

## 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 27 November 2018** which commenced at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:**

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

**Also in attendance:**

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

**259/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

- Councillor M Chase (unwell)
- Councillor R Holloway (personal)
- Councillor K Brooks (work commitments)
- Mrs K Cane (unwell)

**260/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**261/18 CLERK'S REPORT:**

- a) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Crossing in Dorchester Road.** It was reported that installation is imminent although work has not yet commenced. No further information.
- 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 England and Cllr Griffin has provided this to the office.
- c) **Minute 151/16 Pavement Parking.** No further information.
- d) **Minute 154/16 Heritage Signposting.** Cllrs Griffin and Chase will progress this project.
- e) **Minute 497/16 Parking Review for the Town.** No further information.
- 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 was pursued with SSE but a response has still not been received.
- 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. Cllr Griffin has liaised with the Adam Practice Community Co-ordinator, who has raised this with the Estates Manager.

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**261/18 CLERK'S REPORT: (cont)**

- i) **Minute 160/18 Lytchett Bay Nature Park Partnership.** Cllr Griffin reported the first meeting was very successful, with a strong representation of all groups acknowledging the opportunity for joined strategies (alongside their individual efforts) to create a park partnership providing enhanced credence with the public.
- j) **Minute 165/18 Entrance signs for the village of Lytchett Minster.** In the absence of the Town Clerk Cllrs Griffin and Chase will pursue this.
- k) **Minute 214/14 Wildflower Meadows.** In response to LMUTC requesting improvements to the appearance of the wildflower beds, a reply was received from the Dorset Rangers advising they can only act within their restrictive budgets and detailing their actions for each area. Cllr Griffin to respond.
- l) **Minute 215/18 Request for double yellow lines at Pony Drive.** This request has been forwarded to DCC Cllr Pipe for approval before DCC can progress this. A copy of the ranking chart is on the Members Area. (MAENVNOV18DOC1) This is for **information only – not for completion by the Town Council or to go into the public domain.**
- m) **Minute 216/18 Issues along Blandford Road South.** A request for repainting the white lines was passed to DCC Highways. The issue of a cycleway was also raised with Highways. More information was requested by them and this has been provided. Additional Blandford Road South issues will be forwarded to DCC to support these requests..
- n) **Minute 222/18 Request to display 30 mph stickers on lampposts.** The Office to respond to the SSE thanking them for their recommendations and advising we will acknowledge these if we proceed.
- o) **Minute 222/18 Homeless family in Lytchett Minster.** Concerns that a business was being run from this location were referred to PDC Planning Enforcement. A response was received advising that as the DCC Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer is currently dealing with this issue and working with the family to find alternative accommodation, PDC will not be investigating the matter as a planning enforcement enquiry. A response was received from PDC Alan Davies confirming that no enforcement relating to the alleged unauthorised business will be taken; this will be forwarded to DCC Highways Officer, S Hetherington for the DCC actions. DCC Gypsy Liaison Officer has confirmed an eviction order will be served after Christmas, however this is a lengthy legal process.

**262/18 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Correspondence was received from a resident expressing concern about contractors vehicles parking on Poole Road; this has been forwarded to DCC Highways Officer, S Hetherington. The Office to respond to the resident advising DCC continue to monitor this.
- b) A letter was received from a resident regarding parking on Dorchester Road outside Waypoints. Cllr Griffin advised he has again reported this to DCC Highways Officer, S Hetherington. The results of the DCC Safety Audit including this area is still awaited. The Office to respond to the resident advising LMUTC share their concerns and are liaising with DCC to improve this. The Office to write to Rowlands Pharmacy requesting their drivers are reminded not to park on the pavements (this restricts access to Waypoints and obstructs visibility for vehicles exiting onto Dorchester Road) and to use the parking at the rear of the shop provided.

Cllr Drane left the meeting at this point.

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**262/18 CORRESPONDENCE: (cont)**

- c) Correspondence was received from DCC Highways advising of an amendment to a Traffic Regulation Order at Policemen's Lane. Cllr King reported he has met with DCC Highways Mitchell Waters regarding the developers risk assessment which was approved by PDC. Cllr King is awaiting a response from PDC Bridget Downton.
- d) Correspondence was received from DCC Highways advising of speed limit amendment on Policeman's Lane, Watery Lane and Dorchester Roads. A response is required from LMUTC before DCC can proceed; the committee agreed LMUTC to agree in principle to this proposed reduction in speed limit however the office to also request Mitchell Waters attend a site visit to discuss future risks which will accompany the further developments here.
- e) A resident reported vandalism of the street name plate of Franklyn Close and a near-by memorial tree and requested Lytchett Minster School are advised it was pupils of theirs; Cllr Griffin undertook to do this.
- f) DCC Highways contacted LMUTC asking about an Access Group regarding requests for dropped kerbs in the town; the Office to respond advising the Environment Committee performs this role.
- g) A resident of Lytchett Minster wrote to advise they have raised a DCC enquiry relating to speeding vehicles on new Road, Lytchett Minster. The Office to respond advising LMUTC share these concerns and will forward this to Dorset County Councillor Pipe.

**263/18 TO DISCUSS THE PURBECK LOCAL PLAN:**

PDC Officer, Frances Robson gave an informative presentation with advice for LMUTC how to provide both corporate and individual councillor responses to the Purbeck Local Plan. All responses must be submitted via the approved form, no other response will be considered. The deadline for responses is 23:59 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, with no extension – any responses received after this will not be considered. Cllr Johns encouraged all Councillors to respond individually in addition to the LMUTC corporate response. After discussion it was agreed for the Office to complete the response form submitting a LMUTC corporate response of supporting the Purbeck Local Plan in principle. Cllr Johns offered to assist in the completion of the form. The Office to respond to LYMPWatch confirming LMUTC regarding the Local Plan.

**264/18 TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF LAND PARCELS FROM PDC**

As no response has been received from PDC regarding the costs incurred maintaining these land parcels, this item will be deferred until the next meeting.

**265/18 TO CONSIDER QUOTE OF £1575 TO CARRY OUT WORK ON TREES ON TOWN COUNCIL LAND IN FRONT OF 1 – 19 DACOMBE DRIVE:**

Cllr Griffin reported he is meeting another company to obtain a further quote for this tree work.

**266/18 TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENT BUDGETS:**

The proposed Budgets for 2019/2020 were discussed.

**267/18 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:****Roads and Pavements (inc Rights Of Way)**

Cllr Burns reported on the alleged infringement of a Right of Way by Beacon Hill Caravan Park; this was investigated and resolved by DCC Rangers. The issue of the proposed 900 homes was raised – Cllr Burns advised a Certificate of Lawful use can be revoked, providing evidence can be provided to prove this site was not previously residential. The office to request PDC Alan Davies attend the next Town Council meeting to discuss the potential Beacon Hill development.

**Waste and Recycling**

Cllr Johns reported an increased rate of 60% of waste is now recycled.

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**267/18 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS: (Cont)**

**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**  
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**  
None.

**Flood Warden**  
**Cllr P F Johns**  
None.

**Sustainability**  
**All**  
None.

**268/18 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

See correspondence items a) b) c) d) f) and g).

**269/18 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:**

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

**270/18 TO RECEIVE THE TREE WORKS REPORT:**

See attached list.

**27/1/18 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

1. A response was received from PDC regarding the naming of the Dorchester Road development as Melbury Gardens. PDC advised Dorchester Gardens or Dorchester Court will not be considered as they are too similar to Dorchester Road. PDC have not yet explained why Melbury Gardens was selected. Cllr Griffin undertook to contact PDC Officer.Emma Webb.

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

Chairman.....

Date.....

**DEMOCRATIC SESSION:**

A resident of Palmerston Road attended the meeting to request an extension of the double yellow lines on Palmerston Road opposite Preston Close, where vehicles constantly obstruct driveways and dropped kerbs, preventing mobility scooter access. Cllr Griffin advised DCC Highways are aware of this issue; DCC Parking Enforcement will be contacted again regarding vehicles parking across dropped kerbs. After discussion the committee agreed to support the request for double yellow line extension as it prevents disabled access; this will be forwarded to Dorset County Councillor Pipe for his approval.

The resident also reported damage to the pavement of Palmerston Road (near entrance to Palmerston Close) following repair works by SSE. The Office to raise a DFY enquiry.

A resident of Blandford Road South attended the meeting to request help from LMUTC to improve the surface of Blandford Road South, which suffers damage due to the extremely high volume of traffic including HGVs. DCC Highways are aware of this issue. The road outside 618 Blandford Road South requires repair following recent SSE work. DCC Mike Harries will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss increasing and serious concerns over safety on this road.