

Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Harmans Cross Village Hall on Tuesday 1st February, 2011 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Chairman Mrs J. Meates, Cllrs Burden, R.Sandham, M.Larthe, C. Newman, R. Field, County/District Cllr M. Lovell (arrived late)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

036. Cllr Handy

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

037. Declaration of Interest: The Chairman noted that Cllr Field declared an interest in Planning Applications 6/11/0020 and 6/11/0046, Weston Farm, Bonvils Rd, WM and he would leave the room whilst discussions take place.

038. There were 6 members of the public present.
The following points were raised

039. Mud had been deposited on Haycrafts Lane from contractors working on Sunnyhayes. **Action:** Clerk to write letter.

040. Improvement to the Footpath going down to the bridge. The Chairman explained that this seemed to have dropped of the DCC list of schemes to be done. Enquiry if a private company undertook counting of traffic. **Action:** Chairman to enquire.

041. Concern over planning application 6/11/0046, regarding the opening of Weston Farm Campsite for 45 continuous days with increased disturbance and noise for residents.
A request for an open meeting so that residents could air their views, before the Parish Council make a decision.

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council have a 3 week turnaround for planning application decisions, but that she would request an extension to the planning consultation period, to allow further discussion with concerned residents. Objectors to the planning application should write to PDC and copy the Parish Council, so that all views may be taken into account. **Action:** Chairman.

042. Mr Newman gave an update on the Begbie Field Community Orchard Scheme, stating that he is in contact with Liz Copas, growers of the old Dorset variety of apple trees. Mr Newman stressed the importance of ordering early for availability.

The Chairman stated that Simon Goldsack had also sent a list of suitable apple trees. The location is not ideal but if dwarf or medium rooting stock was purchased, it would give more guaranteed growth. Charlie was hoping that someone from Powerstock, where they have set up a similar scheme, would attend the meeting on the 22nd February and stated that he has the equipment for cider making, available to village residents.

The Public meeting closed at 7.45pm

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

043. The minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th January, 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 as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

044. Parish Plan Actions.

Local Transport – Cllr Handy attended a meeting on 5th January and enquired the possibility of increasing the bus service to the afternoons in WM and HX. She was informed that there was no funding available and that licenses are being reviewed.

045. Waste Partnership Meeting

Cllr Handy submitted a report on the above meeting which took place on 21st January and the Chairman highlighted point 27, which concerned the waste from door to door deliveries of unasked mail and printed catalogues. The question of the siting of a plastic recycling bin in Worth was mentioned, but nowhere suitable, that the PDC could collect from, had been found in the village.

046. Cllr Sandham raised the suggestion of setting up a Private Parish Transport Scheme, where by neighbors would assist residents unable to drive, to travel into town and back. This would be a community led scheme and would be on the basis of a pooled car system. **Action:** Cllr Sandham to explore this idea.

047. Litter & Dog Bins

The 3 litter and 1 dog bins ordered for HX & WM have been delivered and installed in HX playground, WM car park and awaiting installation at HX crossroads, once the concrete base is in place. A complaint was received regarding the siting of the bin and dog bin at the cross roads, but as it is Highways land, the Parish Council has no jurisdiction to change to position of the bins.

048. Volunteer of the Year Award

The nomination has been sent in to PDC and the presentation evening will be held on the 16th March.

049. Dog Fouling

Councillor Newman stated that the production of the poster which would be placed in the car park and relevant points in the village, was delayed due to technical difficulties. Cllr Sandham offered to assist and will also help in producing leaflets to be placed on cars during peak times. **Action:** Cllr Newman & Sandham

050. Begbie Field Community Orchard

A public meeting will take place on 22nd February in WM Village Hall at 7.30 pm. There have been 20 responses so far. A poster to be put up on the Parish Council notice board. **Action:** Clerk.

The Chairman pointed out the utilities that run through the field and handed over the project file to Cllr Newman, who will take over the responsibility of the project,. This was agreed unanimously by the Councillors. The Chairman suggested that a plan be instigated to ascertain the quantity of trees suitable for the area. **Action:** Cllr Field to assist Cllr Newman.

051. Withy Bed Report

The Chairman and Mrs Johnson met the Tree Officer and discussed the options for crown reduction of the ash, sycamore and cherry tree in the Withy Bed. Whilst the Tree Officer was happy for the cherry tree to have crown reduction, he was concerned that the sycamore and ash trees should not be reduced. In the written report sent, the Tree Officer suggested a 7 year pruning programme be planned to remove small branches, but still retain the current shape. All Ash trees to be reduced only to the previous pruning point. **Action:** Clerk to approach Ian Bugler to reduce Cherry tree.

052. Worth Matravers Location Map

Discussion took place on the location for the WM Location Map and it was decided that it should be attached to the Duck sign and also incorporate a **P** for parking and arrow to direct motorist to the car park. **Action:** Clerk to contact Kevin Vicars to discuss the format of the sign.

053. West Burton Field

Following the RoSPA Playground inspection, Cllr Burden to investigate findings and report. **Action:** Cllr Burden.

054. Grass Cutting Contracts

Grass cutting quotes for 2011/12 were discussed and contracts awarded. **Action:** Clerk to inform contractors.

CORRESPONDENCE

055. Dorset Village of the Year Competition

Entries to be received by 31st March.

056. Dorset POPP Locality Planning

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It was considered a good idea for the Parish to receive updated information. **Action:** Clerk to apply.

057. A thank you letter was received by the Citizens Advice Bureau for the donation received.

058. PPC – Mr Brian Engel

Mr Engel, Church Warden, St. Nicholas Church, WM, wrote to the Chairman regarding a parking fine received by the Priest in Charge, Judith Malins on September 19th 2010. DCC's reply to Mr Engel when disputing the parking fine, was to ask the Parish Council for a parking space in the village for her. After discussion it was agreed to approach Mr Viney to enquire whether he would be agreeable to giving space in his drive for the Vicar to park during services. **Action:** Chairman to enquire. Clerk to contact DCC to discuss alternative scheme.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

059. The Parish Maintenance Unit, List of Outstanding Works. The Clerk has chased up but had no further news of when outstanding work, such as blocked drains and pot holes, will be done. **Action:** Cllr Lovell will investigate.

060. Cutting of Hedges in the Parish

This work has now been completed.

061. Signpost Repair

The arm of the signpost from Kingston to Worth has now been repaired. Still outstanding is the signpost at the Square & Compass. **Action:** Clerk to enquire yet again.

PLANNING MATTERS

062. Planning Application: 6/2011/0016– Cobblers Cottage, WM. Erect Rear Conservatory & Remove Garden Shed. **The Parish Council has no objection.**

063. Planning Application: 6/2011/0012 – Upper Down, Valley Rd.,HX Erect Detached Garage. **The Parish Council has no objection.**

064. Planning Application: 6/2011/0037 – Long Meadows, Valley Rd, HX. Erect Replacement Bungalow & Replacement Garage. **The Parish Council has no objection**

065. Planning Application: 6/2011/0020 Weston Farm, Bonvils Rd., WM - Proposed Re-Design of Approved Dwelling. **The Parish Council has no objection.**

066. Planning Application 6/2011/0046 – Weston Farm Campsite, WM. Use of land as campsite with motor homes, for a period of 42 consecutive days or 60 days total per annum, land north of Weston Road, WM. **This planning application was received today and will go on circulation to all the Councillors. Taking into account local objection, the Chairman will request to extend the planning consultation period to allow residents time to raise their concerns at the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 1st March, 2011.**

FINANCIAL MATTERS

067. Payment of invoices received and checked in January, 2011

CAB	Donation
The Dubber	Donation
PTN Systems	Programming for Clerk's Laptop
Mrs Hardy	Reimbursement of purchase of Software
Uniworld	Clerk's Telephone
DCC.	Grass Cutting 2010
Mrs Hardy	Salary and Expenses January, 2011

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070. Internal Audit

Mr John Hynan has agreed to complete the internal audit for the Parish Council.

071. Clerk's Laptop

The new laptop is working well after additional software was purchased.

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

072. The Chairman informed the Councillors that 20 Blackthorn whips had been purchased for WM car park. It was agreed that Ian Bugler be approached to plant. **Action:** Chairman

073. Mark Norman raised concern that mud on the road from Renscombe through the village was dangerous. Mr Fry had moved winter beet from the fields for cattle feed and left the roads in a dire state. Cllr Field has cleared the road from Renscombe to Weston farm, but it was felt that a letter to Mr Fry should be sent. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that any mud deposited on the road is swept up. **Action:** Clerk to write to Mr Fry.

074. Cllr Newman enquired to whom she should write to raise concern regarding the height of the trees in the cemetery. The Chairman stated that the PCC is in charge of the Churchyard and Mr Engel, Church Warden, should be approached.

075. Cllr Sandham reported that he had replaced the fuse that had been taken out of the men's hand dryer in the public toilets, but pointed out that the heating element in the hand dryer had broken in the ladies toilet. **Action:** Clerk to contact Val Cole, PDC and report.

076. Confidential Minute:

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

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