

Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Worth Matravers Village Hall on Tuesday 6th April, 2010 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Chairman Mrs J. Meates, Cllrs Burden, R. Smith, W. Wilson, M. Larthe

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

089. Cllr Norman

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

See minutes for Annual Parish Meeting

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

090. The minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March, 2010 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Acceptance of the minutes was unanimously passed by the Parish Councillors as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

Parish Plan Action

091. Swanworth Quarry

The Chairman reported that a meeting will be held at 1pm on the 16th April with DCC, Cllr Joyce Meates, Cllr Jerry Burden, Bob Kenyon WCPT and Brian Bleese DWT, to discuss the future use of Swanworth Quarry. Mr Derek Hadden, Manager Swanworth Quarry, to confirm a suitable date for the visit to the quarry. Cllr Smith stated that Mr Chris Suttle, Suttle Quarries is happy to give assistance and will attend any appropriate meeting in the future. **Action:** Chairman to inform Mr Suttle of future developments.

092. An email from Mr Peter Jordan –Gill was read out to the Councillors by the Chairman regarding the finalising of the underground cabling in WM. An issue meeting will be organised by Southern Electric and outstanding work will commence in June, 2010.

Worth Matravers Car Park

093. The Chairman explained to the Councillors the correspondence received by Rev. Jones regarding the vehicle owned by his daughter who resides in London Row, WM. Legal advice was sought to answer the last email from Rev. Jones and a formal reply will be sent this week. The vehicle has now been found a permanent parking site with the co operation from Mr Paul Loudon. The Parish Council will discuss future management of the car park after the Council elections in May. **Action:** Clerk to notify 2 vehicles that have been parking overnight that permission needs to be sought.

094. The toilets in the car park have been redecorated in a satisfactory manner. **Action:** Clerk to settle invoice.

095. Concern was raised by the Chairman over the standard of work of resurfacing the car park. The large hole that was filled in has now reappeared and the work is not considered satisfactory. **Action:** Cllr Burden to investigate.

Begbie Field

096. An email from PDC Housing Manager concerning the suggested community orchard in Begbie Field was read out by the Chairman. She has spoken To Mr Jim Ward who holds the covenant to Begbie Field, as he is selling his property he has asked that planning be put on hold until the new owners give consent. **Action:** Chairman to keep under review.

097. A quote for clearing the undergrowth on the Begbie Field bank has been received from Mr Ian Bugler and accepted unanimously by the Parish Councillors. **Action:** Clerk to notify Mr Bugler.

West Burton Field

098. Mr Marsh has 3 metres of wall left to complete and will discuss with Cllr Burden any excess of spoil on the site. **Action:** Cllr Burden to liaise with Mr Marsh.

099. The Chairman confirmed the news that the Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £7,490 to cover the cost of the new swings from the Big Lottery Fund – Awards for All. A revised quote from Wicksteeds has been received and it was agreed by the Councillors to choose option 3. This will be for a 2 bay, 4 seater swing which has been increased in price by £700. **Action:** Cllr Wilson to negotiate a discount if possible and advise clerk. Work to commence in June after the ground has settled from the refill.

Worth Matravers Village Green

100. Work to the hard standing by the interpretation panel on the village green has been completed in a satisfactory manner. **Action:** Clerk to pass payment of invoice.

101. Cllr Burden reported a blocked drain from the pond, which is lifting up the tarmac at the bottom of the Village Green. **Action:** Clerk to notify Highways Dept.

102. Mr Ensor informed the Chairman that PDC were most encouraging with his request to serve refreshments on the village green on Saturdays and allowed him to proceed with the enterprise. This he commenced on Saturday and was pleased with the initial response from the visitors who came into the village.

Planning Training for Parish Councillors

103. The Chairman stated that there were two planning training meetings for Parish Councillors and it was decided that attendance by the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be acceptable on Monday 12th April at 6 for 6.15 pm. Under discussion would be the new scheme of delegation and would take approximately 2 hours, finishing at 8pm. **Action:** Chairman to notify Lida Mutton PDC of attendance.

Parish Elections

104. Now that the General Election date has been announced, the Parish Council Elections have been confirmed to take place on the 27th May, 2010.
The main Parish Council meeting will be held on the 4th May and the new Parish Council meeting will be held on 1st June, 2010. The Chairman urged all standing Councillors to fill in their nomination forms and deliver them to Westport House, Wareham, by Thursday 8th May, midday.

Correspondence

105. A request for WM car park receipts in aid of WM Village Hall Fete on May 31st was agreed by the Councillors. **Action:** Clerk to notify.

106. Confidential Minute:

Highway Matters

Pot Holes and Drainage Problems in the Parish

107. Mr Nigel Hamer, Highways Department will meet with The Chairman and Cllr Burden to walk around the villages with him and point out the continuing pot hole and drainage problems. **Action:** Clerk to contact Mr Hamer and set date for meeting.

108. Speed Restrictions in Worth Matravers

After discussion, it was decided that the Chairman contacts the Technical Officer, Traffic Management at DCC to discuss possible actions to deal with speeding motorists coming into Worth Matravers.

109. Highway Matters in Harmans Cross

An email from Mrs Jo Edmunds was read out by the Chairman and the points discussed. **Action:** Clerk to investigate if funding is available from the new financial year for the rubbish bin by the seat at the cross road and ask for the possible re-siting of the dog litter bin from the Village Hall to a more accessible site, if the Village Hall Committee agree.

110. Fir Trees HX

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Mr Les Evans DCC has confirmed that he has again contacted the owners of the house where the fir trees are sited and that tree surgeons have quoted to reduce the height of the trees and remove dead branches. This quote has been accepted and the work will commence.

111. Pact Meeting

The Chairman attended the last Pact meeting and agreed to the timetable for placing new traffic cones at the pinch point at the Square & Compass, WM.

Planning Matters

112. Planning application-6/2010/0136 – Greyholme, Valley Road, HX. Conversion of Garage to habitable accommodation. **The Parish Council has no objection.**

113. Planning Application- 6/2010/0133: Purbeck Vinyard, Valley Road, HX. Change of use of 4 residential bedrooms to guest house. **The Parish Council have no objection.**

114. Planning Application: 6/2010/0155- Rose Cottage, South Instow, HX. Demolish and erect 2 detached dwellings. There have been 9 letters of objections received by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons;

- 1. The proposed development of 2 houses on this site would be detrimental to the visual character and quality of the area because of its excessive bulk and scale together with its excessive height which would result in an unacceptable level of overlooking of the neighbouring properties, Glencree and Jackdaws. The overlarge footprint of the buildings in relation to their plot sizes combined with associated garages and hard standings would reduce the space available for significant planting, emphasising a cramped appearance in relation to their neighbours (houses in large gardens policy).**
- 2. Lack of the local Purbeck stone in construction is out of keeping with the other properties in the area.**
- 3. The proposed new access to the "Springvale" plot conflicts with the existing access to Jackdaws and raises safety concerns.**
- 4. Increased traffic using the exit onto Valley Road which has limited visibility.**

115. Planning Application: 6/2010/0175 – Old Harry Cottage, Renscombe Road WM. Amendment to Dormer Window and New Gable Roof. **The Parish Council has no objection; however it wishes to note that the design and access statement is out of date and incorrect. It states that the cottage is to the East of the village when it is to the West and it also states that there is a shop in the village, which is not the case. Information supplied on local amenities is out of date.**

Financial Matters

116. Payment of invoices received and checked in March, 2010	
Mrs Hardy	Wages & expenses, March, 2010
Mr Ian Bugler	Grass cutting and work to hard standing on Village Green
Mr G Sprigg	Decoration to Toilets in WM Car Park

117. Confidential Minute-

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119. The annual audit will be set out for checking with the local and external auditors in April. The 2009 budget performance was discussed with the Councillors and it was agreed that spending was in line with expectation.

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PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

120. Cllr Wilson asked to whom the new quote from Wicksteeds should be sent to. The Chairman agreed that the Clerk should receive and process it.

087. Cllr Burden highlighted the continued problems with the clerk's laptop. **Action:** Clerk to investigate cost of external hard drive.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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