

**WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL
COVID 19 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES 1 FEBRUARY 2022**

Present, Chairman Cllr J Burden Vice Chairman Cllrs I Bugler, Cllrs C Melville, R Woolford Mrs. C Vosper
Apologies for absence from Mrs. L Hemmings
One member of the public and the Dorset Councillor were present.

Declaration of Interest 6b Cllr Bugler,

2720 Tom Peacock was co-opted and welcomed as a new Parish Councillor by all Members. He signed the formal Acceptance of Office and provided a Register of his Interests both for submission to Dorset Council and for inclusion on the worthmatraversparrishcouncil.org web site **Action** Clerk

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

2721 A Worth resident set out the efforts being made by resident villagers as volunteers to encourage Environmental improvement's as part of their Group - Sustainable Worth. This group comprised between 8 and 30 active local members. She listed much of their current workload including maintenance of the Withy bed and the churchyard bulb planting and encouraging local bio diversity . They had identifies the Begbie Orchard as in need of care and further attention with replacement and management of some of the trees necessary.. She stated a meeting on the 12 February at 1100 would be held on site to encourage attendance from all the individual tree sponsors to plot a way forward. It was agreed she should primarily liaise with Cllr Bugler who was instrumental in the original project and in the ongoing maintenance and replacement of dead trees. The Clerk would assist with information on previous donors and their site numbers .Councillors welcomed the groups efforts and although no finance was requested at this stage they were supportive of possible future funding for replacement trees and other items.

Cllrs also confirmed how the PC will also be working with Worth Village Hall committee to support celebrations for the Jubilee and the village centenary later this year. **Action** Clerk Cllr Vosper

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2722 The draft Minute of 7 December 2021 was formally accepted by all Cllrs as proposed by Cllr Bugler and seconded by Cllr Woolford. It was signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of their decisions and a summary of their communications. Cllr Vosper asked that these draft Minutes are carefully considered by all Cllrs and any corrections or amendments considered appropriate are communicated to the Clerk to allow amendments to be made before formal sign off at the subsequent meeting. **Action** Clerk

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

2723 The Outstanding Action Points arising from the last 7 December and previous PC Meetings briefings had been circulated and were noted. The Clerk gave an update where appropriate. Cllr Woolford drew attention to the need for HX sign pole maintenance and the long outstanding proposal to erect entry signs at HX similar to the 'Please drive carefully' ones at Sandford. **Action** Clerk

2724 The Clerk reported that with the current CV 19 uncertainties and effects he recommended that the 2022 PC meetings be held at HXVH with a new alternative WM & HX Village Hall meetings programmes reconstituted from in 7 February 2023 . This was agreed **Action** Clerk

DORSET COUNCIL ITEM

2725 The PC were provided by the Clerk with an update on Dorset Police December 2021 investigation report on the Dorset Council Monitoring Officer's allegations of WMPC Cllrs failure to declare Pecuniary Interests at WMPC meetings.

2726 The PC considered a completed Action Plan template as provided by DC officers. They agreed the contents noting how all the actions had been completed and how the Police had been informed and formally stated they were satisfied as a result.

2727 One specific recommendation was that the 'Openness and Transparency on personal interests' short September 2013 Department for Communities and Local Government guide should be circulated and considered by all Cllrs. This previously circulated item and the action required was noted at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

2728 The PC noted the Clerks progress report on his recent work with Aubergene an external IT design consultancy. This had updated and replaced the former contents and appearance of worthmatraversparishcouncil.org to provide a now new fully WCAG compliant PC web site

2729 The PC noted the provider of the additional Worth Matravers play equipment had been paid a 70% deposit and was ordering the new equipment for installation prior to the Spring.

2730 The Clerk updated the WMPC that funding of Harmans Cross childrens play area fencing at £3500 would be made by the PC at its next meeting in March subject to completion of the work and receipt of the invoice from HXVH.. **Action** Clerk

HIGHWAY MATTERS

2731 Concern was expressed by Cllrs that the 30 mph limit through HX was now being widely disregarded not least due to the lack of enforcement action. Whilst noting the SID was effective at times Cllrs requested that an approach be made for some Police / Safety Vehicle enforcement to reinforce this 30mph limit **Action** Clerk

2732 Cllr Vosper also raised again the ongoing issue of speeding on the High Road between Kingston and Langton Matravers where not too long ago a fatal road accident occurred. She asked if a Speed van be targeted on this section one evening around 5 pm. **Action** Clerk

2733 Cllrs were very concerned about the obstruction especially to larger vehicles ongoing parking on the double yellow lines on the carriageway outside the new development at Old Quarry close on the approach road to Worth village. The site has adequate on-site parking which needs to be used. This issue was to be brought to the attention of the East Boro Housing Association **Action** Clerk

2734 Concern was expressed at the ongoing parking in Weston road possibly in good weather when the WMCP overspill area had to be closed due to waterlogging and the summertime restrictions no longer apply..

2735 Ongoing problems in Worth village on Pikes lane were occurring due to vehicle overhang obstruction from the current housing renewal at Misty Cottage Similarly that extensive kerb and footway damage was occurring from parking were making the footway unsafe People have complained to the PC about having this road blocked so they then have to reverse back out. Pictures of such obstruction were provided to the PC meeting on the 1 February. The Clerk would contact the owners to ask for their cooperation to ensure your

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builders do not obstruct the free flow of traffic at the rear of their property or park on the footway outside the School house as this is showing serious signs of damage.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATION

2736 The Parish Council agreed to support the main aims and objectives of the “Dorset Deserves Better” Campaign” asking Dorset Council to Re-think their Local Plan. It would co-sign the open letter built around the Campaign’s three main aims, reducing the overall 39000 new housing target and the potential damage they could do to our green areas, targeting new development at the needs of local people – especially affordable housing and making the Local Plan compatible with the council’s own Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy. **Action Clerk**

2737 PA 6/2021/0116 Proposal: to form a field access to land North of Valley Road, from A351 Valley Road, Harmans Cross, BH20 5HU (Plan previously circulated). No Objection **Action Clerk**

2738 P/FUL/2022/00023 Downs Quarry, Kingston Road, Langton Matravers, Swanage H19 3JP Erection of a water recycling silo No Objections The PC requested the correct site address is Worth Matravers not Langton Matravers **Action Clerk**

2739 P/FUL/2022/0107 PA to remove chimney St Myra Church Worth Matravers No objection **Action Clerk**

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

2741. The 2021 Cash Book Reconciliation. 31 December 2021 was noted

2742 The WMPC 2022 ,WCAG Compliant Web site Policy documents were agreed for consideration and any review by April 2023. **Action Clerk**

2743 Agreement to payment of Invoices received and checked 7 December -1 February 2022

2744 Cllr Bugler declared his interest in his companies invoice (ITB). No discussion or consideration took place regarding any submitted invoice other than the formal approval decisions noted as follows.

R Khanna	£	743.98	Clerk’s salary, PAYE, and expenses
WMPC Office	£	86.08	Web site Internet and phone,
J D Facilities.	£	628.55	November WM Toilet Cleansing
ITB Gardening	£	350.00	Grass cutting and grounds maintenance
HXVH	£	242.00	2022 Hall rental
ParkingShop	£	360.00	WMCP Annual Permits

2745 Confidential The Clerk and Cllr Woolford would collect WM & HX Car Park Donations for February

2745The appropriate cheques were prepared as pre noted by the Clerk and approved with two independent delegated Cllr signatures.

2746 Confidential. The Clerk/RW would collect WM & HX Car Park Donations February 2022 **Action Clerk**

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

2747 The Chairman asked that the MP Richard Drax be written to by the PC for his support for the mobile mast in HXCP to be available to all mobile operators as currently only two use this facility .**Action Clerk**

2748 Cllrs had noted the car park extension issues in **2734** and asked that action be taken as soon as practicable to level the grass surfacing ground up from recent parking on the waterlogged surface

The meeting ended at 2031hrs. The next PC meeting is scheduled for the 1 March to be held as an Open Meeting with a Public Discussion period and general permitted attendance at HXVH.

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