

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 October 2018** which commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

- Councillor R Griffin (in the Chair)
- Councillor M Chase
- Councillor P F Johns
- Councillor D H Drane
- Councillor J R Burns
- Councillor K Brooks
- Councillor P King
- Councillor Mrs J M Richards (Mayor)
- Councillor Mrs M Pryor (Deputy Mayor)

Also in attendance: Mrs B Lake, Office Manager

209/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

- Councillor R Holloway (personal)
- Mrs K Wright (holiday)

210/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

211/18 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Crossing in Dorchester Road.** It was reported that installation is imminent.
- b) **Minute 485/14 To investigate obtaining Local Nature Reserve/SSSI Status for Lytchett Bay View.** The paperwork has been put together for submission to Natural 55England.
- c) **Minute 151/16 Pavement Parking.** This was discussed at the Highways Meeting on 26 September 2018.
- d) **Minute 154/16 Heritage Signposting.** This is in hand.
- e) **Minute 497/16 Parking Review for the Town.** This was discussed at the Highways meeting on Wednesday 26 September 2018. The minutes from this meeting will be circulated.
- f) **Minute 297/17 b) Moorland Way Surface.** DCC are monitoring the situation.
- g) **Minute 138/18 & 161/18 Parish Lighting.** Following a survey SSE were contacted to ascertain whether any of the Council owned lights are dangerous and what cost would be involved to bring them up to an acceptable standard but no response has been received to date. This will be pursued.
- h) **Minute 140/18 Roads and Pavements – Health Centre –** No reply has been received from the Health Centre regarding the ownership and flooding. The new Community Co-ordinator for the Adam Practice was invited to attend the full Council meeting in October but no response was received. Cllr Johns advised that a member of the Adam Practice was going to liaise with DCC in an attempt to get some work done.

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211/18 CLERK'S REPORT:(Cont)

- i) **Minute 160/18 Lytchett Bay Nature Park.** See full Council Minute 202/18.
- j) **Minute 165/18 Entrance signs for the village of Lytchett Minster.** Quotations will be obtained for 2 new signs to replicate those in Upton.

212/18 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Correspondence was received from a resident of Dorchester Road expressing concern about vehicles parking on the grass verge. A 'Parking on Highway Verges' leaflet will be sent to the culprit who will be advised that if this continues the Council will install dragons teeth to prevent it. The complainant will be advised.
- b) A letter was received from DCC Highways advising that there is currently an issue with the preferred route of the final phase of the Upton town centre to Upton Country Park cycleway. Originally this was proposed to cross a small area of farmers field (owned by Poole BC) however there are restrictions on what can be done there due to the use of the field, location of an access gate that cannot be moved and the condition and location of 4 significant trees that mean they cannot use the field and are having to investigate designs solely within the public highway. The Town Council will be kept informed of progress.
- c) Notification was received from PDC re the Purbeck Local Plan pre-submission publication draft and the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule which are available for viewing at the Town Council Offices as from Monday 22 October. Any representation should be received at PDC by Monday 3 December 2018.

213/18 TO DISCUSS THE INTRODUCTION OF PARKING METERS OUTSIDE THE CONVENIENCE STORE, POOLE ROAD:

After discussion it was agreed unanimously not to introduce parking meters at this location. However, DCC will be approached to ask whether bollards, planters or something similar could be installed to prevent parking on the pavement. PDC Planning will again be contacted to ascertain the situation with parking at the rear of the store.

214/18 TO DISCUSS WILDFLOWER MEADOWS:

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Dorset Rangers suggesting that next year wildflower beds should be created in each of the 3 areas (Poole Road, Factory Road, Upton Woods) so that grass sections could continue to be cut to prevent the areas looking uncared for and also keep the weeds down. It will also be suggested that a different seed mix be used to include marigolds, poppies, cornflowers and cosmos.

215/18 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR YELLOW LINES AT PONY DRIVE:

A request has been received for double yellow lines from the entrance to Pony Drive to Upton Woods entrance. The Town Council support this request and will refer it to DCC.

216/18 TO DISCUSS ISSUES ALONG BLANDFORD ROAD:

Concern about various issues in Blandford Road South was raised by a resident. After discussion it was agreed to request the white lines be repainted and the overgrowth on the bank cut back. DCC will also be contacted to ask whether a cycleway along Blandford Road would be feasible. The resident will be informed.

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217/18 TO DISCUSS THE 'FORWARD PLAN' FOR ENVIRONMENT FOR 2018-2023:

- The following items were suggested for inclusion:
- The appearance of Frampton Terrace
- Lytchett Bay Nature Park
- New Open Spaces (eg Dacombe Close etc)
- Parking
- Unadopted Roads
- Improvements to the corner of Factory Road. Upton in Bloom will fund.
- Lytchett Bay View review of flora and fauna
- Sustainable planting
- Lytchett Minster and Upton's Heritage
- Hedgehogs
- Cycleway Phase 3
- Ongoing maintenance including the repainting of planters with corporate colours/image`

218/18 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:

Roads and Pavements

None.

Waste and Recycling

None.

Street Furniture

Cllr Mrs M Pryor

None.

Open Spaces

Lytchett Bay View

Cllr M Chase

None.

Jubilee Garden

Cllr Mrs J Marston

None.

St. Martins Park

Cllr K Brooks

It was agreed that this area should be returned to grass and the Groundstaff will be advised.

Meadows Garden

Cllr R Griffin

None.

Limberlost

Cllr R Griffin

None.

Clocktower Site

None.

Open Access Issues

Cllr Mrs J M Richards

None.

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218/18 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:(Cont)

Overgrowing vegetation

The land on Dorchester Road, opposite the top of Moorland Parade, is untidy and ownership is unknown. The Groundstaff will be asked to tidy this area over the winter.

Flood Warden

Cllr P F Johns

None.

Sustainability

All

None.

219/18 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Cllr King reported that he had met with a DCC Highways Officer to discuss the Policemans Lane/Water Lane area and enquired as to who undertook the risk assessment. DCC will investigate and provide the information.

Parking Services were asked to patrol the Purbeck Close area, however as the road currently has no restriction an Enforcement Officer cannot issue a Penalty Charge Notice. Once the driveway protection lines are installed a CEO will attend if required.

220/18 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

221/18 TO RECEIVE THE TREE WORKS REPORT:

See attached list.

222/18 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) A resident expressed concern about the trees on Town Council owned land in front of 1-19 Dacombe Drive. A quote to cut back the trees will be sought.
- b) SSE will be contacted to ask whether 30 mph stickers can be displayed on their lamp posts.
- c) Concern was expressed that the family living in caravans in Lytchett Minster appear to be running a business selling cars. Cllr Griffin has spoken to the Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer who advised that they will be evicted after Christmas.
- d) Cllrs Mrs Richards and Chase will attend a briefing session with Dorset FA on the Local Football Facility Plan on Monday 29 October at 10.00 am.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

DEMOCRATIC SESSION:

Suzy Varndell, Hedgehog Leader, Dorset Mammal Group and her husband attended the meeting to give an interesting and informative presentation on how to become a Hedgehog Friendly Town. It was agreed that Friends for Upton Library will liaise with the group to hold an initial meeting on ‘The Hedgehog Predicament’ in the hope that this will encourage members of the public to become involved and to find someone to act as co-ordinator. The resident who first raised this issue with the Town Council will be advised.