

## 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<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2016** and commenced at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:**

- Councillor R Griffin (in the Chair)
- Councillor M Chase
- Councillor Mrs M Pryor
- Councillor P F Johns
- Councillor F Rickard
- Councillor R Burns
- Councillor M Dodds
- Councillor Mrs J M Richards (Mayor of Council)
- Councillor J C Small (Deputy Mayor of Council)

**Also in attendance:**

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

**751/15 APOLOGIES:**

- Councillor F H Drane (PDC meeting)
- Councillor P Rusling (unwell)
- Mr B Cooper (Tree Warden)

**752/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**753/15 CLERK'S REPORT:**

- a) **Minute 108/12 and Minute 219/12 Proposed Cycle way along Poole Road Options for improved entrance signs to the town.** Nothing further to report, although it should be noted that some of the snagging issues have yet to be completed by DCC.
- b) **Minute 104/14 Heritage Signposting for the Town.** Nothing further to report and it was agreed to pursue this with Dorset Wildlife Trust. In the interim members were asked to consider where posts should be sited and Cllr Small undertook to obtain a quote for a 3/4 finger post.
- c) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Refuge in Dorchester Road.** No further information.
- d) **Minute 481/14 Yellow lines Dorchester Road, near Oakley Gardens.** No information regarding the timescale has been received from DCC to date.
- e) **Minute 485/14 To investigate obtaining Local Nature Reserve/SSSI Status for Lytchett Bay View.** No further information.
- f) **Minute 486/14 & 629/15 Bylaws relating to PDC Grass Verges.** DCC cancelled the town tour meeting, and this needs to be rescheduled.
- g) **Minute 487/14 Creation of Wildflower Meadow.** A DCC representative has advised that wildflower meadows will be created at the gateway roundabout, land opposite Upton Country Park, the entrance to Factory Road and the front of the Poole Road wall.
- h) **Minute 526/15 Seat at Top of Moorland Way.** This is on order.
- i) **Minute 626/15 Rattle seed at the Limberlost Wildflower Meadow.** Harbour View are undertaking this work and it will commence shortly.

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**753/15 CLERK'S REPORT:(Cont)**

- j) **Minute 633/15 & 706/15 Lytchett Bay View.** Quotes of £7000, £4950 and £5071 for the viewing mound have been received. This item will be included on the agenda of the next meeting and Shaun Robson will be invited to attend. Some feedback has been received on the Management Plan and it is undergoing further updating.
- k) **519/15 a) Traffic Issues.** No further information.
- l) **Minute 582/15 Tree Management Survey.** No further information.

**754/15 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) An update was received from PDC following concerns that a private residence was being used as a business.
- b) Information was received from Natural England of a formal consultation on the potential Poole Harbour Special Protection Area which commenced on 21 January 2016. This will be circulated to members.
- c) Notification of the temporary closure of public bridleway 46, Corfe Mullen was received from DCC.
- d) A complaint about parking on the grass verge along Poole Road was received from a resident and this will be referred to Parking Enforcement.
- e) The Borough of Poole have advised that they have recently approved a six week public consultation exercise relating to the introduction of car park charges in Upton Country Park. The closing date for comments on this proposal is 6 April 2016. This will be included on the agenda of the next full Council meeting.

**755/15 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BEDDING PLANTS AND PLANTING SCHEMES FOR 2016:**

Flowerbeds are planned to commemorate the anniversary of the Scouts and the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Borough of Poole have offered to help with planting if required. This will be included on the Agenda of the next Environment committee meeting.

**756/15 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE FIRST TRANCHE OF THE 'STICK @ 30' PROJECT:**

Stickers have been distributed to properties in Sandy Lane, Poole Road, Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster and part of Dorchester Road, Upton. It was reported that the public spoken to so far as very supportive of the scheme. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Mrs Richards and Cllr Chase for the work they have undertaken. This will be included on the Agenda of the next Environment committee meeting for a further update.

**757/15 TO CONSIDER THE NAME 'ROSE LANE' FOR THE NEW BUILD AT THE REAR OF 65-69 DORCHESTER ROAD:**

The committee had no objection to the name 'Rose Lane' and PDC will be advised.

**758/15 TO DISCUSS PARKING IN AND AROUND WARBLER CLOSE:**

A resident expressed concern about parking issues in and around Warbler Close and asked whether a parking permit scheme could be put in place. It was agreed to raise the parking issue at the next meeting with the DCC Highways Officer, and in the meantime the resident will be advised to approach the housing association who own many of the properties in that area.

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**759/15 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:**

**Roads and Pavements**

**Cllr P Rusling**

None.

**Street Furniture - Cllr Mrs M Pryor**

None.

**Open Spaces**

**Lytchett Bay View**

The new boardwalk has had to be repaired for the second time as the struts became attached.

**Jubilee Garden**

**Cllr J Small**

None.

**St. Martins Park**

**Cllr J C Small**

None.

**Meadows Garden**

**Cllr Mrs J M Richards**

Some weeding and pruning is still required and the Groundsman will be advised.

**Open Access Issues**

**Cllr Mrs J M Richards**

There are still issues with accessing the Triangle shopping parade but this is private land. The Beacon Association are currently liaising with the Agents.

**Overgrowing vegetation**

**Cllr F Rickard**

There is an overgrown issue at a property in Meadows Drive which is rented and the Agent will be advised.

**Flood Warden**

**Cllr P F Johns**

None.

**760/15 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

It was suggested that advisory road signs should be sited in Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster on the approach to the Bakers Arms roundabout and this will be raised at the next meeting with the DCC Highways Officer.

**761/15 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:**

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

**762/15 RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER'S REPORT:**

None.

**763/15 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT:**

See attached list. It will be ascertained with PDC whether there are TPOs on the trees at the Library, including the cedar tree.

**764/15 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

- a) Members were advised that Sir Thomas Lees had passed away and the funeral will take place on Saturday 5 March. A card will be sent to the family from the Town Council.
- b) Cllr Griffin reported that requests have been received for 5 more trees and any further requests for trees to be planted should be submitted before the end of March.
- c) Cllr Griffin advised that the owners of Waypoints are not prepared to install any obstacles to prevent parking on the public area and alternative strategies will be considered.
- d) Plans for the retirement of the Contract Groundsman were discussed and a suggested donation towards this was put to members.
- e) Cllr Johns asked whether a slope could be installed outside the Youth Club emergency exit and this will be referred to the Groundsman.
- f) The question of whether Councillors' email addresses can be made public was raised and this will be referred to full Council.

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm**

Chairman.....

Date.....

**DEMOCRATIC SESSION:**

A representative from the Cubs/Scouts attended the meeting to talk to members about proposals for a commemorative flowerbed.