

**Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Worth Matravers Village Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT** Chairman Mrs J. Meates, Cllrs Burden, R.Sandham, R.Field, D. Handy, C. Newman

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**196.** Apologies were received from Cllr Larthe.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**197.** There were 4 members of the public present.

Mr Ian Bugler explained that there were 6 residents in Worth who have expressed an interest in owning an allotment and enquired whether there was land that could be set aside for this project. The Chairman stated that previous discussions showed that only 2 residents were interested and as 6 were needed the idea did not go forward. However if there are now 6 residents who have expressed an interest it is important that they contact the Chairman to see if it is a viable proposition. Discussion took place as to where the allotments could be sited and Begbie Field was suggested as possible site. The Chairman will follow this proposition through with the new owners of Seale Cottage to see if they would give permission to use the field for this purpose. **Action:** Chairman to follow up with Mr & Mrs Lurie.

Mr Nigel Edmonds, Harmans Cross Village Hall Management Committee, wished to express his thanks and that of the Committee members to the Parish Council for the help received in the payments of HX play equipment. The VAT on the play equipment will be funded by the Parish Council until the claim form is submitted at the end of July. Mr Edmonds noted that there were more people visiting the field than ever before which has generated more litter which is not being emptied regularly. It was also noted that a second bin is now needed and a litter bin & dog bin on the North side of the crossroads. This matter was discussed more fully in the meeting in the light of other Parish requirements. **Action:** Clerk to contact PDC to ask for more regular litter collections and state new litter bin siting.

Mrs Jo Edmonds asked that the speed limit in Valley Road be reviewed in the light of up to 25 children and adults walking to the new play area on a daily basis. The Chairman noted that this review is being processed by DCC and the decision due at the end of this year.

Mrs Edmonds raised the question of a footpath in Haycrafts Lane to the Village Hall which is due to be opened this month. The bank was described as a minefield with heavy goods vehicles and builder's lorries having broken down the bank. The Chairman explained that the request which was estimated to cost £50,000 was recommended to be dropped from the list for work by DCC and would not be considered for several years. However pressure may be brought to bear on Mr Fry to make good the bank when building work is completed. **Action:** Clerk to write to building company.

Mrs Edmonds stated that the cross road sign/horses on the road from HX to Corfe, has been obliterated by the growth of trees this year. **Action:** Clerk to notify Highways.

The Public meeting closed at 7.50pm.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**198.** The minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2010 had been circulated prior to the meeting. There was one alteration, minute point 162. "The Chairman introduced Cleo Evans, Arts Officer, DCC", not Cloe Evans as stated. This was duly amended. Acceptance of the minutes was unanimously passed by the Parish Councillors as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**199.** Parish Plan Action

Parish Council's Website for Local Businesses.

There was a very poor response to the Dubber article requesting local businesses to add their names to the WM web site, with only one response. **Action:** Clerk to send out emails to local firms to generate interest in this free service.

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**200.** Visit to Swanworth Quarry

This has now been re-organized for 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. The public are asked to wear sturdy boots and high visibility jackets and hard hats will be provided. The visit will incorporate looking at buildings on top of the quarry and then looking at the workshops lower down. The meeting venue will be in the Swanworth Quarry Car Park. The Chairman noted that she has received 10 responses to date.

**201.** Worth Matrovers Car Park

The resurfacing of the car park has now been completed satisfactorily, with 100 tons of top dressing which was obtained at an excellent price by the Chairman. It was agreed that 20 blackthorn bushes be purchased in the autumn to make a satisfactory hedge line. **Action:** Chairman to contact Mr Hollister at Rempstone Nurseries.

**202.** Following discussion it was agreed that the caps version of the text for the car park terms and conditions notice was acceptable. **Action:** Clerk to contact Kevin Vicers.

**203.** The clerk informed the meeting of the litter strewn car park following a busy weekend and this had not been helped by losing on large litter bin following a collision by a car. PDC have informed the Parish Council that it cannot afford to replace the bin. The decision to purchase 3 litter bins for WM & HX, plus one dig bin, will help to alleviate the growing problem in the Parish. **Action:** Clerk to contact Jan Dutton PDC to obtain quotes. Cllr Handy and the clerk will do a litter collection in the car park at 9am on the 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**204.** The problem of overnight camping and BBQ's was highlighted by the Chairman who received a call from Mr Norman on Saturday night. The Chairman informed the police who visited the car park and returned the Chairman's call at 10.20pm to inform her that this matter had been dealt with. There was no evidence of camping the following morning.

**205.** Cllr Field notified the meeting that Weston Farm would be creating a camp site for 28 days, opening for 2 weeks solid from 23<sup>rd</sup> July-8<sup>th</sup> August and every weekend thereafter throughout August. A flyer would be created and a notice put on the notice board at the car park entrance. A website would also be created to promote this initiative. 13 acres will be put over to camping, the site will be positioned outside the village on the flat field which backs onto Swanworth Quarry. It is hoped that this will alleviate the camping in the car park throughout the summer.

The Chairman read out the reply from PDC in regard to Cllr Field's request to extend the 28 day opening rule, the costs of which were prohibitive to take the matter further at this stage. **Action:** Clerk to forward email to Cllr Field.

Cllr Field will pass on information of visitor numbers and breakdown of type to the Parish Council at the end of the season.

**206.** Residents' Parking

To date there have been no uptakes.

Report on Events Attended.

**207.** Radar Trust DVD "Echoes of the Past" Launch- 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

The Chairman reported that this was attended by herself and the clerk and the DVD shown at the a launch was excellent, with old photographs being imposed on the current sites. The Chairman presented DVD's to Michaela Raymond, teacher at Poole High School for her educational work.

**208.** Dorset AONB – 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2010.

The Chairman and clerk attended the presentation and talk by Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which was followed by a conducted walk on Godlingston Heath to Agglestone Rock. The presentations were excellent and showed the areas and work done by DAONB, incorporating the Dorset Biodiversity Partnership and Purbeck Schools Guardianship Trust to encourage young people to become interested in the countryside.

**209.** Review of Electoral Cycles – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

The Chairman attended the above meeting where changes to the timing of elections were discussed. PDC are considering changing to hold District council elections every 4 years instead of the present 3

out of 4 years. This will be put out for public consultation on the 16<sup>th</sup> July. This will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

**210.** New Councillors Seminar- 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.

This was attended by Cllr Handy, Sandham and Newman who generally found it very useful. However it was noted that the presentations were a bit flat and the Councillors were not "fired up" when they left. Commendation was passed onto John Parker, Chairman DAPTC and Keith Mallet.

**211.** Harmans Cross Car Park

Problems were highlighted 2 weeks ago by Cllr Burden that the tarmac vehicles at HXVH were parked on the grass verge of the car park and a Hy Mac crane had parked at the entrance of the car park with its bucket overhanging the height bar, obstructing the access. This action was done without any notification to the Parish Council and was deemed irresponsible. The Chairman discussed this problem with Rick Bullock, Chairman HXVH to prevent this action being repeated. Mr Brian Engel has telephoned the Chairman to assure her that everything has been put back to good order. The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr Bullock will be resigning his Chairmanship of the Village Hall at the AGM in November.

**212.** West Burton Field

The Chairman read out the communication from Wicksteed's who are due to commence work in installing the 4 seater swing on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Richard Sewell, Contract Manager will be telephoning the Chairman before work commences. **Action:** Clerk to check with Mr Sewell on the warehousing location for the swing ahead of its installation.

It was noted that the wire netting does not stretch to the end of the playground due to it not being stretched tightly enough across the poles. **Action:** Cllr Burden to investigate.

The soil has been leveled out around the replacement swing area ready for its installation.

**213.** Begbie Field

This was discussed in the public meeting and following the request for allotments the Chairman will contact Mr & Mrs Lurie.

**214.** WM Village Green Litter Bins

Cllr Burden will contact Time Hoad to discuss the installation of lids for the litter bins to stop animals foraging for food. **Action:** Cllr Burden.

**Correspondence**

**215.** Re-Launch of the Parish Maintenance Unit.

The Chairman notified the Councillors that the Parish Maintenance Unit visit the Parish 3 times a year for a period of roughly 4 weeks. In order to maximize the effective use of the unit a form has been sent to identify potential problems. The unit covers the type of work such as potholes, blocked or covered drains, overgrown drainage grips, culverts & pipes, obscured, bent damaged or dirty signs, verge deterioration, kerbs and channels, weeds on footways. The next visit to the Parish will be in October and Parish Councillors are encouraged to note problems in the Parish and inform the clerk.

**216.** Planning Community Housing Group

Notification has been received that the next meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.

**217.** PDC Emergency Response Plan

This is currently being circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Sandham felt that the plan did not determine what an emergency really is and if the Parish has a role in it, what was that role. The Plan once circulated, will be held by the clerk for future reference.

**218.** Core Strategy Public Consultation

Responses have to be in by the 30<sup>th</sup> July. A road show is planned at the Mowlem Theatre on the 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**219.** Finger Post Spotting

DAONB have launched this project to preserve the old finger posts throughout the County. It was decided that the finger post which has been broken at the Square & Compass for the past 2 years would be reported to them. **Action:** Clerk to notify.

**220. Swanworth Local Liaison Group Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm at Swanworth Quarry. This date has been moved from 15<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Meates and Burden to attend.

**221. Purbeck Artist & Stallholders.**

A letter requesting permission for directional arrow signs be placed on WM Village Green by the Purbeck Artist & Stallholders was agreed by the Parish Councillors. Councillors are invited to the preview night on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 6-8pm.

**Highway Matters**

**222.** The Chairman reported that the meeting with Nigel Hamar, DCC Highways Dept. on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10am with Cllr Burden in attendance gave a good indication of the problems facing the Parish in regard to Highway matters. Mr Hamer left with a list of outstanding work needing to be completed.

**223. Garden Services Ltd**

Parking problems were experienced by Garden Services when cutting the grass in the Churchyard, they were given a parking ticket by a traffic warden for parking on the bend of the road having already established a system of parking which has been satisfactory since 2006. Garden Services asked the Parish Council to write in a letter of support to the Parking Department which was done. It will now be decided by appeal if this fine stands. If so, the contractor feels unable to carry on working in Worth.

**Action:** Awaiting the outcome of the appeal.

**224. Resident's Parking**

The Chairman read out the correspondence from Emma Pickering, tenant of the Old School House, regarding a parking permit for her vehicle. Originally a business permit was given to Derek Ralls for his van as he had the Post Office Stores and did deliveries of goods to residents. Now that the business has closed that permit has been rescinded. The Chairman will explore whether the Village Hall can be given a parking permit. **Action:** Chairman to continue discussion with Tony Burt, DCC.

**225. Speed Limit in Worth Matravers**

Following incidents of animals being killed by speeding motorists lengthy discussions took place over the speed limit that should be imposed on vehicles travelling through the village. The Chairman has approached PACT representative, PC Ashdown, who is willing to support this request with the Highways Dept. After discussion it was felt that a 20mph restriction be requested. **Action:** Chairman to notify.

**226. Gate at the Emmet Hill Footpath.**

Following discussion it was felt that disabled access would not be satisfactory at the entrance to Emmet Hill considering the sheer cliff face that would confront the disabled. The gate is currently held together with barbed wire and is not a public access.

**Planning Matters**

**227.** Planning Application- 6/10/0384: Swanworth Quarry, Worth Matravers – Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 6/2006/0070 to allow the production and sale of secondary aggregates until 26 June 2017. **The Parish Council has no objection.**

**228.** Planning Application- 6/10/0383 – Swanworth Quarry, Worth Matravers – Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 6/93/793 (as varied 2004) to extend the life of the quarry until 26 June 2017 with the restoration completed by 26 June 2018. **The Parish Council has no objection.**

**229.** Planning Application-6/10/0230- Headley Dene, Valley Road, HX. Proposed Extensions and Alterations to Roof Space, Side, Front and Rear. Internal Alterations. Demolish Existing Front extension. **The Parish Council objected to this application. The plans showed a two storey extension where in fact it was 3 storeys.**

**230.** Planning Application – 6/10/0390: Downshay Farm, Haycrafts Lane, HX. Change of use of redundant building to holiday cottage. **The Parish Council has no objection.**

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- 231.** The Chairman read out an email from Ros Drane in regard to the planning application for pedestrian access in the boundary wall at Baemar, WM. Permission was granted by the Planning Dept. At PDC.
- 232.** The Parish Councillors were informed that the weekly Planning Lists would now be emailed from PDC and would be forwarded to individual Councillors.

**Financial Matters**

- 233.** Payment of invoices received and checked in June, 2010
  - Mrs Hardy Wages & expenses, June, 2010
  - D.Smith Grass Cutting HX
  - D.Smith Resurfacing of WM Car Park
  - LAppset UK Ltd. HX Playground Equipment
  - Record RSS Ltd " " "
  - Staples Direct Office Stationery
  - Yellow Call Clerk's Telephone
  - PlaySmart UK Ltd HX Playground Equipment
  - Garden Services Churchyard Grass Cutting
  - Mr I Bugler Grass Cutting WM.

- 234.** HX Playground Equipment  
The Clerk reported that invoices have now been paid for playground equipment for HX playground, and the grant has been received from DCC. **Action:** Clerk to process VAT refund at the end of July.

**235.** Confidential Minute

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- 237.** Clerk's Laptop  
Cllr Sandham has put forward suggestions for the purchase of a Dell laptop for the Clerk. It was agreed to purchase a Dell Inspiron 15. At a cost of £330 with a possible upgrade to 4096 SDRAM later for £40 if found to be too slow. **Action:** Clerk to check if Dosh System installation disc is being held on file. Clerk to contact the procurement dept. at DCC to check on purchase price before ordering.

- 238.** Parish Council Bank Accounts.  
Following discussion on the present situation of bank accounts being held by the Parish Council it was decided to keep the current accounts open.

**PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

- 239.** Cllr Sandham requested the purchase of a further dog bin for WM to be situated at the end of London Row to stop the dumping of dog poo bags along the Winspit track. **Action:** Clerk to enquire about collection from bin with PDC.
- 240.** Cllr Sandham enquired whether a "No Vehicular Access to the Sea" sign could be placed on the duck sign or the "No Through Road" sign to stop cars trying to get to the coast unnecessarily. **Action:** Clerk to enquire.
- 241.** Cllr Handy apologized for smoke which drifted from her bonfire down the valley, due to a still night, it is difficult to get rid of garden waste such as ivy other than by burning.

The meeting closed at 9.54 pm

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