Weekly PA lists produced by PDC. Action **Clerk**

**191.** The PC had no formal observations on the Swanage Local Plan.

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**192** Cllr Woolford reported back his discussions with DCC officers on HX proposals in which they stated their investigations were ongoing into the issues of a 30mph limit, footway provision, and other Valley Road highway and footway obstruction related matters. DCC had indicated that a combined HX and speed limit sign by the Ponderosa on the Valley road would be helpful in forming a future Gateway treatment. It was agreed to contact LMPC to confirm they had no objections as the combined sign would be erected in their Parish. Action **Clerk**

**193** DCC had indicated to Cllr Lovell that they were looking at a more permanent solution to the broken drain outlet recently cleared on the Valley road.

**194** The Chairman outlined the ongoing problems in getting DCC to satisfactorily erect the direction sign he had constructed for the Worth destination at Swanworth junction. The sign had now had a corner cut off and moved round. It was currently incorrectly fixed on, as before it blew down, with Jubilee clips. County Cllr Lovell asked for details and preferably a photo of this and other problems to be copied to him so he could resolve these issues with the relevant DCC Officers. Action **Cllr Lovell & Clerk**

**195** The PC agreed that the Lighting and CCTV system at Worth Car Park be upgraded. The quotation for new LED lights from A R Harris was accepted. Action **Clerk**

## **PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS**

**196.** PA6/2014/0068 Application for Non Material Amendment. The Clerk reported that this was not subject to consultation under 2010 Government Guidance and had been approved by PDC on 20 February. Cllr Sandham requested information as to how such a decision was made as non-material appeared to be a subjective criteria. The Clerk would raise the subjectivity issue with PDC and provide further information. Action **Clerk**

**197** TWA 2014/0042 Sand House Haycrafts lane HX was tabled. Although an extensive list of proposed works no objections were made at the meeting. It was agreed Cllrs would consider this previously circulated application and make any observations direct to the Clerk. Action **Cllrs & Clerk**

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**198.** Payment of donations and invoices received and checked 5 February to 4 March 2014.

R Khanna

Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses

J D Facilities.

WM Toilet Cleansing

The Joinery Shop

Worth Notice board repair

The Sign Company

Worth Property location sign

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**199. Confidential Minute**

**200** The Clerk reported a three year commercial unit direct debit contract had been entered into with N Power for electricity supply to the WM Toilet Block. These were at rates considerably below the transferred supply rates.

**201.** The PC noted receipt of the January 2014 Budget reconciliation and the Budget Statement for the PC account to 28 February 2014.

**PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

**202**The Chairman reported the damage to the Square and Compass corner verge caused by over run from large heavy goods vehicles in the village. DCC Highways should take protective action to prevent further damage or loss of direction sign post. Action **Clerk**

**203** Cllr Meates drew attention to the need for nomination forms for the next 5 year Parish Councillor term of Office. PDC had promised these shortly to be available for completion at the next PC meeting in April. Action **Clerk**

**204** The Chairman reported damage to the litter bin at the far end of the WM car park which has been caused by a vehicle impact. Ongoing considerations by DWP of such sites were noted. Investigations of an alternative replacement would be made. Action **Clerk**

**205** Cllr Bugler reported concerns from a resident of the size of the boundary trees and open toilet doors at WM Car Park. The doors are left open by the cleaning contractor to prevent mold from floor water cleaning and should be closed once in use. Action on the trees would have to wait for the Autumn.

The meeting closed at 9.01 pm