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WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL
COVID 19 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES
MEETING HELD IN HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY 7 JULY AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT Cllrs J Burden Chairman, Cllrs R Woolford, C Melville, Mrs. K Riggs, Mrs. C Vosper,

2200 APOLOGIES Vice Chairman Cllr I Bugler, Cllr Mrs. L Spencer – Duncan, DC Cllr Ms. C Brooks

THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD WAS SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID 19

2201 No members of the public had raised items for discussion by the PC with the Clerk in writing in advance of the meeting. In person access was not permitted to the hall under the then current government guidelines. Full safety procedures as set out in guidance for public halls were followed.

2202 Declarations of Interest; None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2203. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 June had been previously circulated and agreed by all Councillors as a true and accurate record. Acceptance of the Minutes were proposed by Cllr Vosper and seconded by Cllr Woolford then signed by the Chairman.

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

2204 The Action Points as circulated arising from the last and previous meetings were noted. Issues on items were raised as follows;

2205 Cllr Woolford raised the status of the redundant telephone box which remained at the very prominent crossroads at HX on the A351. More than a year has gone by since its transfer to the Community Heartbeat Trust charity which had received it from BT. The Parish Council resolved once again that it did not support its use for any other purpose such as a defibrillator and that it would like it removed or would remove it and dispose of it off and away from the highway. **Action** Clerk

2206 Cllr Woolford confirmed the new dog bins for HX had been delivered to him and were awaiting installation. **Action** Cllr Woolford

2207 The Clerk had confirmed with the stone mason on the Bladon site that the upstand for the entrance into the play area at West Burton field was still on site and could be re installed. **Action** Clerk

2208 BT had apologised for the delay in re painting and repairing their telephone box in WM but gave assurances this work would be done in 2020. **Action** Clerk

2209 Cllr Woolford requested an update on the new street lights for the crossroads at Harmans Cross which the P C had agreed some time ago. The Clerk confirmed he was still chasing the Dorset Council PFI contractor to whom a WMPC works order to replace the street lights at HX junction with Haycrafts lane was given some time ago. **Action** Clerk

2210 The PC was asked by Cllr Melville at the meeting to consider its policy on provision of litter and recycling bins on the WM car park. These were sometimes full and with additional bags were left especially at weekends on the ground around them. Many other places in Dorset did not provide this facility and motorists were expected to take rubbish back home. After some discussion this proposal was not supported. Cllrs experience was that these bins are regularly emptied by Dorset Waste Partnership and even with bins some litter was left around the car park boundary. This would get worse if no bins were provided.

2211 Cllrs raised the occupation of homes on the Old Quarry affordable housing development in Worth village. They believed three units are now occupied and from the very modern 4x4 car parked up there one at least he felt must have been sold.

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2212. Cllrs asked that East Boro HA be contacted with regard to information on the occupation of these Affordable Homes. It would be helpful if details of who now occupies these properties and of future tenants / occupiers could be supplied to the PC. If possible EBHA to inform Cllrs their eligibility would also be helpful under Housing and Planning Act Section 106 criteria. **Action Clerk**

The PC did ask previously details on how the successional requirement of a sold unit to remain an affordable property in perpetuity was tied into the sale documents. Cllrs were aware of past problems if for example the mortgage is defaulted. It was feared the mortgage company inevitably simply maximises its return from any sale without thought for the original restrictive covenant. **Action Clerk**

2213 The Clerk reported from his latest visit some on- going maintenance issues with the 3 hours a week paid for work at the Withy Bed. Whilst considerable work had been done and the invoice for June could be approved he was concerned that the proposal approved at the last meeting was not working out satisfactorily and he had put that arrangement it on hold. **Action Clerk**

2214 Cllr Bugler unfortunately unable to attend this meeting had reported via the Remote Decision Matrix that it is for him difficult to distinguish what the Withy Bed garden is for, it is neither formal gardens nor wildflower, nor shrubbery, nor a Withy (Willow)bed. Many large flowering plants are present that would be considered a weed in a formal garden or a wildflower in the wild. The large thistle by the path, while excellent as a nectar producing wildflower is not excellent when overhanging a pedestrian walkway. The gardener appears to favour the snipping approach to pruning rather than cutting the shrubs back hard to promote young healthy growth. As a result some of the shrubs are getting quite large for this small area and will require something more drastic soon to maintain them in position for the future. It was agreed the maintenance approach and resources required needed further consideration at the next meeting. **Action Clerk**

DORSET COUCIL –ELECTED COUNCILLOR REPORT.

2215 No report received. The PC was concerned at the continuing silence from DC on their preparations for the forthcoming but as yet undated public inquiry into the latest fare increase proposals by the Studland to Poole Ferry Company. **Action Clerk**

CORRESPONDENCE

2216 Concern was expressed at recent intemperate correspondence from a Worth village resident demanding during the recent closedown that the Worth car park and toilets be closed immediately. The decision to remain open had been discussed by the PC and the decision to leave open these facilities was not done lightly. Cllrs reiterated that these toilet and parking facilities had been kept open to serve essential visitors, key workers, contractors and delivery drivers working for the benefit of the local community. Usage of the car park had been minimal with often less than 5 cars observed at any one time on the car park. With these toilet facilities cleaned daily and always open for use there had been no problems as elsewhere of closed toilet block walls, local hedgerows and pathways being used as toilet facilities

2217 A complaint had been received of harassment by another alleged WM local resident in a Land Rover causing upset and disturbance to a visitor who he had claimed incorrectly was camping.in the extension. The Clerk confirmed he had contacted and resolved the complaint albeit no trace of the culprit had been found. The PC confirmed its policy is that no overnight camping is permissible.

2218 The Clerk confirmed correspondence with DAPTC copied to all Cllrs of the running of all PC meetings during the shutdown without Public Dissuasion using a Remote Decision Matrix system

2219 The concerns about WM village area parking and traffic Management post 4th July 2020 had largely been unfounded due to successful action by the Manager at the Square and Compass to barrier off the side of roadway adjacent to the pub. There had been one unfortunate public order situation remarkably attended by the Police who had seemingly escorted off the offending parties.

2220The Clerk confirmed he had once again chased up the progress on the Worth village centre double yellow lines with Dorset Highways. They apologised for the delay in advertising the order as they had problems due to shortage of staff. **Action Clerk**

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2221 The PC noted the ongoing situation where regrettably a Certificate of Lawfulness had been issued by DC for proposals for a new high and imposing flat roof at Misty Cottage. Light pollution from its glass roof in the dark sky of the village centre was unacceptable to the PC.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

2222 The outstanding request for Dorset Council (DC Highways) action to remove the semi-permanent parked vehicle and caravan in the layby Langton to Worth road was again necessary as the vehicle had returned. The Chairman should contact Dorset Council on its failure to effect a permanent removal and if necessary disposal of longstanding parked vehicle and caravan. The PC asked what action can be taken to prevent this ongoing movement from one site in Worth Matravers to the other in Crack lane in Langton Matravers. Rather than offloading the issue to possible Gypsy & Traveler legislation/action DC should use their Highways Act powers which make removal possible as it illegal to reside on any highway. The DC response to date had been completely unsatisfactory. **Action** Clerk, DC Cllr Brooks

2223 The Clerk updated the PC how he had pursued, where appropriate/necessary with the full assistance of Dorset Police, individuals responsible for damage to the Height barrier at WMCP. All PC damage incidents costs had now been fully reimbursed by the offenders.

The PC thanked the Dorset Police Officers for their support and assistance. **Action** Clerk

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

2224 PA 6/2020/0246 Woodyhyde Farm, Afflington, Corfe Castle, Wareham, BH20 5HT Erect and install above ground swimming pool with associated changes to land levels and decking around the pool in rear garden. No Objections

2225 PA 6/2020/0235 The Lodge, Long Meadows, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, Wareham Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) for Use of The Lodge as a separate dwelling . No Comment

2226 PA 6/2020/0265: Worth House Weston Road Worth Matravers BH19 3LQ Erect a summer house in the rear garden. No Objection

2227 TPO/2020/060 Cherry Orchard, Valley Road, Harmans Cross, BH19 3DX Description: Trees on boundary with 'Hazelwood':(T1) Beech - reduction of lateral branches overhanging 'Hazelwood' by approximately 3m to prevent damage to the roof apex and TV aerial of neighbour's property; (T2) Holly (T3) Conifer - ;(T4) Mountain Ash ;(T5) Hawthorn);(T7) Chestnut -reduction of lateral branches overhanging 'Hazelwood' back to the boundary line - (T6) Conifer - fell (do not plan to replant due to proximity of other trees - reduction of lateral branches overhanging 'Hazelwood' back to the boundary line;(T8) Oak - No Objections

2228 The PC noted the applicants had appealed the original refusal by DC -APP/D1265/D/20/3248112 Misty Cottage, Worth Matravers, BH19 3LQ) The Clerk advised of his concern that on such a Householder Appeal there was no opportunity for third parties to challenge evidence given by the appellants notably that there were other flat roofs in the vicinity albeit a considerable actual and visual distance outside the core central area of the Village Green part of the Conservation area. **Action** Clerk

FINANCIAL MATTERS

2229 The Cash Book Reconciliation. 30 May 2020 was noted

2230 The 2019-20 Annual AGAR documents as sent out to Cllrs and External Audit were noted

2231 Agreement was given to payment of Invoices received 3 June – 7 July

R Khanna	£ 779.52	Clerk's salary, PAYE, and expenses
WMPC Office	£ 66.50	BT Internet and phone,
J D Facilities.	£ 628.55	WM Toilet Cleansing
ITB Gardening	£ 974.00	Grass cutting and grounds maintenance
DAPTC	£ 251.59	Annual subscription
Burden Building Services	£ 190.32	WM Car Park maintenance
Mrs Y Spencer	£ 120.00	Withy Bed maintenance

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2232 Confidential Minute From 1 April 2020 car park donations and usage were much reduced. Now lockdown was ended these were expected to increase at WMCP but not at HX where the Railway was still not fully operational. Cllr Woolford would collect the HX car park donations and Cllr Vosper would collect at the WM car park. The Chairman and Clerk had spare keys if there was any reason Cllr Vosper was not able to make a collection

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

2233 Cllr Vosper was concerned at the occasional very high speeds of traffic on the Kingston to Langton road . She appreciated this section of road had a 60 mph speed limit and that the Police rarely acted on speeds of less than 70 mph but key nuisance times were 8am-9am and 5pm to 6pm. **Action** Clerk

2234 Cllrs raised the Worth Matravers Parish Council Web Site as being well out of date and needing a major revamp. The Clerk updated all Agendas and Minutes in the site and the Audit return for 2019-20 was posted already. He agreed to see what he could do to make sure contact points and essential information were updated and to investigate a contractor for a major rewrite with a new web site. Cllr Riggs agreed to give a possible contact. **Action** Clerk

2235 The Chairman raised again the continuing water leakage from the BT manhole on the road leading down into Worth village **Action** Clerk

2236 The Chairman raised the possibility of action by DC to protect the passing places especially on Haycrafts lane due to the impossibility of moving wider vehicles when these were parked in. **Action** Clerk

2237 Cllrs raised the recent Rave at Winspit and the police inability to find it as their address seemed to be St Aldhelms Head. In any case the road gate down to Winspit is locked off and they could not pass through as no-one seems to have the key and the police are reluctant to cut off the padlock as normal practice with other emergency services **Action** Clerk.

2238 Cllr Melville raised the signage present in different sizes and colours on the entrance and inside the WM car park. This signing should be rationalised and be more consistent in shape colour and appearance in the future. The conditions of use would be more easily understood and abided to by users. It was agreed to further investigate this proposal. The Chairman confirmed that overnight use for camping and for parking by motor caravans had never been permitted. **Action** Clerk

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 2052

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