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## **Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2011 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT** Chairman Mrs J. Meates, Cllrs Burden, R.Sandham, I Bugler

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**252.** Cllr Newman gave her apologies in advance and Cllr Field's apologies were tabled at the meeting

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There were 3 members of the public present.  
The following points were raised;

**253** Concern was expressed about the amount of Ragwort growing in fields adjacent to the Langton to Worth road. Advice was given that whilst it was advisable and action is taken to remove it on these local sites this is no longer a statutory requirement. A question was raised about the use of the Worth car park on the 31 July by the National Trust and the Clerk confirmed they had sought and obtained permission in advance before using the area.

**254.** Comments were made about the recent unsuccessful planning application for a caravan and camping park off Haycrafts Lane. The Clerk provided a copy of the Purbeck District Council (PDC) decision. The Chairman advised that the PC had made a number of comments as set out previously but had sought in accordance with local wishes that if successful the Transport Infrastructure payment should fund an extension to the pavement.

The Public Meeting closed at 7.47pm

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**255.** The minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Burden proposed, seconded by Cllr Sandham and acceptance of the minutes was passed by all Councillors present as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**256.** Councillor Vacancy

The vacancy for a new Councillor arises from the 1<sup>st</sup> August and the procedure for filling the vacancy has been initiated with notification to PDC and a local advert at HX and WM. The wish for interest to be expressed from a local HX resident had been widely circulated

**257.** Action Note WMPC meeting on the 7 July

The Clerk circulated the Action Note with the progress on these action points. The outstanding actions were discussed. **Action** Clerk to update.

**258.** Begbie Field Community Orchard

Cllr Bugler reported back in the absence of Cllr Newman that the tree options list would be available in September for those still outstanding on their choice. **Action** Cllr Newman would arrange to circulate list in September to obtain the specific individual tree type requests.

**259.** Worth Matravers Car Park Toilets

The Vice Chairman reported on progress towards the 2012-13 review of the existing contract. **Action** Clerk to liaise with PDC and Cllr Burden to investigate alternative contractors in respect of interest in for an inclusive contract for both Langton and Worth Matravers Toilets.

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**260.** Worth Matravers Car Park

The Clerk reported on the very high level of demand generated by the special carving event at the Square and Compass on Sunday the 31 July with both the car park and overspill area overfull with parking in the aisles in both areas and other vehicles queuing to gain access. It was agreed to review any availability of further overspill areas for such special events. Amendments to the donation signing were also required **Action** Cllr Sandham agreed to look at the advisory signs

**261.** Footpath signing rear of Church WM

The PC noted that a scheme for sign posts had been received costed at £ 897. This estimate had been based on the designs produced by Cllr Field and Cllr Newman. The proposals were to resolve the issue of stray pedestrians especially at the back of the church and from Weston Farm campsite walking across private land instead of keeping to the public footpaths. **Action** The Clerk was authorised to place the necessary order.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**262.** The Clerk reported on correspondence received requesting action to clear overhanging vegetation o/s Woodlands on Valley road HX. The Clerk confirmed this had been formally reported to DCC Highways and a complaint number received. **Action** Clerk to monitor progress from DCC

**263** The PC had been invited by letter from Dorset Police (DP) of 28 July to engage in their review of expenditure on public enquiry offices. This was noted Action Clerk to liaise with DP

**264** Continuing concern was being expressed to the Clerk about the clearing by SITA of the rubbish bins on the HX open space. This was exacerbated by the high level of general public summer use of the new playground. The Clerk had contacted PDC on a number of occasions to seek action on the overflowing litter bin by the Village hall.

**265** Cllrs discussed the recent correspondence from a WM resident with Dorset County Council (DCC) on the height barriers installed at Renscombe car park and their response copied to WMPC. Continuing problems of maintenance vehicle access to Coastguard Cottages were confirmed with 6 over height vans unable to access the car park obstructing the adjacent access road on the 31 July. Cllrs agreed the problem of camper van parking was a Purbeck wide issue which needed a comprehensive approach from DCC and PDC. **Action** Clerk to liaise with the Purbeck Area Committee DAPTC and to pursue directly and through that organization a review and action from PDC and DCC.

**266** The Chairman reported on the Electoral Commission review meeting 13 July. It was agreed that 3 member constituencies with one third elected every year represented the worst alternative of additional cost and lack of local accountability; **Action** Clerk to inform consultation accordingly.

**267** The Clerk reported back on the PATPC meeting on the 20 July and the presentation by DCC Highways of their revised proposals for winter maintenance with contractors rather than local farmers asked to carry out snow clearance. Existing ploughs are likely to be offered to parish councils as would a limited availability of salt. These proposals were subject to approval by the DCC.

**268.** The Chairman reported back on the Swanworth Quarry liaison meeting 14 July and the successful open day they had held on the 16 July. Information given was that the due to the economy extraction would be likely to carry on for more years than the original consent before the site was restored.

**269.** The Chairman noted that there had been a recent report of the Trustees for HX Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) which did not appear to have been referred to the Parish Council (PC). WMPC had Trustee status for the original hall and grounds and it was understood that it is a Trustees of the new village hall. The PC had incurred expenditure accordingly and clarification of the formal involvement of the PC as a Trustee of the new hall was required. **Action** Clerk to review with HX VHMC confirmation of the Trustee position of WMPC.

**HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**270.** The current DCC reorganization position was noted. The outstanding items involved obtaining a contact point in the new organisation responsible for Traffic Management Minor capital works as well as the Local PM Unit.

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**271** Overhanging hedges and unkempt verges were reported on the Kingston road between Afflington farm and Kingston and by the verge approaching Kingston Country Courtyard in the Corfe Castle Parish Action Clerk to refer to CCPC to pursue with DCC LPMU.

**272** The minor work by Compact farm on the Worth to Kingston road was still outstanding.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 273** a. Application: PA 6/2011/0428 Downs Quarry Kingston Rd WM. Variation of condition 2 & 3 to extend end date of extraction and restoration. No objections.  
b. TPO applications – Oak Copse, Haycrafts Lane, and Harmans Cross- Remove end of branches for safety and to remove conflict with overhead lines. PDC decision to approve noted.  
c. TPO decision Ballard Lea Bower Close HX. PDC split decision on all trees noted.  
d. Application PP6/2011/0178 Worth Community Property Trust –to substitute plans to alter orientation of two dwellings and correct annotation errors on elevation drawings. PDC decision noted.  
e. Planning Enforcement issues. Action on field adjoining WM car park noted. Improved track to Chapmans Pool discussed. Easington Quarry enforcement action by DCC noted. Feedback was outstanding on timber building reported rear of Little Foxes Newfoundland Close **Action** Clerk to pursue response.  
f. Bournemouth, Poole and DCC Revised Draft Mineral Core Strategy consultation. Noted **Action** Clerk to consider and report back.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**274.** Payment of invoices received and checked July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 31, 2011

Mr I Bugler	Grass cutting WM, July 2011
Garden Services	Grass cutting Churchyard, July 2011
Uniworld telecommunications	Provision of service 2010-2011 Invoice to be reviewed before payment.

**275.** **Confidential Minute**

**276** Annual Audit

The Clerk had posted Notice of Conclusion of Audit at WM and HX Notice Boards for 14 days from 6 July and no request for inspection had been received.

**277** Chairman

Cllr Burden agreed to act as Chairman for the September meeting. Cllr Meates who stood down at this meeting but remaining as a Councillor was thanked for all her work as Chairman of the Parish council over the past 5 years.

### **PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

**278** The Parish Council was concerned about a report received from a member of the public of comments from a PDC Member during the recent consideration by the Planning Board of the O'Connell application on Haycraft lane The Chairman had formally responded in advance of the Planning Board with the PC observations on the application strictly in accordance with written guidelines provided by officers of PDC. It was agreed that the reported inappropriate comments should be taken up formally. **Action** Clerk to draft letter from the Parish Council to PDC Leader and Planning Board Chairman.

**279** Overhanging vegetation of nettles and brambles were reported on the road to the centre of Worth from the Begbie orchard entrance to the Pond, **Action** Cllr Bugler agreed he would attend to these minor works.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.