

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 January 2018** which commenced at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

- Councillor R Griffin (in the Chair)
- Councillor M Chase
- Councillor F H Drane
- Councillor J R Burns
- Councillor Mrs J Marston
- Councillor R Holloway
- Councillor Mrs J M Richards (Mayor of Council)
- Councillor Mrs M Pryor (Deputy Mayor of Council)

Also in attendance:

- Mrs B Lake, Office Manager
- Mrs S Samways, Admin Asst

250/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

- Councillor P F Johns (family commitments)
- Councillor K Brooks (unwell)
- Mrs K Wright, Town Clerk (unwell)

251/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

252/17 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) **Minute 108/12 Minute 219/12 & Minute 31/16. Proposed Cycle way along Poole Road/Options for improved entrance signs to the town.** Cllr Drane advised he proposed alternate wording for the entrance signs to the town, to try to avoid vandalism. The Office to collate all correspondence relating to the town entrance signage.
- b) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Refuge in Dorchester Road.** No further information. County Cllr Pipe will be asked to pursue.
- c) **Minute 481/14 Yellow lines Dorchester Road, near Oakley Gardens.** No further information. County Cllr Pipe will be asked to pursue.
- d) **Minute 485/14 To investigate obtaining Local Nature Reserve/SSSI Status for Lytchett Bay View.** The Clerk has contacted DCC to ensure that the information we already have is still relevant to the process. A response is awaited.
- e) **Minute 582/15 & 871/15 Tree Management Survey/Tree Warden.** Quotes are being obtained for tree work at Recreation Ground. List still being compiled for other council tree stock.
- f) **Minute 151/16 Pavement Parking.** There has been no response from residents.
- g) **Minute 154/16 Heritage Signposting.** DCC did respond and is looking into this. This will be added to the list for County Cllr Pipe to pursue.
- h) **Minute 303/16 De-regulation of Slough Lane to a Bridleway. A response is still awaited.**
- i) **Minute 378/16 Parking on Town Verges.** Following information letters to residents, the Grounds Staff will advise when the dragon's teeth can be installed; letters advising of this start date will then be sent to residents affected.

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252/17 CLERK'S REPORT: (Cont)

- j) **Minute 497/16 Parking Review for the Town.** Cllr Pipe has been asked to chase this on our behalf.
- k) **Minute 486/16 Right Turn at Randalls Hill.** This will be left in abeyance until such time as other local roadworks are completed.
- l) **Minute 34/17 To discuss ways to improve foot way access for pedestrians at Watery Lane.** Wyatts can see the benefit of this and would in principle be willing to work with DCC – this work would only be done if Phase II of this development proceeds.
- m) **Minute 96/17 To consider a residents request for a 20 mph speed limit in Moorland Way.** Cllr Chase advised PCSO Murray will accompany PACT to perform speed checks around the town. Cllr Holloway advised he has been monitoring speeding vehicles along Douglas Close following recent complaints. The Government incentive promoting 20mph zones has ended, so Upton is very unlikely to achieve this speed limit reduction.
- n) **Minute 186/17 Management of trees adjacent to The Pound, Lytchett Minster.** Hall and Woodhouse came forward as the owners and were going to get a arboriculturist to look at the trees. No further information.
- o) **Minute 187/17 To consider options to improve the bank at the top of Moorland Way.** Cllr Griffin has consulted with DCC Highways, and this work is about to begin. The Ground Staff to repair the damage to the bank adjacent to the parking spaces opposite the newsagents.
- p) **Minute 191/17 To discuss pollution in the town.** A representative was invited invited to attend a future Environment or Highways meeting; the Office to search for a response and/or chase the request.
- q) **Minute 188/17 To consider a request for a pedestrian crossing at the corner of Oak Road and Blandford Road.** This has been re-submitted to DCC with the evidence that the County Councillor is in favour of this scheme.
- r) **Minute 292/17 Request for a pedestrian crossing in Moorland Way.** The DCC Safer Travel Officer has advised that a SCP survey was undertaken on 8 January and the criteria was fully met. Therefore he will proceed with a recruitment drive and has asked the Infant and Junior Schools to assist.

253/17 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Information relating to The Borough of Poole – Upton Country Park realignment project was received; the poster will be displayed on Town Council Noticeboards.
- b) A letter advising a change of name to Dorset Wildlife Trust was received.
- c) Details of the DCC pre submission Draft Waste Plan was made available to the committee.
- d) DCC supplied a modification to the definitive Rights Of Way map; Cllr Griffin to draft a letter regarding the application to make the old railway line from Poole Road to Upton Heath into a ROW.

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253/17 CORRESPONDENCE:(Cont)

- e) Notification of the A35/A350 Bridge Protection Works was received from DCC. Cllr Griffin has contacted DCC requesting information regarding the tree works being done at this site; A response from DCC is awaited.
- f) Information relating to the Offshore Petroleum Production and Pipelines Regulations 1999 were made available to the committee.
- g) Tenants of LMUTC have requested an external service requiring a signature of authority; Cllr Chase to assess the proposal for the Mayor to sign.
- h) Correspondence relating to a request for a dropped kerb was received; LMUTC to respond to advise there are no funds available.

254/17 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:**Roads and Pavements**

Cllr Chase reported a number of street name signs in the town have been vandalised; the Grounds Staff to advise details for the office to report to PDC.

Waste and Recycling

None.

Street Furniture - Cllr Mrs M Pryor

Cllr Burns reported the red bench on Dorchester Road is in need of repainting; the Grounds Staff to do this.

Open Spaces**Lytchett Bay View**

Cllr M Chase

Jubilee Garden**Cllr Mrs J Marston**

Cllr Marston volunteered to act as Champion for Jubilee Garden following the resignation of Cllr Dodds.

St. Martins Park

Cllr Brooks will be asked to act as Champion for St Martin's Park.

Meadows Garden**Cllr R Griffin**

None.

Clocktower Site

None.

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

None.

Overgrowing vegetation

None.

Flood Warden**Cllr P F Johns**

None.

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255/17 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Cllr Griffin to contact DCC Highways re:

1. 2018 Dates for LMUTC/DCC Highways Quarterly meetings
2. Repairing the soil bank on Policeman’s Lane at French’s Green
3. The damaged grass verges along Pinewood Road
4. The very poor road condition of Upton Court and the access to the Upton surgery and Library.
5. Funding for an Electric Vehicle Charging Point

256/17 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

257/17 TO RECEIVE THE TREE WORKS REPORT:

See attached list.

258/17 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Cllr Mrs Richards reported on her attendance at GDP Data Protection training; Information is available for perusal by Councillors in the Town Council Office.
- b) Cllr Burns reported Wessex Water will be working opposite New Road, Lytchett Minster next week, which could impact on journey times, as the DCC Highways works on the A35 are still on-going.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

Chairman.....

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