

Minutes of the Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting held in Worth Matravers Village Hall on Tuesday 6 September, 2011 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Chairman Mr J Burden, Cllrs Mrs Cath Newman, Mrs J. Meates, R. Sandham, I Bugler, R Field

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

282. There were no apologies for absence

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Burden declared an Interest in Items 7b) and 7d) and subsequently left the room and passed the Chair to Cllr Meates for these items. Similarly Cllr Newman left the room for item 7d)

There were 6 members of the public present.

The following points were raised in the public discussion;

283. Objections were expressed to proposed change of use of the Worth Tea Shop to residential. Following the loss of the Craft workshop restaurant facility from its conversion to residential there was now no place in the village for the many visitors and elderly local people to get light refreshments. It was noted that the marketing of the existing premises has now been concentrated solely on a new residential use restricting any opportunity for encouraging a continuing commercial Tea House use.

284. Concerns were expressed about the proposed offshore wind farm and their visual effects on the area around Worth were brought to the Council's attention. It was requested that the Parish express such concerns to the authorities promoting and considering the merits of the scheme. The Clerk advised that the issue had been raised with the Dorset (Purbeck) Area Parish and Town Councils Association (DAPTC) and had asked for it to be considered by the Purbeck District Council Coastal Working Party.

285. The Clerk apologised for the absence of the Agenda on the WM web site. This had been caused by an IT problem which had already been referred to the Web manager to deal with.

286. A local Architect gave a brief introduction to proposals being considered for a new house at Pond View WM and left preliminary drawings for the Council to reflect on. Concern was expressed by Cllrs and the public about the ongoing failure of the applicant to remedy longstanding maintenance issues on another property relevant to the application site. This adjacent property was considered by local people to be an eyesore in a key part of the village conservation area .

The Public Meeting closed at 7.48pm

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

287. The Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2011 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Newman proposed, seconded by Cllr Meates acceptance of the minutes and these were passed by all Councillors present as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

288. Councillor Vacancy

No expressions of interest had been received by the Clerk and it was agreed to ask in the Dubber for interest especially from the HX area.

289. Action Note WMPC meeting on the 2 August 2011

The Clerk had circulated the Action Note with the progress on these action points. The letter to the Leader at PDC was agreed and signed by the Chairman. The outstanding actions were discussed.

Action Clerk to update and circulate.

290. Begbie Field Community Orchard

Cllr Newman reported back that the tree options list was outstanding but that most of the 45 Trees and been specified There were now 5 tree plots available.. **Action** Cllr Newman would arrange to obtain the specific individual tree type requests.

291. Worth Matravers Car Park Toilets

The Council agreed in principle to locally managing the maintenance and cleaning of this facility on the basis that the existing costs were met by PDC. **Action** Clerk to inform PDC

292. Worth Matravers Car Park

The Clerk reported on a letter received which had been copied to the Dubber objecting to the provision by the PC of any extra parking for occasional events in Worth. The Council felt the letter showed how they were damned if they did anything to deal with the problems and damned if they did nothing .It was agreed the appropriate response should be in the Clerk's monthly report to the Dubber. **Action** Clerk.

293. Footpath signing rear of Church WM

The Clerk reported the lack of an e mail response from the contractor and Cllrs Burden and Field agreed to pursue the sign maker direct for the necessary information so that the Clerk could issue the works order. **Action** Clerk Cllr Burden Cllr Field

CORRESPONDENCE

294. The Clerk reported on a request for funding for the ongoing support of the resident ducks on the Worth village pond. It was agreed to meet the request. **Action** Clerk to send agreed donation

295 The PC had been requested by DCC to raise a special precept to help provide match funding for the next phase of Dorset Broadband Initiative. Cllrs agreed to seek clarification as to how any funds raised by the parish would be used to the benefit of people resident in the parish **Action** Clerk to contact DCC

296 The Clerk had received a request for the PC to cooperate with an Observatory documentary demonstrating the local community voluntary involvement which underpinned the maintenance of the social structures of the area. Cllrs did not feel from previous adverse experience of a TV documentary team at Studland that they would wish to be involved.

297 The public consultation process and programme for two proposals namely Poole Harbour Commissioners proposed works at Hanworthy and DCC planning for Local Quarrying were noted by the Council. **Action** Clerk to monitor.

298 The Clerk reported the next round of consultation from the Boundary Commission who were minded to agree with the PDC proposal to increase the number of District councilors to 27 from 24 for three member wards. The PC did not concur with this extra cost. The PC had no comment on specific boundary changes or for any alteration to the existing Polling places at HXVH and WMVH. **Action** Clerk to inform consultation accordingly.

299 The Council, following the similar item in the public discussion item, noted the letter from the CPRE regarding the impact on the countryside of wind turbines. The PC noted that a meeting would be held with a DCC speaker on Renewable Energy on the 15/9 in Wareham TH at 1930

300. The Clerk reported back on his attendance at the last meeting of the for HX Village Hall Management Committee (HX VHMC). It was agreed the Clerk should in future represent the PC at that meeting. There was still an outstanding issue of the Custodian Trusteeship to clarify. The VHMC had requested that the PC make the planning application for the new garage proposal on the site and this was agreed

301. The Council noted the request from Comic relief for a fun run / mini marathon around the parish but agreed that that type of event was better handled in Swanage as per similar events. The PC would be prepared to look at the possibility of other events. **Action** Clerk to inform Comic Relief

HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 302.** The lack of clarification on responsibilities at DCC under their current Highways reorganisation was noted. **Action** Clerk to pursue DCC
- 303** Considerable concern was expressed about the white and yellow line maintenance in the parish. The maintenance of the white line edge of carriageway marking was felt to be especially important with the number of local fogs in the area. The removal of the NWAT signs and posts highlighted the poor maintenance of the double yellow lines making them much less effective in deterring illegal parking. Concern was expressed about the lack of parking enforcement close by the pub during a recent DCC Civil Enforcement Officer visit. **Action** Clerk to contact DCC
- 304** It was agreed that further local pruning was required on hedgerows at carriageway edges in the parish and that the local contractor be asked to carry out this work. The PC noted the invoice for previous work was outstanding in spite of previous requests. **Action** Cllr Field would contact contractor
- 305** The drain overflow issue by the pathway in Worth Centre was still current needing attention by DCC
- 306** The PC noted the road closure for Kingston Hill on two Sundays (11th and 18th September) from 0900 to 1700 and the potential impact on Haycraft Lane and Crack Lane even though these would not be signed as alternative routes. The Clerk agreed to post the Highways Notice at HX and WM notice boards as well as providing a further copy of the Notice for display in the Square and Compass pub. The PC was concerned about the number of local events running concurrently with the closure, The PC also noted the potential impact of roadworks closing the A351 at Holton Heath. **Action** Clerk to take up Highways issues with PDC and DCC Highways and post appropriate copies of the Highway Closure Notice

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 307**
- a. PA 6/201/0459 Post Office Cottage WM Adaption of existing frontage to form shower room. No objections
 - b. PA 6/2011/0468 Worth Tea shop WM Change of use to residential. The PC objected to this application supporting issues raised during public question time. The Clerk outlined the range of potential planning objections and these were agreed and he was instructed to urgently communicate these to PDC. **Action** Clerk
Cllr Newman raised the possibility of seeking lottery or other funding to support the acquisition and subsequent running by the PC of the Tea room providing some local employment and using local volunteers and /or a manager . This was agreed **Action** Clerk to pursue
 - c . PA 6/2011/0465. The Hollies Tabbitts Hill Lane HX. Removal of plastic lean to garage and construction of pitched roof utility room. No Objections
 - d. PA 6/2011/0471 Channel View WM. Erect Conservatory and field shelter comprising tack room and hay store . Prior to the meeting the application for the Field Shelter had been withdrawn .No objections.
 - e.. TPO applications – TWA /2011/0107 Works to Protected trees April Lodge Haycrafts Lane HX Cllrs asked that clarification was sought as the current plans were absent and those in the previous approved plans were so sketchy
 - f. The Clerk was instructed to pursue the outstanding Planning Enforcement issues on the Banks Field land next to the WM car park not being fully reinstated at the bottom bay and the green fencing still being in position. **Action** Clerk to contact PDC Planning Enforcement officer
 - g. No Applications were received prior to meeting. Cllrs were concerned that the 21 days for PC comments to PDC were elapsing prior to submission and it was agreed that exceptionally a public Planning Sub Committee of Cllrs Burden, Meates, and Field would be called with the required public venue and Notice if this became an issue on an application. **Action** Clerk to urgently forward PC PA comments to PDC.

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Cllrs were concerned that the boundary of residential sites was incorrectly shown on planning applications and that this may have longer term repercussions. Similarly as applied in the Channel View planning application land designated as agricultural was incorrectly included within the red line boundary of the residential land use. **Action** Clerk to discuss with PDC Planners

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 308.** Payment of donations and invoices received and checked August 1st to September 6th, 2011
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| Mr I Bugler | Grass cutting WM, August 2011 |
| Garden Services | Grass cutting Churchyard, August 2011 |
| Talk Talk | Provision of web mail service 2011-2012. |
| Ducks | PC Contribution to upkeep |

309. Confidential Minute

310 Chairman

Cllr Newman agreed to act as Chairman for the October meeting.

PERIOD OF DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

- 311** Cllr Field reported that the delivery of salt for winter maintenance had been received
- 312** Cllr Meates reported on forthcoming meetings and agreed to attend on behalf of the PC the PACT meeting on the 14 September and the WCPT trust AGM meeting on 9 September.
- 313** The extensive and potentially dangerous erosion of the footpath from London Row to Winspit was reported by Cllr Bugler **Action** Clerk to contact DCC Rights of Way Officer
- 314** Major overhanging vegetation of nettles and brambles were reported on the road from St James Cottage to the centre of Worth, **Action** Clerk to request DCC to take action
- 315** Potential action by PDC to remove Permitted 28 day development rights had been brought to a Cllrs attention by the NFU . **Action** Cllr Field to pursue with NFU and Clerk to investigate any new Planning Act proposals
- 316** The construction work to create a hardstanding and an improved vehicle access off the entrance road to Begpie Cottages had been brought to the attention of the PDC Planning Enforcement section who would be deciding whether these works required consent .

The meeting closed at 9.48 pm.