

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Worth Matravers Village Hall on Monday 6th June, 2016 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr J Burden, Cllrs Mrs Vosper, Mrs M. Shanks, I Bugler, R. Woodford, R. Field, R. Sandham.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr Roger Khanna (Parish Clerk), District Cllr. Mike Lovell.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were 18 members of the public present.

938. A resident wished to pass on all good wishes to the Clerk for a speedy recovery from his illness. He asked to look at the feasibility of the Parish Council supporting the community in approval of planning application PA/2016/0013 by taking it to Judicial Review. A further representation of views followed, with more concerns from residents, stating that if the proposed development takes place, it will destroy Worth's greatest economical asset, namely an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the visual site was in such a prominent position, being at the entrance of the village and considered to be an overdevelopment. There are currently 6 claimants willing to take a submission to the High Court, to stop the area becoming a development site. There were strong feelings expressed that the decision by PDC needs to be overturned as the needs of the community have been totally ignored and approval pushed through. The residents requested that the Parish Council become a claimant for a Judicial Review. Cllrs responded briefly that the PC represents the whole Parish, which includes Harman's Cross. It had previously supported Worth residents and made objections known in writing to the application on two previous Planning Committee meetings at PDC.

PRESENTATION BY MR RICHARD BROWN:

939. Richard Brown presented the economic opportunities for Dorset and East Devon, National Park proposal, which originated in 1945 when a Government report was published on National Parks. He stated that an AONB site does not protect any designated region, but National Park status would bring a quality to the environment, plus financially £1.5 Million to the area. A National Park would add authority, promote opportunity and give an economic objective to residents, without going against development; control of planning could be regained and democratic accountability. There would be a higher standard of planning by having a National Park which is not subject to the planning housing numbers required by government. Funding from central

government could be up to £10 million. A map of the suggested area was circulated to Councillors. He asked that WM Parish Council join other councils to ensure that the Proposed National Parks be seriously evaluated. The National Park Authority would be represented by 3/4 of those elected by Parish Councils. World Heritage has no presence in planning and offers no protection. Cllr Field stated that National Parks push all development outside of the area designated as a National Park and farmers do not like the regulations. Purbeck District Council meets next week and Councillors were asked to evaluate the proposal and send a letter of support to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2016

940. The Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May had previously been circulated. There was a correction noted as point 937, where permission was sought and granted that the fete receive a portion of the car park total. This was noted on the minutes and proposed by Cllr. Vosper and seconded by Cllr Sandham. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

941. Memorial stone at Winspit; Mr David Whitehouse presented the historical facts on the memorial stone at Winspit, dating back to 1935, when Ian Johnson was drowned aged 18 years and he felt the stone acted as a reminder for all swimmers to take care when swimming off the rocks at Winspit. In trying to trace the family, there was only one surviving relative, a brother aged 93 and it was not appropriate to ask for financial backing from him. The wording and meaningful poem is now illegible and after discussion with Trev. Haysom, Brian Bulger has agreed to re-cut the stone at a cost of £800 and the land owner has agreed its replacement. Both Mrs Nicola Brooker and Mr David Whitehouse would be happy to pay half the cost, if the Parish Council would fund the other half, namely £400. As this was very much a local story and would also act as a reminder of the dangers at Winspit, it was unanimously agreed to fund this £400 contribution, as requested.

942. Purchase of Defibrillator and External Cabinet for HXVH; An email from Mr Fraser Crawford concerning an earlier communication regarding the assistance of funding for a defibrillator and DefibSafe at a cost of £1658.10 was circulated prior to the meeting and it was unanimously agreed by all Councillors to fund the cost of the DefibSafe and assist in the purchase of the Defibrillator. The total cost including VAT is £1658.10. **ACTION:** Clerk.

REPORTS

943. Cllr Shanks reported that 24 people from a variety of Councils met as a group in Studland Village Hall, to discuss the PDC Planning Policy which is addressing the potential for additional housing growth of 3,400 houses in the Purbeck region, by 2027.

A consultation period commences on Thursday 9th June - Friday 12th August. The consultation will give everybody the opportunity to have their say on future planning development. A group has been formed from a number of Purbeck Parish Councils who are concerned about the lack of openness of information being given by PDC regarding the Review. The Group are asking whether Parish Councils or parishioners would like to put forward representatives to take part in the Group's review of the local plan and PDC strategy. Mr David Butters and Cllr Sandham have agreed to be nominated. **ACTION:** Cllr Shanks to circulate details.

CORRESPONDENCE

944. The PC noted the sad death of the DAPTC Chair Mrs Caroline Crocker and funeral on 26th June.

945. The PC acknowledged the communication from Mrs Bridget Graham of use of commercial vehicles on St Aldhelm's track. The email will be forwarded onto the managing agents of the Encombe Estate, Carter Jonas for their information and DCC Chief Executive. **ACTION:** Clerk.

946. Proposal for a Dorset and East Devon National Park; after discussion it was agreed that Cllrs. would agree to send letters to DCC and PDC asking for the proposal to be considered. **ACTION:** Clerk

947. The PC acknowledged the communication from Simon Clabburn regarding the Liaison Meeting for Swanworth Quarry on 14th July at 5.30. The Chairman will attend. **ACTION:** Chairman.

948. The PC acknowledged communication from the Church Warden and Lizzy Viney for use of West Burton field for parking and agreed to the dates requested. **ACTION:** Clerk.

949. The PC acknowledged notification of the increase of 3% in subscription fees for the DAPTC and agreed to this increase.

950. The PC acknowledged the communication from Mr Alan Lander regarding the closure of Pikes Lane for the fete and the impact it had on his family when needing to leave the village in an emergency. The road closure was requested by WM residents, provided by the DCC and managed on the day by WM Village Hall Committee. The Parish Council was not involved directly and been unaware of the problem that had occurred. It sincerely regretted the problems caused to the Lander's household. The PC will liaise with DCC Highways and the WMVH on the impact and management of future closures to try and prevent a re-occurrence. A letter of condolence is to be sent to Mr and Mrs Lander on the sad loss of their daughter. **ACTION:** Clerk.

951. The PC acknowledged communication from Mr Hugh Cochrane regarding the planning decision at Abbascombe.

HIGHWAY MATTERS.

952. The PC acknowledged the communication from Mr Mark Finch regarding the 30mph speed limit in HX. This is the second request from Mr Finch regarding this

matter, which had been discussed for 3 years prior to its installation and was supported by 90% of the residents. This matter was publicised in the Purbeck Gazette, communication slipped through residents' letterboxes and a legal notice published in the Advertiser. As the majority of HX residents wanted the reduction in speed limit and the PC supported the action, there would be no further response.

953. The PC acknowledged the communication from Mr Martin Farnham, DCC Highways Dept. regarding the WM Parking Review meeting on 22nd June in WM VH. The VH has been booked for this meeting and all parties attending have been informed.

954. The Chairman noted that that the road access to Eastman, WM is disappearing on the East side and breaking away in an area measuring 10' x 6'. Dorset Highways to be informed. **ACTION:** Clerk

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

955. Abbascombe Affordable Housing Scheme PA6/2016/0013 – The Parish Council's Response to its Approval

Cllr Sandham reported that bundles have been served for Judicial Review, he requested support from the PC, by becoming a claimant with an indemnity, contribution towards the fund to cover the costs of legal action. The PC were asked to consider becoming a co-claimant, without the financial commitment, to overturn the planning committee decision. Cllr Shanks has contributed with legal advice at no cost and further administration has been completed by individual residents. Two barristers have been appointed on behalf of interested parties on a contingency fee basis, legal costs will be awarded if the case is won.

Following detailed discussion by the Cllrs. there was no general support by the PC to being added as claimant. It was agreed that the Chairman would liaise with the Clerk/RFO and DAPTC. He adjourned the item to a further meeting until more information is available

FINANCIAL MATTERS

956. The Local Audit for the PC Annual Return for 2015-16 has been completed and approved, with all financial records and reports found to be in good order. The Annual Return Form was duly signed by the Chairman and will be sent to the External Auditor along with relevant documents as requested. **ACTION:** Clerk.

957. Payment of invoices received and checked 3 May to 6 June, 2016

R.Khanna	Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses
J.D.Facilities	WM Toilet Cleaning
ITB Gardening	Grass cutting
Came & Company	Local Council Insurance

958. **Confidential Minute**. Cllrs Shanks and Cllr Woolford would collect the car park donations from 7th May at WM and HC respectively.

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

959. Cllr Vosper has been approached by Kevin from the Square and Compass to ask for help in locating a field for parking at the Square Fair, to alleviate parking pressure in the village and also explore the possibility of a volunteer to man the field. The Chairman will talk to Kevin regarding this matter. **ACTION:** Chairman

960. Cllr Vosper asked if a see-saw could be purchased for the playground as it was one apparatus missing from the site. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate costing.

961. Cllr Bugler noted that the stantions fell out in the goal area when grass cutting took place. These need to be renewed as a matter of health and safety and new netting is required to replace disintegrated one. **ACTION:** Cllr Bugler, Chairman.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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