

**WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL  
COVID 19 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES 3 MAY 2022**

Cllr J Burden and Cllr I Bugler were proposed and seconded by Cllrs Vosper and Melville and elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the 2022-23 term

Present, Chairman J Burden Vice Chairman Cllrs I Bugler, Cllrs Mrs. C Vosper C Melville, T Peacock, Apologies were received from, Mrs. L Hemmings

Nineteen members of the public were present.

Declaration of Interest 7b,c Vice Chairman Cllr Bugler, Chairman

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

**2795** Two Officers of the National trust were in attendance with the local Purbeck area Manager giving a short presentation and answering questions on NT plans for their recently acquired Weston Farm in Worth Matravers .This purchase had been made possible through the Neptune fund and 4 major donations. In general the NT confirmed that plans for the site would need to be carefully developed including use of redundant buildings possibly for holiday cottage units to fund improvements. They confirmed the NT policies for cattle grazing and bio diversity encouragement on land the Weston farmland they considered had worked out soils insufficient for alternative until the soils had significantly regenerated They would in the coming years consider a range of developments through their designated site officer to include development of smaller units around the farm buildings which required substantial asbestos roofing removal. They believed a new camp site approximately one third of the previous could be reinstated but as they were fully aware of traffic concerns this concept would be developed slowly. The existing grasslands would be cut for silage to reduce footprints in Purbeck from imported cattle food

**2796** A HX resident expressed his ongoing concern about the planned residential proposals for the Eventide site off the A351 in HX P 2022-01798

He had noted that the applicant had accepted 60-70% of the traffic passed that site at the proposed entrance point (which on the topography was in a dip with restricted visibility in the vicinity of his property) exceeded the 30 mph speed limit an that their report stated the average speed they recorded at their proposed point of access was 37 and 39 mph in each direction. Local Cllrs who regularly and daily used this road confirmed similar concerns not least as the Speed Indicator Device seemed to have been absent for some time . Post meeting note that the SID had been vandalised and was being repaired to be back in service shortly.

The Public discussion period ended at 2028

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**2797** The draft Minute of 5 April 2022 was formally accepted by all Cllrs as proposed by Cllr Melville and seconded by Cllr Vosper. These were signed, with one addition of the declaration of interest at that meeting, by the Vice Chairman as an accurate record of their decisions and a summary of their communications. **Action** Clerk

**CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING**

**2798** The Outstanding Action Points arising from the last 5 April and previous PC Meetings briefings had been circulated and were noted. The Clerk gave an update where appropriate. **Action** Clerk

## **DORSET COUNCIL ITEM**

**No items were raised**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**2799** The recent Openreach proposals seeking a Wayleave Agreement for a new pole on Worth Green immediately adjacent to side window of the Grade 2 Listed Building caused considerable concern. The Clerk was asked to seek further information and assistance from Openreach as to the requirement and necessity for this new pole when all other such services were currently underground and a new 60ft transmitter mast had so recently been erected with the consent of the PC in their car park less than 50 m away. The Clerk was authorised to continue discussions with Openreach and to keep the residents and local Members of Parliament in the information loop especially with regard to the substantial and significant concerns expressed at the meeting. **Action** Clerk

## **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**2800** Concerns were again raised about the performance of the white lines so recently laid by Dorset Council Highways in the parish on the Kingston to Langton road. On various sections these seem to have disappeared within 6 months of laying. **Action** Clerk

**2801** Whilst immediately outside the parish Cllrs had noted the poor specification and implementation of recent DCH resurfacing work in Crack Lane where it appeared the new tarmac had been simply laid on top of a dirt base with little or no preparatory work. These comments would be passed on to Langton Matravers Parish Council to follow up. **Action** Clerk

**2802** Cllrs raised the ongoing issue on the footways in HX of the failure of Dorset Council to clear debris and other vegetation from the kerblines and to ensure safe passage for pedestrians from overgrowing vegetation from adjacent properties was increasingly inhibited. Further along towards and past the St Michaels Garage site Swanage the problem was exacerbated due to lack of DC Enforcement action creating a dangerously narrowed footway **Action** Clerk

**2803** The raised footway stone outside the WM village hall was raised for action by DC Highways **Action** Clerk

## **PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATION**

**2804** Concerns were expressed that one of the low cost affordable houses (No 2) provided by the development agreement on the Flower Meadow estate had recently been sold and was now advertised as a temporary Air B & B holiday house. Cllrs sought information on the status of such housing from DC **Action** Clerk

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**2805** The Cash Book Reconciliation. 31 March 2022 (Previously circulated) was noted

**2806** Agreement to payment of Invoices received and checked 6 April - 3 May 2022 Cllrs Bugler had previously declared his interest in his companies invoices No discussion or consideration took place regarding any submitted invoice other than the formal approval decisions noted as follows.

21/05/2022

R Khanna	£	752.64	Clerk's salary, PAYE, and expenses
WMPC Office	£	67.53	Web site Internet and phone,
J D Facilities.	£	628.55	April WM Toilet Cleansing
ITB Gardening	£	1048.80	Grass cutting and grounds maintenance
Dorset Council	£	600.00	SID Deployment

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

**2807** Cllrs noted the 2021-22 Internal Audit report and agreed for signature by the Chairman the Financial Statement documents as previously circulated **Action** Clerk

**2808** The WMPC agreed the revised financial year 2022-23 Budget

**2809** The Collection of WM & HX Car Park Donations for May 2022 would be by the Chairman and Cllr Peacock

## DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

**2810** The PC considered a request that it fund a marquee for the day on Worth Green for the Jubilee

The PC agreed to make a donation of £100 **Action** Clerk

**2811** Residents raised issues they had when taking small children onto the new Playground equipment at Worth village. They had encountered numerous trips and poor surfacing around the equipment which seemed to have been very haphazardly laid and not properly / permanently fixed down with the dangers to small children. These issues were confirmed by local WM Cllrs who had noted - Poor finish to construction, screw heads not countersunk, with some exposed. The ground was not adequately levelled before safety mats laid, leaving lumps bumps and hollows. Numerous and multiple rocks and stones were leftover around play equipment. Foot entrapment was possible under the slide, probably due to the poor soil levels. The Clerk would investigate and the final cheque for these works withheld until they were rectified and necessary improvements made to the satisfaction of the External Play Inspector who was expected shortly. **Action** Clerk

The next PC meeting are is scheduled for the 7 June to be held as Open Meetings with a Public Discussion period and general permitted attendance at HXVH.

**The meeting ended at 2116**

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