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Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross Village Hall on Tuesday 2 September at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr Burden (Chairman), Cllrs, Mrs. Vosper, Ms. M Shanks, R Sandham, I Bugler, R Woolford, R Field.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

350. County/District Cllr Lovell.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were thirteen members of the public present.

351. A resident raised the poor condition of the road surface in Haycrafts Lane up from the railway bridge towards Gallows Gore. Traffic during recent months had been considerable with heavy vehicles using the road. These had difficulty going up the lane due to its narrow width and hedges. There is no current weight restriction on the lane It was agreed to ask DCC Highways to investigate.

352. A resident raised the proliferation of camping and caravan sites on Haycrafts Lane. These had generated large numbers of campers walking in the lane and much use by larger 4 X 4 vehicles often travelling at unsuitably high speeds. This year a large number of pedestrians had been walking from the Woodyhyde site. They were also coming back from Corfe Castle in the dark holding torches. This was dangerous as there is no footpath on this section of the A351. Discussion took place about the range of sites and facilities provided off Haycrafts Lane and what were the restrictions on caravans, camper vans and tents which were meant to be followed on these sites.

353. A number of residents raised their concerns about the apparent flouting of all regulation at the Sunny Glade and Railway camp sites. They considered large numbers of tents, camper vans, and caravans had been on these sites for longer than any permitted stay .They were especially concerned at any acceptance that some had been on site for 10 years as residents in the area believed few if any were there before 2004. They had made individual representation to PDC Planning Enforcement Officers with photographs showing vans and mobile homes being brought on to the site. Following previous enforcement action residents reported some were simply moved across the site.

354. The residents view was that there were currently blatant breaches of planning controls with vans hidden under tarpaulins and in sheds. The period on site of temporary tents and vans had exceeded any permitted 28 days during the good weather which had extended throughout the summer of this year.

355. Cllr Woolford responded with a report back on the work he had been doing with PDC Planning Officers. PDC was aware of residents' concerns and enforcement notices had been recently served on individually the Railway camp site and Sunny Glade. He had held discussions with the Planning Enforcement Officer who had attended site and photographs of the site were taken. These would be compared with available information from previous years Ariel mapping and other information held or available to PDC. PDC was aware of the static caravans hidden in tree and hedge lines and the moving around of separate vehicles to deter enforcement action. He was continuing to liaise with PDC on behalf of local residents to get a resolution of these issues. He asked residents to report direct to PDC Environmental Health Officers any further observation of sewerage or waste water from these sites being tipped down the road drains. The PC agreed that this problem and site monitoring in the area was an item for the Chairman to raise at the next meeting of all T & PC's with the Chairman of PDC. This was due shortly.

356. A resident raised concerns about the adverse impact and effect on the AONB and local resident's amenity of the Minerals working and extraction sites at Lovell and Landers Quarries. Recent works and stone collection on these quarries had resulted in very high and intrusive mounds of stone, shale, and scalplings being created across these areas without seemingly any control by the Planning Departments at DCC or PDC.

The public session concluded at 7.58pm

Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

357. The Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 August had been previously circulated. Subject to a name correction Cllr Vosper proposed, seconded by Cllr Bugler 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

358. The Clerks previously circulated report on other Action points arising from the last and previous meetings was noted.

359. Cllr Bugler would pursue the issue of obtaining consent from Happy Cottage WM for the relocation of the existing no through road sign. He confirmed a contractor had been contacted with an order to cut back high level growth of boundary hedges in WM. He was requested to arrange the cut back of boundary weeds and brambles on the approach to WM village by the property location sign as the birds nest was no longer a problem. Action **Cllr Bugler**

360. No response had been received to numerous written requests to the original residents who had requested a plot on the commemorative Begbie Orchard. The PC agreed to re allocate these 10 trees. An announcement would be made in the Dubber of this availability for any WM resident who does not have a plot allocated who wishes one and agrees to make the covering cost donation of £25. A ballot for these plots will be held. Action **Clerk**

361. The PC welcomed the initiative at HXVH to provide an all-day course in November/ December of First Aid training for organisers of groups and managers of events at the hall. A grant of £150 from WMPC was agreed towards this day course. The PC agreed to similarly fund such a course at WM Village Hall. Action **Clerk**

CORRESPONDENCE

362. A request from Walking in their Shoes to do a Geocache in the vicinity of St Aldhems Chapel was agreed in principle and the organisers referred to the Priest in Charge and the land owner.

363. The PC considered that the Dorset Fire and Rescue Service should pursue the most economic and efficient reorganisation with neighbouring authorities. A response to this consultation favouring Option 1, a merger with similarly sized Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, would be made by the PC. Action **Clerk**

364. The Clerk informed the meeting of a new Stone extraction quarry site proposed by the landowner for inclusion in the DCC Minerals Site Plan. This was at Gallows Gore covering the 5 hectares above the water reservoir and above the lower site previously put forward by Quarr Farm. This site would go to public consultation on 15 January 2015. The Clerk updated the PC in respect of correspondence with the Chief Executive at DCC expressing concerns about the Minerals Policy and Site Plan extraction strategy for the Purbeck Stone located in WM and the surrounding parish. DCC had to date either not consulted or ignored any views previously expressed by the PC at every stage of this Plan process. Similar concerns to those expressed in the public question time had also been expressed regarding the impact on the landscape and residents amenity of the current Minerals extraction in this part of an AONB. More recently the views expressed by the Chairman and Cllrs at the public exhibition and formally in writing from the PC had not been acknowledged in the consultation feedback.

365. The PC noted a request from WM residents for assistance in maintenance of the Withy Bed. Major work outside the scope of the volunteers input was now needed. The PC agreed that the Clerk would instruct a contractor to carry out major cutbacks etc. so that the volunteers could more easily resume routine maintenance of the bed. Action **Clerk**

HIGHWAY MATTERS

366. Cllr Woolford confirmed that he was unaware of any change to the DCC 2014 – 15 Highway programme on the proposed HX 30 mph limit with gateways. He had raised with DCC concerns about the state of the pavements with widespread chippings from the recent surfacing still present on the footway and covering the gulleys. He had previously been assured by DCC Highways this would be attended to although this work was still outstanding.

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367. The PC noted that some WM residents were using the limited waiting area by the Village Green for permanent parking. Parking Permits for the WM car park issued to London Row were also found on cars in these spaces and it was agreed to contact permit holders to clarify especially for their visitors that these on street spaces were not covered by the permit. It was also agreed to inform residents through the Dubber article that specific vehicles had been noted over the summer as often present for long periods in the half hour bays. These would be referred to the DCC Parking enforcement team. A £60 PCN may result from their random visits. Residents are asked to apply for a WM car park permit and not park on street in the limited waiting bay visitor space. Action **Clerk**

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

368. There were no Planning or Tree Work Applications referred to the PC since the last meeting. PA 6/2014/0414 was noted as approved under the PDC Officer Delegated Minor amendment procedure

FINANCIAL MATTERS

369. The PC formally approved that an application be made to Santander for the setting up of a Business Instant Access Savings Deposit account . Action **Clerk**

370. The PC noted receipt of the Parish Council Accounts Reconciliation to 31 July 2014,

371. Payment of donations and invoices received and checked 6 August to 2 September.

R Khanna

J D Facilities.

ITB Gardening

K Vicars

Clerk's PAYE, Salary and expenses

WM Toilet Cleansing

Grass cutting

Street sign amendment

372. Confidential Minute

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

373. The PC noted and agreed maintenance works to the play equipment at W Burton field. A new 2 metre galvanized fence to the road boundary would be provided to replace the existing higher fence. Action **Chairman**

374. The PC noted the Chairman had carried out necessary repairs to the new kissing gates at East Man and the pair opposite one another on the road to Abbots Way. The cut back of vegetation on some paths in WM by DCC Rangers were noted but stone and levelling work by styles towards Swanworth quarry was still outstanding

375. The PC noted a series of accidents on the A351 to cyclists arising from carriageway tracking deformation. The second personal injury accident required a road closure and the Air Ambulance being called out on Saturday 30 August. Urgent remedial action to the road surface was needed by DCC Highways on the location north of Nursery Bridge Farm. Action **Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.02pm

Roger Khanna
Clerk WMPC