

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **AMENITIES** Committee was held in the Council Chamber, 1 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way on **Tuesday the 4 December 2018** which commenced at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs M Pryor (in the Chair)
Councillor M Chase (V/Chair)
Councillor J C Small
Councillor F H Drane
Councillor Mrs R J Wood
Councillor Mrs J Marston
Councillor S McKell

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

272/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no Declarations of Interest; and apologies were received from
Councillor Mrs J M Richards (Mayor)
Councillor R Holloway (unwell)
Councillor K Brooks (work)
Councillor Mrs M Turner (personal)
Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk (unwell)

273/18 CLERKS REPORT:

- a. **Minute 311/17 Memorial for Charles Hancox.** This was due to be discussed at a meeting of the Turbary Trust on 12th September, LMUTC are still awaiting a response. No further information.
- b. **Minute 264/17 Update on meeting with Upton FC (Lytchett and Upton Red Triangle FC).** It was agreed a meeting with all the football teams should be set for early 2019. LMUTC are still awaiting a response.
- c. **Minute 132/18 Upton Urban Park Bike Project.** No further information.
- d. **Minute 101/18 & 227/18 Floodlights at The Recreation Ground.** Cllrs Mrs Pryor and McKell were investigating funding.
- e. **102/18 Storage Container at The Recreation Ground.** The Turbary Trust refused LMUTC request for 2 further storage containers at the Rec, but have permitted 1 additional container of the same size.
- f. **Minute 122/18 Upgrade to Redwood Road Play Area.** LMUTC still have not received a response following their suggestion that residents form their own Community Task Force.
- g. **Minute 125/18 Memorial 'Making Safe' Policy.** The Clerk is in the process of drafting a policy.
- h. **Minute 128/18 & 228/18. Cricket wicket at the Rec.** This has been put on hold until 2019.
- i. **Minute 130/18 Forward Plan for Amenities 2018-2023.** See Items of Report.

274/18 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. A letter was received from The Age Concern Lunch Club detailing issues they have with their use of The Grove. The Committee decided to arrange a meeting with all the regular users of The Grove to discuss everything in detail. A date for this will be set at the first meeting of the Amenities committee in January 2019. The Office to confirm receipt to Age Concern and advise a meeting will be arranged.

275/18 TO DISCUSS THE USE OF DRONES ON THE RECREATION GROUND:

The weekend caretaker reported an altercation he experienced recently with a member of the public flying a drone on the Recreation Ground which interfered with football matches. Cllr McKell summarised the rules relating to flying drones in public places.

LMUTC has already sited advisory signs at the Recreation Ground. It was agreed for the weekend Caretaker to always wear a LMUTC logo'd hi-vis and the Office to make an ID badge for him.

Cllr Drane joined the meeting at this point.

276/18 TO SET AMENITIES FEES FOR 2019/20:

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to increase the fees by 5%.

277/18 TO CONSIDER THE AMENITIES BUDGET:

The committee considered the proposed budgets prepared by Cllr Mrs Richards, deciding that the cumulative gas bill from Total should be challenged; and installing water meters at all Town Council sites should be investigated. It was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that these be accepted, subject to clarification on some items.

278/18 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVENT:

It was reported the Christmas event planning had been greatly enhanced by the involvement of representatives from the local schools. Thanks were offered to the Arts volunteers for their hard work creating the festive figures at the clock tower. Councillors were reminded that contributions of mince pies and festive cakes could be taken to the Community Centre after 4pm on Thursday 6th.

279/18 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE PAVILION MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS:

Nothing to report.

280/18 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

281/18 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM AMENITIES COMMITTEE:**a) Allotments**

Cllr Chase reported there is a large collection of scrap metal stored on site, which will be sold.

b) Recreation Ground

None

c) Cemetery**Cllr Mrs M Pryor**

An issue with a late burial was reported, as the work was not completed before dark. An item to review the latest time for a burial in Winter will be included on the Agenda of the next Amenities meeting.

281/18 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM AMENITIES COMMITTEE: (cont)

- d) **Redwood Road Play Area**
The reported issue with the wooden train is still under investigation.

- e) **Warbler Park Play Area.**
None.

- f) **Pavilion Champion.**
Cllr M Chase
None

282/18 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Cllr Chase reminded the committee that the Long Term Plan for the Amenities Committee needs to be re-visited.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....