

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held on **TUESDAY** the **6 February 2024** in the Council Chamber, 1 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor M Pryor (in the Chair)
Councillor D White (Vice-Chair)
Councillor J Sheldon
Councillor S Gabriel
Councillor R Griffin
Councillor S McKell

Also in attendance: Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk
Mrs S Samways, Administration Officer
Cllr S Robinson

377/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

378/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

379/23 APOLOGIES

Mrs K Osborne, Deputy Town Clerk

380/23 CLERKS REPORT

- a) Minute 43/23 Warbler Park Play Area – Nothing further to report.
- b) Minute 360/23 Cemetery – See Minute 382/23

381/23 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) The Allotment Committee provided details of their new Chair.

382/23 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF BURIAL PROVISION IN UPTON CEMETERY:

Members considered the options. This is a local authority cemetery however it was considered prudent to involve the electorate and all faith leaders should a consultation be required. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation, and include this on the Amenities Agenda every 6 months.

383/23 TO RECEIVE A PROPOSAL ON THE PLANS FOR THE COMMUNITY PICNIC:

This will be held on Upton Recreation Ground between 12 noon and 4pm on 8 June 2024; and will coincide with the national celebrations marking the 80th

anniversary of D-Day. Following a similar format to the Coronation Community Picnic a variety of entertainment will be provided; the event will be free to attend, however food and drink will be available to purchase. A working party consisting of the Amenities Committee members will begin enlisting entertainers etc. It may require meetings additional to the amenities committee meetings.

384/23 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE PAVILION OUTSIDE PUBLIC TOILETS AND TO CONSIDER 'TWINNING' OF THE NEW TOILETS:

Work to refurbish the public toilets begins on Monday 12 February, expecting to be completed by 4 March 2024.

The option to 'twin' these toilets was discussed, this is an opportunity for the Council to make a public statement that clean, safe toilet facilities are a matter of life and death for many in developing countries.

It was proposed seconded and

RECOMMENDED (with 1 vote against) for the new public toilets at the recreation ground to be twinned with toilets in Mozambique. This will be funded from the Mayors Fund.

385/23 TO CONSIDER PROVIDING A COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE RECREATION GROUND:

Following the successful public defibrillator training event at The Grove on 27 January 2024, the lack of a device at this location was highlighted. Funding applications have already been made to a number of organisations, including The Clarion, Poole Lions and the Government scheme.

It was proposed seconded and

RECOMMENDED unanimously to provide a community defibrillator at the recreation ground.

A list of all the defibrillators within our boundary will be published on our website.

386/23 TO REVIEW THE CHRISTMAS EVENT:

It was agreed the 2023 Christmas Event was successful and very well received by attendees. It was suggested to set a date of Wednesday 18 or Thursday 19 December 2024 for this event, again at Upton Community centre. Members considered ways of updating the event; possibility of two separate events, 1 aimed at children (party/disco) and another more adult themed Christmas celebration; starting earlier to include both adult and child friendly entertainment; sourcing a larger venue etc.

387/23 TO DISCUSS OPTIONS AND STRATEGY TO SUPPORT COUNCIL PROJECTS VIA EXTERNAL FUNDING:

The Clerk has signed up to a Funding Pointer app to assist the application process; Cllr Gabriel to met with the Clerk about sourcing funding.

388/23 TO CONSIDER REVISED ALLOTMENT TENANCY AGREEMENT FOLLOWING FEEDBACK FROM ULMAA:

After consideration of the final version of the Allotment Tenancy Agreement, it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to accept this.

389/23 TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM AMENITIES CHAMPIONS

Allotments:

Cllr Mikka Pryor

The site looks clean, tidy and well maintained.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Vacancy

The Clerk reported Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, David Sidwick, has requested details of any issues (ASB etc) at the Rec

Cemetery:

Cllr Mrs Mikka Pryor

Nothing further to report.

Redwood Road and Recreation Ground Play Area:

Cllr Gabriel provided a report concluding that both play areas were in good order.

Play Area Working Party:

This item has become redundant and will be removed.

390/23 TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

The latest financial report was noted.

230/23 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

1. An item to recruit an Amenities Champion for the Recreation Ground and Pavilion will be included on the next agenda of the Amenities Committee.
2. Two standing items 1. Community Picnic Event and 2. Christmas Event will be included on the agenda of the Amenities Committee.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Chair.....

Date.....

