

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 24 July 2018** which commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

- Councillor R Griffin (in the Chair)
- Councillor M Chase
- Councillor P F Johns
- Councillor J R Burns
- Councillor Mrs J Marston
- Councillor Mrs J M Richards (Mayor)
- Councillor Mrs M Pryor (Deputy Mayor)

Also in attendance:

- Mrs K Wright, Town Clerk
- Mrs B Lake, Office Manager

132/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

- Councillor F H Drane (personal)
- Councillor R Holloway (personal)
- Councillor K Brooks (work commitments)
- Councillor P King (unwell)

133/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

134/18 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.** No further information. The Clerk will pursue. The South & South East in Bloom judges suggested that their award winner logo could be used on the signs.
- b) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Crossing in Dorchester Road.** The Zebra Crossing went to the DCC Regulatory Committee w/c 9 July and the decision to go ahead was deferred to see if light pollution can be reduced.
- c) **Minute 481/14 Yellow lines Dorchester Road, near Oakley Gardens.** This request remains on the DCC list and the item will be removed from the minutes.
- d) **Minute 485/14 To investigate obtaining Local Nature Reserve/SSSI Status for Lytchett Bay View.** This process is nearing completion. It was suggested to apply for a green flag award and this will be investigated.
- e) **Minute 151/16 Pavement Parking.** This will be included in the small informal parking survey scheduled for 14 September 2018.
- f) **Minute 154/16 Heritage Signposting.** An order will be placed for signposting using recycled materials. Cllrs Griffin and Chase will meet on Thursday 26 July to discuss this.
- g) **Minute 303/16 De-regulation of Slough Lane to a Bridleway.** No further information. This will be removed from the minutes.
- h) **Minute 497/16 Parking Review for the Town.** Post the meeting with the Area Parking Enforcement Office, it was agreed that an informal parking review be undertaken with him and the CHO. This is scheduled for 14 September 2018 at 9.30 am.

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134/18 CLERK'S REPORT:(Cont)

- i) **Minute 34/17 To discuss ways to improve foot way access for pedestrians at Watery Lane.** This item will be removed from the minutes.
- j) **Minute 96/17 To consider a residents request for a 20 mph speed limit in Moorland Way.** This was referred to DCC who are not in favour of reducing the speed limit and the resident concerned will be advised. This item will be removed from the minutes.
- k) **Minute 297/17 b) Moorland Way Surface.** DCC are monitoring the situation.
- l) **Minute 354/17 Installation of a dropped kerb at the corner of Dorchester Road and Marsh Lane and a pedestrian crossing at the bridge over the A35 bypass.** No further information. This item will be removed from the minutes.
- m) **Minute 393/17 Policemans Lane.** There is no further information and this item will be removed from the minutes.
- n) **Minute 22/18 Yellow Lines Factory Road/Dorchester Road 47-49.** DCC have rejected this request and are liaising directly with the persons concerned.

135/18 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Correspondence was received from ULMAA expressing concern about issues around Slough Lane/Policemans Lane. The overgrown vegetation along Slough Lane will be referred to the South Lytchett Estate. The concerns about no footpath along Policemans Lane near the entrance to Poppy Close will be referred to the Area Highways Officer, DCC.
- b) A request was received from a resident for a 20 mph speed limit in Dacombe Drive. Members felt that the main problem at this location was parking and this will be referred to the Safer Neighbourhood Team as advised by Inspector Keel. It will also be raised at the parking review in September 2018. The resident will be informed of this and also advised that DCC have received requests for a 20 mph speed restriction in other areas of the town which they are not in favour of implementing, however this will be raised at the next highways meeting.

136/18 TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF A PART-TIME SEASONAL GARDENER:

After discussion it was agreed in principal that additional help for the Groundstaff is required, possibly in the form of a self-employed handyman. An additional vehicle is also required for use by Groundstaff. An item to discuss Staffing and Transport will be included on the Agenda of the next F&A meeting.

137/18 TO CONSIDER MAKING UPTON A HEDGEHOG FRIENDLY TOWN:

After discussion it was agreed to invite a representative from the Dorset Mammal Group to come along to an informal meeting to give a talk prior to the Environment committee meeting on Tuesday 25 September. The resident who raised this issue will also be invited to attend.

138/18 TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL OWNED STREET LIGHTING TO BE UPGRADED TO LED LIGHTING:

Quotations for upgrading the lighting were received from SSE. There is no funding available for this work and after discussion it was agreed to approach DCC to ask if they would consider taking over the Town Council owned street lighting as the Town Council do not have the means to maintain the quality of the lighting.

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139/18 TO DISCUSS THE 'FORWARD PLAN' FOR ENVIRONMENT FOR 2018-2023:

The Clerk produced a proforma and members were asked to consider projects to be added and bring back to the next Environment meeting in September 2018.

140/18 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:

Roads and Pavements

The road surface in Redwood Road is in a state of poor repair and will be reported to DCC.

Concern was also expressed about the condition of Upton Court and it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Practice Manager at the Health Centre asking for confirmation that this is being dealt with.

DCC will be asked when the repair to the sinkhole in Meadows Drive is due to be done.

Waste and Recycling

Concern was expressed that some roadside collections are not taking place on the scheduled days.

Cllr Johns advised he has submitted an article to the Clarion regarding recycling.

Street Furniture

Cllr Mrs M Pryor

The seat along Poole Road, near Palmers Garage, requires attention.

Open Spaces

Lytchett Bay View

Cllr M Chase

None.

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

None.

Overgrowing vegetation

Various overgrown vegetation issues were reported to the Town Council Office and are being dealt with.

Flood Warden

Cllr P F Johns

None.

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140/18 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:(Cont)

Sustainability

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An IBC water tank has been purchased and sited at the rear of the Town Council Offices. DCC will be contacted regarding the use of solar panels in local schools, with a view to possibly installing them at the Grove and the Town Council building.

141/18 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

None.

142/18 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

143/18 TO RECEIVE THE TREE WORKS REPORT:

No Tree Works report was received.

144/18 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Cllr Mrs Richards reported that the South & South East In Bloom judging that took place on Wednesday 18 July appeared to go well.

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

Chairman.....

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