

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** was held in the Council Chamber, 1 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way on **TUESDAY** the **21 March 2017** and commenced at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J M Richards in the Chair
 Councillor Mrs M Pryor
 Councillor J C Small
 Councillor R Burns
 Councillor M Holmes
 Councillor M Dodds
 Councillor Mrs R J Wood
 Councillor M Chase
 Councillor Mrs J Marston

Also in attendance: Mrs B Lake, Office Manager
 Mrs S Samways, Admin Assistant

446/16 APOLOGIES: Councillor F H Drane (PDC meeting)
 Councillor R Griffin (holiday)
 Councillor Mrs E Andrews (personal)
 Councillor P F Johns (without apologies)
 District Councillor W T Pipe (PDC meeting)
 Mrs K Wright (unwell)

447/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
 None.

448/16 MINUTES of the Town Council meeting held on the 21 February 2017 as circulated were confirmed and signed.

/16 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a. **Minute 64/15 Purchase of Noticeboard.** The contractor has been in touch with updates on the remedial work that needs completing.
- b. **Minute 665/15 Review Photocopier Arrangements.** This matter is now concluded, with a fee negotiated to £1250 for the contract lawyers services. The new machine has been purchased and is operational. This item will be removed from the minutes.
- c. **Minute 368/16 Policing Representative.** See Minute
- d. **Minute 370/16 Annual Assembly – 3 May 2017.** This has been publicised.
- e. **Minute 409/16 Solar Energy Farm on Town Council land.** This has yet to be discussed with PDC.

449/16 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Information on Future Dorset – Proposals for the reorganisation of local government was received.
- b) A copy of the Council and Clerks Direct Magazine was received and passed to Cllr Mrs Pryor.
- c) A copy of the Clerk magazine was received and passed to Cllr Mrs Richards.

450/16 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) The report of the Environment committee held on 28 January 2017 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- b) The report of the Amenities committee held on 7 March 2017 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- c) The report of the Planning committee held on 14 March 2017 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

451/16 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**Cllr Mrs J Richards – Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council**

Cllr Mrs Richards attended several functions as Mayor, including a Civic Service at Verwood, the Volunteer of the Year Awards, Celebration of Guiding, a Clerks' and Chairman's meeting, a conference at Verwood on funding, and the Commonwealth Raising of the Flag at PDC.

Cllrs Burns and Chase – Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council

Cllrs Burns and Chase attended an interesting and informative renewable energy day.

Cllr F H Drane – Dorset County Council

On the 20 March I will be in discussions with the Manager of adult care team and DCC Cabinet member .to discuss the phone call I made to the Adult Care Team asking for help on care and disabled assistant at home .,This I did because I'm on the People and Community Overview Committee and I heard carers say they were not getting the help from DCC .,the phone call I made and the help and information I received was less than useless . Dorset Waste Partnership are funding a Keep Dorset Clean of Litter .I have attended two of their meetings .I hope hey are able to get things done .I attended a training meeting because I was given a place on the DCC Regulatory Committee to do with Planning and further investigation on Planning .As deputy Lim Dem Leader I attended a Leaders Meeting at PDC at which I requested a meeting to discuss the Procedure of delegation of Planning Applications Up to 4 homes to be developed would go to the Officers and a call in if a member wants the application to go to the Planning Committee and at the committee the Chairman will agree to the application presented to the Planning Committee or not to go to the Planning Committee .Apart from other remarks I made I said PDC used to have 15 members on the Planning Committee which was reduced to 11 Members and with the present procedure for delegation we are reduced to one PDC Member the Chairman . It was pointed out I did not agree with the present delegation of applications and the Leader of PDC stated there were other PDC Members also disapprove of the present procedure of delegation of applications.It was agreed by the Leader ,Deputy Leader of the PDC Council; CE of PDC and the Chairman of Planning Committee that the present procedure of delegation of Applications will be reviewed .starting in April PDC Policy Meeting and in May 2017 the way forward.

Cllr W T Pipe – Purbeck District Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION: As you will be aware, Purbeck District, East Dorset District & Christchurch Borough Councils voted against the formation of unitary authorities in the votes up to the 31st January 2017. On the 23rd March, the Secretary of State for local communities may "be minded" to decide to impose the 2B option on the nine councils, i.e. Poole, Bournemouth & Christchurch forming one authority and the other district & Borough Councils forming the other unitary. If he is "minded", the options for the three dissenting councils are virtually nil. So much for democracy and localism!!

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451/16 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS: (cont)**Cllr W T Pipe – Purbeck District Council (cont)**

A further option would be for Bournemouth & Poole to form a unitary; Christchurch Borough along with East & Purbeck District Councils would form another authority and the remainder; Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, North & West Dorset district councils would form the other; but that leaves a vacuum as far as the County Council is concerned- where would that go?? We await the decision of the Secretary of State.

PARTIAL REVIEW: At a question and answer session at Purbeck school on the 16th March, around 120 people turned up to hear responses from a number of previously lodged questions. The chairman also took questions from the floor in a session which lasted long past the promulgated times. After the Q & A session, the full review committee [formerly PRAG] and now known as the “Purbeck Local Plan Review held a meeting and announced various initiatives including the formation of five “Local Area Forums” where local people, landowners and agents and developers can each air their points of view under the chairmanship of an elected councillor chairman/woman and feed into the Local Plan Review through the Purbeck Infrastructure Forum. It was notable that in responses to questions particularly pertinent to Lytchett Minster and its associated planning problems of Flooding, Green Belt, Density and Proposed Locations, the answers were somewhat half-hearted and were showing very little actual commitment. Watch this space!!

DORSET HOME CHOICE COMMON ALLOCATIONS POLICY: Eight changes were made to the policy including local connection criteria for self-builds, the addition of a new “Silver” affordability band; a bronze single plot rural exception sited self-build, a bronze community land trust band; minor changes to the section 106 where rural properties are exempt etc. One aspect of the policy not changed was the PDC insistence on the five year local connection be maintained.

452/16 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM PC JON STUART REGARDING POLICING IN PURBECK AND UPTON:

PC Jon Stewart attended the meeting and advised members that there had been a reduction in reported crime for the area. Crime statistics can be checked on www.police.uk/dorset/10-65/crime.

Cllr Chase thanked PC Stewart for attending the Street Corner Meeting at the Recreation Ground, Sea View Road on Monday 20 March 2017. The meeting was well attended with most of the complaints being parking related. PC Stewart advised that the Police no longer deal with parking issues and this is now handled by DCC Parking Enforcement. The police will only get involved if the parking is causing an obstruction or is on zigzags. Cllr Chase thanked PCSO Murray for his visible presence around the town. Cllr Chase asked for advice on using nature cameras and PC Stewart recommended that the Town Council should consult their Solicitor for advice and stated that it would be useful for the police to be informed where they are deployed.

453/16 TO APPOINT A NOMINATIVE TRUSTEE TO THE TURBARY ALLOTMENT TRUST:

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs Richards be appointed to serve in this capacity.

454/16 TO APPROVE THE REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT:

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that this be approved.

455/16 TO CONSIDER THE FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OF AGENCY GROUNDSMAN:

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to employ the Agency Groundsman on a 38 hour per week contract at a rate of £8.30 per hour.

456/16 TO CONSIDER A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CHARLES HANCOX:

This was discussed and suggestions included a Charles Hancox garden/patio at the Grove, or the hall at the Community Centre being named after him. Cllr Small undertook to liaise with Mrs Hancox and Cllr Mrs Pryor will compile a bio of his life and involvement in the town.

457/16 TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES SHOULD CONTINUE:

A brief discussion took place and as no members of public had attended the surgeries so far it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that they should stop with immediate effect.

458/16 TO DISCUSS 'THE GREAT GET TOGETHER:

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that whilst the Town Council supported the cause they did not feel it necessary to organise any events for the occasion.

459/16 TO APPROVE CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP FOR THE CLERK OF THE SLCC AT A COST OF £225 AND INSTITUTE OF LOCAL COUNCIL MANAGEMENT FOR £50:

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that this be approved.

460/16 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS:

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the accounts for March 2017 be approved.

461/16 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND TO INSTRUCT MEMBERS TO SIGN CHEQUES AND AUTHORISE PAYMENTS:

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the accounts for March 2017 be approved.

462/16 ITEMS OF REPORT (INCLUDING PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES) AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Cllr Burns raised the Secretary Of State's re-organisation which will affect everyone. This item to be included on the Agenda of the next Town Council meeting on 18th April 2017.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....