

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 April 2018** which commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

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

Also in attendance:

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

386/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

- Councillor Mrs J M Richards (unwell)
- Councillor R Holloway (work commitments)
- Councillor K Brooks (work commitments)

387/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

388/17 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.** DCC advised that this is in hand.
- b) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Crossing in Dorchester Road.** No further information.
- c) **Minute 481/14 Yellow lines Dorchester Road, near Oakley Gardens.** This has been chased by our County Councillor with DCC and a response is awaited. We have also chased with our Community Highways Team – resident has registered disappointment at the lack of progress/information
- d) **Minute 485/14 To investigate obtaining Local Nature Reserve/SSSI Status for Lytchett Bay View.** The preparation of the legal paperwork for this is in hand.
- e) **Minute 582/15 & 871/15 Tree Management Survey/Tree Warden.** No further information.
- f) **Minute 151/16 Pavement Parking.** Instillation work of dragon's teeth is in hand.
- g) **Minute 154/16 Heritage Signposting.** The Ranger Service has been chased for a response as to whether they can access funding for this.
- h) **Minute 303/16 De-regulation of Slough Lane to a Bridleway.** This has been referred to Cllr Pipe to chase with DCC – no response to date.
- i) **Minute 497/16 Parking Review for the Town.** Cllr Pipe has been asked to chase this on our behalf – no response to date. It was suggested that this be added to a list to raise with the Chief Executive, DCC after liaising with County Cllr Pipe.
- j) **Minute 34/17 To discuss ways to improve foot way access for pedestrians at Watery Lane.** This was deferred until the next Highways Meeting.

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388/17 CLERK'S REPORT:(Cont)

- k) **Minute 96/17 To consider a residents request for a 20 mph speed limit in Moorland Way.** No further information. This will be added to the list for referral to the Chief Executive, DCC.
- l) **Minute 187/17 & 299/17 To consider options to improve the bank at the top of Moorland Way.** The sleepers have been prepared and they will shortly be installed; and the grass has been cut. Traders along the Parade will be advised.
- m) **Minute 191/17 To discuss pollution in the town.** A DCC officer will be invited to the next Highways Meeting to discuss this issue. This will be added to the list for the Chief Executive, DCC.
- n) **Minute 188/17 To consider a request for a pedestrian crossing at the corner of Oak Road and Blandford Road.** No further response. This item will be removed from the minutes.
- o) **Minute 297/17 b) Moorland Way Surface.** DCC are monitoring the situation.
- p) **Minute 300/17 Sponsorship of Clocktower Site.** The sign has been produced and is awaiting installation. This item will be removed from the minutes.
- q) **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.** Cllr Griffin has composed a letter which has been sent to DCC outlying our requests regarding the above. A response was received as follows:
 Pedestrian Crossing – the crossing west of Policemans's Lane is located over the bridge, this cannot be closer to the junction due to forward visibility and vehicular stopping distance coming over the bridge.
 Pedestrian crossing/refuge at the top of Policemans Lane. There is a crossing before the bridge on the side closest to Lytchett Minster. A refuge would not be feasible as there are cycle lanes either side of the carriageway causing conflict between cyclists and vehicles using the road.
 Protection barrier at the top of the eastern side of Policemans Lane to remove the risk of motorists going off the road into the ditch. The works to install a vehicle safety barrier is outside of the developers obligations and would require some significant engineering works. There are plans to reduce the speed limit from 60mph down to 30mph which will improve conditions at the tight bend into Policemans Lane.
 Request to require the developer to install as much more durable bank/fence/barrier on the upper north side of Policemans Lane to prevent verge erosion. DCC are not aware of the request to require the developer to install a much more durable bank/fence/barrier on the upper north side and a need for this has not been identified as necessary during the planning process.
 Dropped kerb on the corner of Marsh Lane/Dorchester Road. A request should be directed to the community highways team and this will be done. Cllr Griffin will draft a further letter in response to the above.

389/17 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Information on the Dorset and Poole Mineral Sites Plan and Waste plan was received.
- b) Information on the Holes Bay Flood Prevention Works was received from the Borough of Poole.
- c) Notification of Replacement Street Lighting Phase 2 was received from SSE.

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390/17 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:**Roads and Pavements**

There is a pothole on Moorland Way between the junction with the Parade and Moorland Crescent and this will be reported. The road surface in Marsh Lane is breaking up and drains in the area are blocked. Cllr Griffin will draft a letter to DCC Highways and these issues will also be raised at the next Highways meeting.

Waste and Recycling

None.

Street Furniture**Cllr Mrs M Pryor**

Two DCC bus shelters in Dorchester Road were recently vandalised and DCC have advised they do not intend to replace the glass at this time. Their legal position on this will be ascertained. After discussion members suggested that the Town Council offer to contribute towards a repair on the understanding that a more durable material be used. DCC will be contacted to this effect.

Open Spaces**Lytchett Bay View****Cllr M Chase**

The rail on the viewing platform has been vandalised and the Police will be informed.

Jubilee Garden**Cllr Mrs J Marston**

None.

St. Martins Park**Cllr K Brooks**

None.

Meadows Garden**Cllr R Griffin**

The area needs weeding.

Limberlost**Cllr R Griffin**

Tappers will be advised that the area requires cutting, pruning and weeding.

Clocktower Site

None.

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

None.

Overgrowing vegetation

Overgrown vegetation in Firsway still requires attention.

Flood Warden**Cllr P F Johns**

None.

391/17 TO CONSIDER A POLICY FOR THE TOWN IN RESPECT OF OUR ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY:

This item was referred until the next meeting when it will be considered in conjunction with the 5 year environmental strategy. Members did, however, discuss what is already being done, ie the use of woodchips and plastic recyclable lumber, and future aspirations such as an electric vehicle, solar panels etc.

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392/17 TO DISCUSS SIGNAGE REQUESTS:

Concern was expressed by a resident that there should be better signage to Upton Surgery and this will be referred to the Health Centre. They also expressed concern about vehicles existing Ballam Close into Heights Road and suggest a 'give way' sign. This will be raised at the next Highways meeting and the resident will be advised.

393/17 TO DISCUSS POLICEMANS LANE:

See Minute 388/17(q). Copies of the Delivery Framework - Land at Policemans Lane document prepared on behalf of Wyatt Homes will be made available for all Councillors to collect from the Town Council office week commencing Monday 30 April. This will then be discussed at a full Council meeting on Monday 14 May 2018 at 6.30, after which time Wyatts will be invited to attend a further meeting to give a presentation and answer questions.

Cllr King raised several issues about Policemans Lane, eg confusing signage, road width, and was asked to put these concerns in writing in order that they can be raised at the next Highways meetings which he is welcome to attend.

394/17 TO DISCUSS PARKING OVERSPILL ISSUES FROM UPTON COUNTRY PARK ONTO SURROUNDING ROADS IN UPTON:

Residents in the Pony Drive vicinity have expressed concerns about visitors to Upton Country Park parking in the surrounding roads to avoid paying car parking charges. This will be raised with the Borough of Poole and included on the agenda of the next Highways meeting.

395/17 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

See Democratic Session.

396/17 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

397/17 TO RECEIVE THE TREE WORKS REPORT:

See attached list.

398/17 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

None.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

DEMOCRATIC SESSION:

A resident of Dorchester Road attended the meeting to express concern about the dragons teeth that have been installed outside her property. A letter will be sent to her advising that the posts are standard height, however to address her concerns reflective markers will be added to the posts and additional posts will be installed along the grass verges subject to DCC permission.