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Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross Village Hall on Tuesday 1 August from 7.30pm

PRESENT; (Chairman), Cllrs J Burden, I Bugler, R Woolford, R Sandham, R Field, PDC Cllr M Lovell  
Apologies for Absence Mrs. C Vosper  
Declaration of Interest None.

#### PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were six members of the public present.

**1290** A resident of HX requested that the decision, due to existing sign clutter, not to pursue DCC for a further Unsuitable for Heavy Lorries sign at Haycrafts Lane/ Valley road be reviewed. There had been a number of occasions when the local Police seemed unaware of the nature of Haycrafts Lane diverting heavy goods vehicles (hgv) up it after road accidents in HX on the A351 Valley road. DCC should be asked by the PC to review with the Police diversion routes after traffic incidents in HX. It was felt that with brambled and overgrowing side hedging encroachment onto the carriageway there was a possibility of hgv turnover on the soft verges. Large vehicles especially the DWP waste collection vehicles were already doing damage at verges and passing points creating further areas of overrun. **Action** Clerk

**1291** Concern was expressed at the loss of trees on the section of the Valley road from Haycrafts Lane towards Corfe Castle. The application at Silver Mist later on in the Agenda confirmed there was a general TPO in that area and advice was given of the possible £2000 fine for unlicensed TPO tree lopping or felling. The Clerk would provide the resident with available details of the TPO's on this section of the A351 Valley road through HX. **Action** Clerk

**1292** A presentation was made from the St George's Pre- School that had sent in a letter for consideration placed later on in the Agenda. Representatives of the Pre- School presented their problems which could lead to the loss of the pre- school and ultimately the closure St Georges school itself. This loss was it was felt very adverse for all the local existing and future residents of the Worth and Langton Matravers parishes. The pre-school would be in deficit, pre current fundraising activities, of £3500 by Xmas and every effort to cut costs and attract more pupils was being made. Questions were asked as to why the pre-school and school were separate entities .The St Georges School is funded by DCC and the pre-school is, like others in the area, independently financially accountable for its staff and expenditure. This was largely as a result of local history. The PC noted the small number of WM children currently in the pre-school and that there were no specific projects they could fund as a stand- alone contribution. The Pre-School representatives accepted that fundraising was essential for 2017-8 to balance the books and a number of donations including £1750 from LMPC had been promised. With further assistance they were confident that the school would be viable for the January 2018 term onwards. Cllrs noted the presentation and information supplied. **Action** Clerk

**1293** The Chairman introduced Mrs. Helen Selby a local resident with a longstanding connection to HX who had indicated willingness to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation of a Parish Councillor. The offer was welcomed by all councillors present. This would be confirmed by decision on the later Agenda item. Subject to the necessary paperwork she would sit at the next meeting. **Action** Clerk  
The Public Discussion period ended at 7.53pm

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**1294.** The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 July had been previously circulated. Cllr Bugler proposed and Cllr Woolford seconded acceptance of these Minutes and these were passed by all Councillors present as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the meeting Chairman.

#### CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

**1295** The previously circulated report on Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings was noted. Cllr Burden / Sandham were available to provide the float for the Square Fayre Explorer Scout WM car park management on the day of the event.

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**1296** On PDC Planning Enforcement Cllrs noted the caravan and horse trailer were currently present in the field opposite Roman Barn and that PDC was awaiting a response from WMPC on caravans at Sunny Glade. Many of these it was noted had recently been moved around to different places on the site. **Action** Clerk, Cllr Woolford

**1297** PDC had stated that their data base on enforcement activity was data protected and they could not regularly update the PC on items which it had brought to their attention on their official reporting form. They were prepared to respond on individual reports and the Clerk was currently awaiting this feedback on one reported contravention in the AONB. Cllr Lovell agreed to pursue PDC planning officers on the progress on these WM concerns and report back with this information. **Action** Cllr Lovell

**1298** The PC noted that the DCC Highways officers were currently looking into the design and costing of the gateway and additional car park direction signs requested by the PC. **Action** Clerk

## CORRESPONDENCE

**1299** The PC considered and rejected the Complaint by Mr. Finch HX on the 30 mph speed limit on the A 351 Valley road. They were clear from the record of PC discussions that the matter had been discussed for a number of years previously with the original letter drop on the proposed Parish Plan delivered to every house in HX. All reports of the PC considerations have been reported on in the Dubber hand delivered to every house in HX. A number of letters were also published in the Purbeck Gazette including the formal legal advertisement. The PC was satisfied that the records showed that over 94% of all HX respondents at the PC meeting and who responded to DCC following the legal advertisement had supported the proposal. **Action** Clerk

**1300** The PC agreed to appoint a term contractor for the Worth Matravers playground Safety Inspection remedial works. **Action** Clerk

**1301** The PC noted the recent landmark Supreme Court decision that regulatory and enforcement costs on licensing application could be claimed back from the applicants. Cllr Lovell agreed to pursue this in respect of increasing PDC licensing resources to deal with a number of complaints especially of out of hours disturbance

**1302** The PC noted the resignation of Ms. Shanks as a Parish Councillor. They agreed unanimously to the co-opting of Mrs. Helen Shelby of HX as the new Parish Councillor. **Action** Clerk

**1303** The PC agreed a one off donation from the CIL levy of £1000 to the St George's Pre- School. The PC requested a copy of the 2017-18 accounts and details of the anticipated pupil numbers registered for the September 2017 and January 2018 school terms which presented a break-even position. **Action** Clerk

**1304** The PC considered a representation from a resident frontager on Haycrafts lane on the continuing deterioration of the carriageway verges area and passing bays. They had cut back their hedges onto the highway and indeed the hedges opposite but many others on Haycrafts Lane were not doing so although they had a legal responsibility to do so. The water overflows and puddling in the lay-bye opposite Dunshay were an ongoing leakage issue. This water caused mess and detritus and soft verge damage from passing traffic. Whilst it was unlikely DCC would consider any request from the PC for additional passing place double yellow lines. These were causing ongoing damage to vehicles problems for the many pedestrian and cyclists and a poor appearance of parts of Haycrafts Lane and overhanging vegetation highway enforcement action should be sought. It was agreed to seek a site meeting with DCC Highway officers to walk the lane and find a resolution to the verge damage Water Authority leakage and frontager overhanging vegetation problems. **Action** Clerk, Chairman

## HIGHWAY MATTERS

**1305** The PC noted the proposals for an amended yellow line scheme for the Worth Village area had been considered by the previous two objectors to the previous PC scheme. Both of whom now raised no objection to the amended yellow line proposals. It was agreed to seek action from DCC Highways to implement the amended scheme of general double yellow lines on the north side of the pond with no change to the existing Parking place or the area close to the village hall where the road widened. Both of these are covered by summer time daytime restrictions. **Action** Clerk

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**1306** A late item of information from DCC Highways had confirmed that their A351 Valley road traffic surveys had shown that speeds were of a level justifying a Speed Indicator Device (SID). This would be funded in total by the PC and would now be progressed by DCC Officers. **Action** Clerk

**1307** The Chairman confirmed he had received a preliminary estimate for the provision of a grass verge alongside the Poultry Farm development to join the existing footway at the bottom of Haycrafts Lane. The PC welcomed the information as subject to no expensive Utility diversion costs it would seem that this scheme was a practical option and could be funded on a shared basis with DCC who are currently looking at their own costings of such a scheme. Cllr. Lovell felt that a similar scheme to the one in East Stoke where an aggregate footway had been provided on a verge area should be considered by DCC.

## PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

**1308** TWA/2017/103 – Silver Mist, Valley Road, Harmans Cross(TA) Ash - crown lift to 3.6m by trimming low-hanging branches that obscure vision, strike vehicles and cyclists; (TB) Oak - crown lift to 2.7m by trimming small, low-hanging branches that strike vehicles; (TC) Oak - crown lift to 2.7m by trimming small, low-hanging branches which strike vehicles. No Objection

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

**1309** The PC Accounts, Budget and Reconciliation 30 June 2017 were noted.

**1310** The PC considered their Risk Assessment and Internal Control document updating it for 2017. All car park collections would in future be banked by the PC. The PC noted one FOI had been received and responded to after clarification from the Information Commissioner's Office that any e mail FOI request had to be responded to so long as it was within the general finance and time spent on the collection and provision criteria.

**1311** Payment of invoices received and checked 5 July to 1 August 2017

WM Village Hall	£ 200.00	S137 donation. WM Fete parking
ITB Gardening Ltd	£ 694.00	Grass cutting
R Khanna	£ 641.00	Clerk's Salary PAYE, and expenses
WMPC Office	£ 50.00	BT Internet and phone and Office supplies
J D Facilities.	£ 628.55	WM Toilet Cleansing
Burden Building Ltd	£ 71.64	WM Toilet repair
National Coastwatch	£ 175 00	Emergency telephone St Aldhems Head
Outdoor Play	£1402.20	WM Playground See Saw equipment (CIL)
DAPTC	£ 233.86	Annual subscription

**1312** Confidential Minute..

## PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

**1313** The Chairman reported on the ongoing discussions with EE/BT on broadband and mobile access to WM village. Each seemed to be claiming the other was responsible for the delays. It seemed that a solution of cleaning out the existing blocked underground ducts towards Weston farm may provide a solution to connectivity to the new box provided there.

**1314** The Chairman reported back on the Swanworth Quarry liaison meeting. The company reported that there had been a few changes in their reinstatement plans and programmes.

**1315** The PC welcomed all the recent work by the Swanage Railway Company on cleaning and clearing away the banks by the HX car park. A letter of thanks would be sent to them for their initiative which had made a major difference in the area. **Action** Clerk

**1316** The PC noted the strange incident whereby an Audi convertible from the Langton direction had ended up in the Worth pond. Fuel oil had been spilt on the pond which now had to be cleaned off and cleared away before the ducks could be returned to the pond. It was agreed to seek to recoup these costs from the driver who was a local resident of WM.

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This was not the first such accident into the pond and the effective solution of removing the banked up grass area in front of the wall was considered to be too extreme in terms of likely injury accidents to cyclists who have similarly lost control on this bend. **Action Clerk**

**1317** Cllr Field raised the poor state of the footpath signs in and around Bonvils road and around Weston Farm. The farm had to put up additional signs as walkers were straying off the footpath. Many signs were now illegible, one was missing, and new and replacement ones were required. This would need to be taken up with DCC. **Action Clerk**

**1318** The PC was concerned that a number of footpaths just outside the parish boundary in Langton Matravers parish by St Michaels garage on the Swanage road were obstructed, overgrown, and impassable. Styles were blocked to prevent dog passage on footpaths by St Michaels garage. LMPC had stated in their Minutes how they had a large number of volunteers and a service level agreement with DCC for footpath clearance. The complaint should be referred on to them with a request for urgent action as these problems had been long outstanding. **Action Clerk**

**1319** Cllr Woolford raised the ongoing problem of overhanging bushes on the footway from Silver Mist to Woodlands. This footway had been cleared previously but was now almost impassable with 2 foot of the limited width footway overgrown. **Action Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

Roger Khanna Parish Clerk