

## SE Purbeck Parishes Chairs and Clerks Meeting,

5<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Swanage Town Hall

### **Present:**

Cllr Tina Foster (Swanage TC), Martin Ayres (Swanage TC), Cllr Steve Clarke (Corfe Castle PC), Tim Watton (Studland PC), Roger Khana (Worth Matravers PC), Jenny Marshall (Langton Matravers PC), Cllr William Knight (Langton Matravers PC), Cllr Nick Boulter (Studland PC) & Michelle Harrington (Corfe Castle PC).

Apologies from Andrew Parsons (Church Knowle)

*Meeting Chairman: Cllr Tina Foster; Clerk: Michelle Harrington*

### **1. Admin**

- a. Approval of notes from previous meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022.  
All approved.
- b. To review Action points / matters arising  
Noted no further matters arising.

### **2. Dorset Council Matters**

A suggestion was put forward by Corfe Castle PC, that as a group we join together to compile a questionnaire in the form of a formal review on the creation of the new unitary Dorset Council with questions such as “Has Dorset Council met its aspirations? & Does the community feel that we have gained locally?” It was suggested that as DC are serving a 5-year term and taking into account Covid the review take place after 4 years.

It was suggested raising this issue via DAPTC may be a way forward.

After a discussion it was agreed, each Council raise this issue within their own meeting setting and if agreed individual Councils take this to DAPTC and ask them for their action & re-action.

### **3. Areas of Common Interest:**

- a. **Tourism:** It was stated the number of tourists such as cyclists, walkers and such like now compared to previous years has increased dramatically, however that infrastructure and plans on dealing with the numbers has not kept up, for example it is not possible to get a bus directly from Wareham or Corfe Castle to Studland. What if any plans are in place to deal with this infrastructure issue?

It was stated the National Trust has monitored numbers in Studland and the number of cyclists is up 5-fold in the last 2 - 3 years.

Parking is also a major consideration in regard to tourism.

Swanage TC stated they have recently set up a Tourism & Local Economy Committee and will refer back to the Committee Chairman, asking them to consider opening up a dialogue with local Councils on how we can better handle infrastructure.

It was stated in the past there had been annual meetings between The National Trust and local Purbeck Councils. It was asked if anything had been arranged for this year.

Martin agreed to contact the National Trust to organise a date in December if possible.

- b. Environment.** Dorset Council (PSPO) Consultation review of the Dorset Open Land Anti-Social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2022. A question was raised stating other areas have one of these orders, but Purbeck does not and would we like one and how will we go about it?

It was stated 5 to 10 years ago when things were initiated the National Trust in Purbeck stated they didn't need to be part of the order as they could manage it themselves, so Dorset Council did not include the area, however the NT have since gone back to DC and requested the area be added in.

It was agreed this be a subject raised during the NT meeting in December.

Corfe Castle PC stated that on their agenda for the October meeting was a request that DC add their area into the order.

Langton PC also agreed to take this issue back to Council for inclusion.

Studland PC stated they have already submitted a request to DC to include their area.

Swanage TC asked for any letter already sent or being sent to DC be copied to other local parishes.

## **Health & Wellbeing**

- c.** Swanage TC stated they have agreed to put forward a motion for the DAPTC AGM regarding the deterioration in access to health care in rural areas and is looking for support with this motion.

Corfe Castle PC stated they had the motion on their agenda for the October meeting requesting Council agree to support and seconding the motion.

Studland PC stated they have already agreed to support various motions in this area for example criticism of the closure of Poole A & E.

Any Council who agrees to support this motion will forward their support to Swanage TC.

- d. Planning and housing.** Corfe Castle PC stated they have agreed to put forward a motion for the DAPTC AGM regarding discouraging the growth in second homes and is looking for support with this motion.

In discussion Cllr Foster said she supported it, but other Councils had mixed views. For example Langton Matravers supported the aim of the motion but was concerned that it may have unintended consequences such as encouraging holiday lets.

Any Council giving support to the motion was asked to let Corfe Castle PC know

### **Planning Matters.**

It was noted DC had just held a planning meeting forum the day before. This was noted.

- e. **Transport – Shore Road:** The temporary winter road closure of Shore Road, gives the public the opportunity to feedback to DC, with the aim of Swanage TC making this closure permanent. The item was noted

**Transport – 20 m.p.h.:** Studland PC stated on the 4<sup>th</sup> October they saw a copy of the DC 20 m.p.h. draft policy which was sent from DC on the 1<sup>st</sup> October with a consultation reply date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> October with the meeting scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> October.

It was stated this consultation maybe an internal consultation rather than a wider consultation.

This was noted.

**Transport – B3351 Closure:** Studland PC & Corfe Castle PC both stated they requested the Wessex Water roadworks and the closure of the Studland to Sandbanks ferry be staggered, with the Wessex Water repair works taking place in January. After consultation DC decided to allow the Wessex Water works and the closure of the ferry at the same time. Studland PC had issued a press release expressing concern about access to emergency vehicles.

This was noted.

**Transport – Community Speed Watch:** Studland PC asked for feedback on the scheme from local Councils who already run a Community Speed Watch Scheme.

Corfe Castle PC & Langton PC both offered advice.

**Transport – PTAG** – It was suggested given the transport issues already discussed during this meeting, that each Council consider having a representative attend these meetings. This was noted.

### **4. Any other Business**

It was agreed Steve Clarke would chair the next meeting, with Tim Watton clerking. Studland agreed to host the meeting

Michelle agreed to circulate the notes from this meeting in due course along with possible dates in late February for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 11.53