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Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Worth Matravers Village Hall on Tuesday 7 November from 7.30pm

PRESENT; Cllrs J Burden(Chairman), I Bugler, R Woolford, R Sandham, R Field, Mrs. C Vosper Mrs. H Selby , Cllr M Lovell (PDC)

Apologies for Absence DCC Cllr Ms. Cherry Brooks

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were four members of the public present.

1385 These residents had come to update the PC. A meeting by concerned residents on events at Purbeck Valley Farm which Cllr Woolford had also attended had been held with PDC officers. A number of local residents with an independent Environmental Health Officer had raised with PDC a number of issues about officer handling of complaints about past events at Purbeck Valley Farm. They contended many noise complaints over the past 4 years had been unrecorded by officers or the PDC 'Out of Hours' service. Recorded complaints that had been received were noted as no further action and never followed up to obtain a resolution between the parties. They were also concerned that nighttime noise levels at residential properties set by PDC as acceptable were far higher than they should be and specifically that their rights for a Fair Hearing at the PDC PVF Licensing Hearing had not been upheld. PDC Officers had stated they would follow up the issues raised and respond back by 8 December under the Council Complaints Procedures.

1386. Advice was given that a Temporary Entertainment Notice was needed for an event with less than 500 persons present selling alcohol, providing entertainment such as music or serving hot food after 11pm. A TEN which is separate to Planning consent is needed for each event you hold on the same premises. A single premise can have up to 15 TENs applied for in one year, as long as the total length of the events is not more than 21 days.

The Public discussion ended at 7.45 pm

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1387. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 October had been previously circulated. Cllr Vosper 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 Chairman.

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

1388 The previously circulated report on Action Points arising from the last and previous meetings was noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

1389 The Chairman reported back from the Parish and Town Council Chairmen and Clerks Liaison Meeting Wednesday 11 October 2017. Corfe Castle PC had raised issues on control of events in the countryside arising from the similar concerns expressed in the Public Discussion period and a general response on the DWP organisation was also given. PDC Cllr Lovell stated in response to concerns from Cllrs on the high DWP management, supervision and overhead costs was that the DWP was saving money compared to the previous cost when these services were run directly by PDC. Annual underspends of £100,000 have been returned to constituent local authorities. . Minutes and briefing notes on these Agenda items would be circulated to all Cllrs when they were received. **Action Clerk**

1390 The PC considered a PDC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Proposal for land to the east of Worth Matravers to form part of future land supply for new homes. A site boundary was shown around the paddock on the village side of the new barn. The Paddock site was opposite the agreed new Abbascombe development and had less impact on the AONB. Concerns were expressed that the proposed 6 homes was an extension outwards into the AONB and that there were serious practical difficulties which to be overcome would make any future housing there unaffordable for local people. Any development on the Football Field site on the other side of the barn would have a major impact on the AONB and village boundary spread. **Action Clerk**

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1391 The Parish Council has noted the proposal made by the Governors of St George's School to reduce their PAN from 20 to 15 with effect from September 2019.

The Council appreciated the exceptionally difficult economic environment that all schools are enduring, and the particular strains being faced by small village schools such as St George's. In common with the Governors, the Council supported the proposal to reduce the PAN in order to allow to Governors to implement an educationally effective and cost efficient model for the school. **Action Clerk**

1392 The PC considered and agreed the Clerks report on a possible response to the Government consultation on Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places. The Clerk clarified that affordability ratios are the relative cost of market priced homes to local (Purbeck) household incomes. Cllrs considered these are currently so large that new build properties are unaffordable to most local people especially those in housing need. The primary need was for lower ratios giving lower cost housing and also meeting the shortage of affordable housing rental properties either social or on long term rental periods. A full copy of the PC representation will be posted on the web site and circulated to the SE Purbeck Town and Parish Councils. **Action Clerk**

1393 The PC considered the new South West Trains franchise proposed changes to the railway timetable for Dorset. They were especially concerned that these had been previously announced by the new franchise as a major improvement in the quality and provision of SW Train services. These proposals would amongst other cuts remove direct access to Basingstoke and Clapham Common interchanges and reduce existing train services to London by 50%. The Clerk had contacted SWT for an explanation but had not received a reply. Similarly no response had been received following contacts with PDC, DCC and the Local Enterprise Partnership responsible for promoting new jobs for the area. The PC expressed concern that no positive action was being taken by these LA organisations to object to these proposals. They would have serious potential effects on transport accessibility across the county and the future of the Swanage Railway in which so much local public money had been invested. The PC noted and supported the Corfe Castle PC detailed responses to the consultation and would make similar representations to all those involved. It was agreed that this was a serious matter which needed action pursued by the DCC Cllr Cherry Brooks, Richard Drax MP and at PDC by Cllr Lovell. **Action Clerk**

1394 The PC agreed to a donation being the provision of 2 no disability assistance chairs for HXVH subject to clarification by the Clerk on the supplier and relative costs. **Action Clerk**

1395 Cllrs considered the Dorset Waste Partnership Guide for Councillors DWP response to their enquiry and the comments made on savings by Cllr Lovell in Minute **1389**. Concern remained from the DWP response at the efficiency of the DWP organisation with no like for like comparisons or determination of acceptable overheads. There were 70 management and administration staff (£2.3M) a quarter of the cost of the operational staff (£8.44M). Cllr Lovell advised the service was run by DCC and the matter should be referred on to DCC Cllr Brooks. **Action Clerk Cllr Brooks**

1396 The PC noted the receipt of £157.66 as a 15% CIL contribution from development in the parish.

1397 The PC noted the letter of thanks for the £100 donation from PPAC.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

1398 The Clerk reported back on his 19 October meeting with DCC Highways Officer where they were joined in HX by Cllr Woolford. The PC was asked to provide the name of a local hedge trimming contractor DCC could use to clear overhanging vegetation especially on Haycrafts Lane. DCC agreed to provide highway plans to the PC and pursue frontagers on Haycrafts Lane and the A351 Valley road to clear obstructing vegetation. **Action Clerk**

1399 This officer visited and agreed the footway blockage situation on Valley road needed action notably around Woodlands and Silver Mist if necessary with legal action and to urgently remove the potentially dangerous large fallen tree lying on highway land in the undergrowth. She did not agree with a grass verge footway proposal from the PC on Valley road alongside the former Poultry Farm site as there would be objections raised by the DCC Road Safety Audit team. A tarmac footway was required as the solution but she accepted this was likely to be too expensive for DCC. **Action Clerk**

1400 She undertook to pursue the Worth Village and Haycrafts lane signing and yellow line proposals.

1401 The PC agreed to seek an estimate for clearing Haycrafts Lane and other overhanging vegetation on the minor roads in Worth Parish.

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The Chairman agreed to raise again the matter of the National Trust tenants failing to cut back highway overhanging vegetation with the National Trust at their annual meeting with Purbeck Chairs in December. **Action** Clerk Chairman

1402 Cllrs raised issues on the GRIP channels being cut by DCC Highways for run off. A major concern about the GRIPS recently dug out across a number of roads in this area was that these now provide excellent escape routes for lambs and pigs that can easily pass under the wire through the new holes. In one case by Weston Farm Cllr Field reported the dumped overspill earth is creating access problems for the farm. This general issue would be reported to DCC Highways. **Action** Clerk.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

1403 TWA 6/2017/192 Flower Meadow House, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross, BH19 3EB Description: (T1) Holly - fell Cllr objected to this proposal. The Holly may have been previously butchered but is certainly healthy and with care and attention could easily be shaped into a very attractive holly bush.

1404 PA 6/2017/0554/0556 Planning application and listed Building Consent 3 Gallows Gore Cottages, Kingston Road, Worth Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3JR Alterations to existing garage including replace flat roof with pitched roof increasing roof height, install two roof lights, reposition window in west elevation and re clad parts of the garage. No Objection

1405 PA 6/2017/0055 Re consult Summerlands, Kingston Lane, Worth Matravers, Swanage, BH19 DF Demolish existing garage and erect a single storey side extension. Cllrs sought clarification on why this application was being re submitted.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1406 The PC Accounts, Budget and Reconciliation 30 September 2017 were noted.

1407 The PC reviewed and noted the six monthly statement and accounts for the 2017-18 Parish Council accounts.

1408 The Nationwide bond renewal was deferred for further information following the rise in central bank lending rates.

1409 Payment of invoices received and checked 4 October to 7 September

ITB Gardening Ltd	£ 509.00	Grass cutting
R Khanna	£ 630.03	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

1410 Confidential Minute.

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

1411 Cllr Selby raised the location and overhanging vegetation on the property location sign location at HX. The Clerk confirmed it was specially located for direct off road access from the laybye under a street light, one of two in the parish. The Clerk and /or Cllr Woolford would clear away the sign. **Action** Clerk Cllr Woolford

1412 Cllr Selby raised the drain sump outside Glendale and Garden Cottage which was full of mud. This would be reported to DCC Highways. **Action** Clerk

1413 Cllr Selby raised the issue of blocking of one of the footpath styles opposite Quarr Farm by the stream. All the other styles had dog accessibility gates. Cllr Field confirmed that although they were generally provided by landowners there was no requirement to allow dog access along a footpath. Unrestricted access at styles allowed both dogs and smaller lambs and other animals to escape through any gaps left.

1414 Cllr Woolford reported that since the last meeting and door repair thieves had again broken into the coin box at HX Car Park. The Clerk reported that he had received informally information that a number of similar church and other open area small cash box padlocks had recently been reported as broken into. It was clear now the summer visitor season was over that the culprits were local to the Swanage and East Purbeck area and probably locally known as the small cash sums taken were always in loose change. It was agreed to try and contact the local Police Community Safety Officers who with their local knowledge should be able to pursue and resolve this issue. **Action** Clerk

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1415 Cllr Field reported an approach from Land and Wave for a woodland activity site around Weston Farm He had responded that there were no such possible woodland sites in that area.

1416 Cllr Bugler confirmed the schedule of Withy Bed Tree works agreed by PDC Tree officer was being circulated to prospective contractors in the East Purbeck area. They would send their quotations to the Clerk for approval of a contractor by the Chairman. The Clerk confirmed ITB Gardening would provide a contractual service of supervising and approving the work carried out and works invoices. submitted. Certified invoices were to be sent to the Clerk for PC approval. **Action** Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.12pm

Roger Khanna Parish Clerk

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