

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

PRESENT Chairman Mrs J. Meates, Cllrs Burden, R.Sandham, M.Larthe, C. Newman, D. Handy, R. Field,
County/District Cllr M. Lovell

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

077. None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

079. There were 7 members of the public present.
The following points were raised;

080. In reference to Planning Application 6/11/0046, Mr John Strange put forward his reasons for extending the use of his land as a campsite with motor homes, for a period of 42 days or 60 days per annum. He felt that an extension would cause less bottlenecking of traffic through the village as well as increasing the income for the farm and it was important to diversify to ensure the continuance of Weston Farm. It was felt by residents who attended the meeting that although it is understood that diversification is necessary, it should not be at the expense of the community and the environment. It will obviously increase traffic and diminish the enjoyment and be at the expense of the village.

However it was agreed that the village needed to have a campsite in the vicinity to alleviate illegal parking in the car parks in Worth during the busy summer months. In addition the extra income is helpful to local business, especially at times such as the Stone Carving Festival, Purbeck Art Week and Village activities.
The suggestion of finding another route into the campsite to avoid damage to the village infrastructure, was discussed again during the planning application decision.

081. Hedge cutting throughout the village left a residue of debris which was not removed. This matter will be looked into and rectified in the future.

082. The Chairman raised the matter of a threatening notice left on a resident's car regarding dog fouling. On investigation it has been confirmed by Mr Richard Conway, PDC, that 'Dog Fouling of Land Order 2003' clearly states that land used for agriculture and woodland is exempt from non-fouling laws. It is entirely up to the individual whether or not to pick up-it is NOT compulsory. The Police also confirmed that they would never deal with a complaint about dog fouling.

083. Cllr Larthe wished to have on record the fact that contrary to the minutes of the Parish Council meeting in December, she had no reason to make an apology and, indeed, did not make one. Three written statements by members of the public present at that meeting attest to that fact.

The Public meeting closed at 8.07pm

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

084. The minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st February, 2011 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Burden proposed, seconded by Cllr Newman and acceptance of the minutes was passed by all Councillors as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

PLANNING MATTERS

085. Planning Application 6/11/0046: 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 Farm WM.
A full discussion took place regarding this application and all views were taken into account. It was agreed that a statement would be sent to the Planning Department PDC to see if there was a way in

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which a new roadway to the west of the village could be supported by DCC, PDC, Jurassic Coast and World heritage, to alleviate the traffic problems through the village, with the support of PDC, Jurassic Coast and World Heritage. This statement will be finalised and sent to all individual District Planning Councillors at PDC. The Chairman will attend the Planning meeting on 31st March. A copy of the statement to also be sent to Steve Dring, Community Planner PDC, and a site visit be requested.

Action: Clerk to circulate statement when finalised.

- 086.** The Enforcement Officer has informed the Parish Council that work being undertaken on the west side of Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross, near the Village Hall, is being investigated. An enforcement order is to be issued to the owner of Banks Field, WM for re-instatement of the land.

MATTERS ARISING

087. Dog Fouling

Cllr Newman confirmed that the dog fouling notices had been installed at WM car park and the gate leading onto National Trust land. Cllr Lovell agreed to arrange permanent notices to be sent from PDC.

Action: Cllr Lovell to source.

088. Begbie Field Community Orchard.

Cllr Newman reported that the meeting held in WM village hall was well attended, with 35 residents wishing to purchase and plant a tree. Mt Ian Buglar had agreed to support the scheme and will dig test holes to determine the soil content. Residents are required to inform Cllr Newman of their choice of tree for planting and Simon Goldsack will provide a list of available trees in the summer. The grant to help funding was discussed and it was agreed that Chalk & Cheese be approached. Ian Bugler has agreed to be a contact name. Cllr Newman will send a report for inclusion in the Dubber. Thanks was passed to Cllr Newman for organizing this project. It was agreed that a lucky dip grid system be put in place for the tree location. **Action:** Cllr Newman.

089. Withy Bed.

A TPO has been completed for work to the cherry tree next to the Withy Bed. The Councillors agreed unanimously that Mr Ian Bugler complete the work.

090. WM Location Map.

Copies of the location map to be installed at the junction of the Square & Compass were passed to the Councillors. It was agreed to go forward with Notice 3, with the addition of a P in front of signage to the car park. It was also agreed for a Foamex location map sign to be purchased for the car park and to order 3 vinyl £2 signs for the change of parking fee for the summer season. **Action:** Clerk to organize.

091. HX Notice Board

Cllr Burden had investigated the notice board at HX and agreed that it is in a state of disrepair. A new notice board is now required. **Action:** Cllr Burden to organize.

092. WM Car Park

The parking fee will increase from £1 to £2 during the period of 1st April to 31st September. Change of signage will be organized. **Action:** Clerk to contact Kevin Vicars, Cllr Sandham to remove brass plate and arrange engraving.

Blackthorne whips have been planted with the additional contribution from Mr Ian Bugler.

093. HX Car Park

The Chairman noted that a cross piece has broken on the right hand side which may be able to be repaired rather than replace. **Action:** Cllr Burden to investigate.

- 094.** The Parish Council was notified that the liner has been removed from the newly installed litter bin at HX crossroad. **Action:** Cllr Burden to give the Clerk dimensions of the liner. Clerk to investigate whether Neil Randall PDC could offer replacement.

095. Proposed Village Transport Initiative

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, at the February Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that the proposal would be published in the minutes and the Dubber and the contact number to be the Clerk's. **Action:** Cllr Sandham to instigate.

CORRESPONDENCE

096. Housing Needs Survey

PDC have requested that a Housing Needs Survey be completed, the last one being done in 2005. It was agreed that, as requested a letter would accompany the survey with a Parish Council letterhead, signed by the Chairman. An article to be placed in the Dubber. The oversubscribed list for the WCPT housing in Worth showed that continued requirements are needed. **Action:** Chairman and Clerk to organize letter to be sent.

097. Confidential Minute:

099. Swanworth Quarry

The email received from 3 residents, regarding the future of Swanworth Quarry and their meeting with the N.T, was read out by the Chairman. The questions that were raised by these residents were forwarded to Mr Chris Suttle who has replied in detail. This report will be forwarded to those concerned. **Action:** Clerk to organize.

100. Parking in WM for the Priest in Charge.

A reply to the request for the penalty charge waiver for Rev. Malins has not been upheld. Mr Tony Burt, Technical Officer, Traffic Management has found no prior arrangement in the records kept. However the Chairman has contacted Mr Nick Viney, who has agreed to the new Vicar parking her car in his drive for the duration of the services in St Nicholas Church. The Chairman has informed Mr Brian Engel, Church Warden of this arrangement.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

101. The Parish Maintenance Unit, List of Outstanding Works. The Clerk asked for an update of work to be done in the Parish. The following was noted;

- Trim verges to expose white lines in WM
- Road deteriorating at Compact Farm and outside Rose Cottage WM.

Action: Clerk to forward updated list to DCC Highways.

Cllr Lovell informed the Councillors that there would be a large change in DCC Highways organisation, with one person being in charge of each area and who will see the jobs through from start to finish.

102. The Chairman reported on the meeting with Mr Blair Turner DCC Highways, regarding the drainage problems in Worth. The blocked drain near the Square & Compass has been cleared, but the continued problem of water running across both the main road and Pikes Lane was discussed. Mr Turner agreed to arrange an investigation of the drainage. The bank which has fallen away outside Bridles has exposed a drain which will need investigation. **Action:** Mr Turner to report back to the Chairman.

103. The Chairman brought to the notice of Mr Turner of the continued drainage problem of standing water on the Valley Road, HX between North Instow and Moonfleet Garage. The drain needs roding through.

Action: Mr Turner to instigate.

104. Speed Limit in HX

The Chairman read out the email received from Richard Stubbs, Technical Officer, Network Traffic Management regarding the request for the 40 mph speed limit through HX to be reduced to 30mph. The existing speed limit was found to be to the County Policy during the review, so there were no changes proposed as a result. This matter was passed to Mr Nigel Edmunds HX for his information.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 105.** Payment of invoices received and checked in February, 2011
Burden Building Services Work in Wm and HX Car Parks
Uniworld Clerk's Telephone
Staples Stationery
Mrs Hardy Salary and Expenses February, 2011
DWG Smith Ltd Intallation of Litter/Dog bins & WM Dias, Village Green

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108. Retirement of Clerk

The Chairman read out the letter of resignation from the Clerk, which will take effect in June. It was agreed to advertise the position in the Dubber, Advertiser and the DAPTC website. Cllrs Newman & Burden agreed to take part in the interview panel for the replacement. The closing date for applications was decided mid April, with interviews to be held end April.

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

076. Confidential Minute:

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.