

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** was held in the Council Chamber, 1 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way on **TUESDAY the 23 April 2019** which commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor R Griffin (in the Chair)
Councillor M Chase (V/Chair)
Councillor P F Johns
Councillor F H Drane
Councillor J R Burns
Councillor Mrs J Marston
Councillor K Brooks
Councillor Mrs M Pryor (Deputy Mayor)

Also in attendance: Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk
Mrs B Lake, Office Manager

554/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Councillor Mrs J M Richards (holiday)
Councillor P King (personal)

555/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
None.

CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Crossing in Dorchester Road.** Cllr Pipe reported at the Annual Assembly that this project will commence soon.
- b) **Minute 485/14 To investigate obtaining Local Nature Reserve/SSSI Status for Lytchett Bay View.** We are still waiting for a response having chased numerous times.
- c) **Minute 151/16 & 497/16 & 333/18 Pavement Parking/Parking Review/Waypoints Bollards.** This work has been completed.
- d) **Minute 154/16 Heritage Signposting.** This has arrived and is awaiting installation.
- e) **Minute 138/18 & 161/18 Parish Lighting.** No further information.
- f) **Minute 140/18 & 329/18 Roads and Pavements – Health Centre/Upton Court**
The owner has been written to requesting remedial work to be undertaken.
- g) **Minute 160/18 Lytchett Bay Nature Park Partnership.** No further information..
- h) **Minute 165/18 Entrance signs for the village of Lytchett Minster.** These have been installed and one of the planter moved. The other planter was unable to be moved as it had disintegrated so another has been made by a community volunteer and will be sited shortly. The volunteer has also made wooden owls, the symbol of Lytchett Minster, which will be added to the front of both planters.
- i) **Minute 214/14 & 332/18 Wildflower Meadows.** The order has been placed for these.
- j) **Minute 216/18 Issues along Blandford Road South.** Routinely discussed at Highways Meetings.
- k) **Minute 222/18 Request to display 30 mph stickers on lampposts.** All materials now in stock and we have to make the posters and then fix them to lamp columns.
- l) **Minute 330/18 Lytchett Minster Noticeboard.** Project completed.
- m) **Minute 398/18 Provision of a municipal water fountain.**
This matter will be pursued in the coming months.
- n) **Minute 399/18. Parking Around Schools.** The schools' winning drawings will be made into posters and displayed around the town.
- o) **Minute 408/18 Remedial work at the Pound, Lytchett Minster.** H&W want to know what our plans are to improve this area as it is within their property portfolio.

557/18 CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

558/18 TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMUNITY FLOOD WARDEN AND TO AGREE THEIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

This matter will be deferred until the Environment committee meeting in May.

559/18 TO CONSIDER THE HIRE OR PURCHASE OF AN UNDERGROUND CABLE DETECTOR AND THE NECESSARY TRAINING REQUIRED:

It was reported that an underground cable detector would cost around £1000 to buy or £70 per day to hire, plus £75 per delegate for training. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** to hire the equipment as and when required and to organise training for the two Groundstaff and Cllrs Chase and Brooks.

560/18 TO DISCUSS THE OWNERSHIP OF UPTON COURT:

Cllrs Mrs Pryor established that an individual owns the freehold of Upton Court and a letter will be sent to him regarding the maintenance.

561/18 TO APPRAISE MEMBERS OF LAND OWNERSHIP OF MARSH WOODS:

Following a report of flytipping in Marsh Woods, the agent for the South Lytchett Estate have advised that they only own the western end of the woods. Cllr Mrs Pryor undertook to attempt to find out ownership of the eastern half.

562/18 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM RECENT HIGHWAYS MEETING:

A copy of the minutes from the Highways meeting will be circulated to members.

563/18 TO DISCUSS LIST OF SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE TOWN AND TO AGREE PRICING STRUCTURE:

The relevant information will be circulated and the matter deferred until the Environment committee meeting in May.

564/18 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:

Roads and Pavements (inc Rights Of Way)

None.

Waste and Recycling

Concern was expressed about the lack of street cleaning. The office should be advised of any roads requiring cleaning, and the SCO and groundstaff will also be asked to report any issues.

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564/18 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:(Cont)

Street Furniture

Cllr Mrs M Pryor

None.

Open Spaces

Lytchett Bay View

Cllr M Chase

It was reported that there is a boat abandoned in the middle of the swamp area. The Clerk will seek advice from BCP Council on removing it.

Jubilee Garden

Cllr Mrs J Marston

None.

St. Martins Park

Cllr K Brooks

None

Meadows Garden**Cllr R Griffin**

None.

Limberlost**Cllr R Griffin**

None.

Clocktower Site

None.

Open Access Issues**Cllr Mrs J M Richards****Overgrowing vegetation**

None.

Flood Warden**Cllr P F Johns**

Following on from my report to the 16th April Council meeting report the following drainage problems were found in and around the stream that runs from Old Watery Lane and adjacent to the Lytchett Minster Rugby Club field.

A blockage consisting of several large cut tree trunks each about 2m long was located at a point immediately before the last culvert that goes under the Upton by-pass. DCC subsequently agreed to remove these logs (Post Meeting Note the logs had not been removed by the 10th May) The DCC bridge maintenance manager has also agreed to clear the large amount of sand and silt in the three culverts (the 1800mm pipe in the centre culvert is over half full) that pass under the Upton By-Pass and to replace or fit new smooth bore sleeves inside the pipes but this work is planned for the summer of 2020.

Two trees had fallen into and were blocking the stream that runs adjacent to the Rugby Club, one was near the 1800mm culvert at the lower end of the stream and the other was near the centre of the stream. There were also partial blockages in the stream, a blocked pipe in the culvert adjacent to Old Watery Lane and blockages in the exit of that culvert into the stream that runs from Ashbrook Walk and on past the Rugby Club. Post Meeting Notes – I asked Christopher Lees if they could clear these blockages and Christopher has said that they were working to clear them, and the two trees had been removed. But he stated that smaller obstructions in the Rugby Club stream were the responsibility of the Rugby Club. Based on previous occurrences I believe that Christopher Lees will arrange for the Rugby Club to deal with those problems.

564/18 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:(Cont)**Sustainability****All**

None.

565/18 TO RECEIVE THE TREE WORKS REPORT:

See attached list. Members queried the application to fell an ash tree at Organford Manor and Cllr Mrs Marston undertook to check the tree and report back.

566/18 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- a) Concern was expressed about the no parking signs that have been attached to the Town Council sleepers at the top of Moorland Parade. Cllr Griffin will discuss this issue with the Highways Officer before it is decided what action to take.

- b) Cllr Johns reported that he had met with the Highways Officer and a member of the flood risk management team and some items blocking the stream in Lytchett Minster have been removed.
- c) It was reported that a car has been parking in front of the Oakley Gardens gate blocking access to the Recreation Ground. Details of the car will be sought in order that it can be referred to the Police and Parking Services, and a sign will be installed asking that the area be kept clear for emergency services to access the ground.
- d) Cllr Brooks expressed concern about a vehicle in Sea View Road that had been issued with a ticket but not moved. This will be pursued.

567/18 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Cllr Griffin thanked Cllr Johns for his work on the Environment committee and wished him well for the future.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....