

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** was held in the Council Chamber, 1 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way on **TUESDAY** the **16th November 2018** and commenced at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J M Richards in the Chair
Councillor Mrs M Pryor
Councillor P F Johns
Councillor F H Drane
Councillor R Griffin
Councillor J R Burns
Councillor Mrs R J Wood
Councillor M Chase
Councillor R Holloway
Councillor S McKell

Also in attendance: Mrs B Lake, Office Manager
Mrs S Samways, Admin Asst

242/18 APOLOGIES: Councillor J C Small (family commitments)
Councillor Mrs J Marston (family commitments)
Councillor K Brooks (work commitments)
Councillor Mrs M Turner (family commitments)
Councillor P King (family commitments)
Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk (unwell)
County Councillor W T Pipe (family commitments)

243/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
There were no declarations of interest.

244/18 MINUTES: of the Town Council meeting held on the 16th October as circulated were confirmed and signed.

CLERKS REPORT:

- a. **Valuation Report Regarding Land at Hibbs Close and its Potential Disposal.** Cllr Mrs Richards advised the builders interested in purchasing this land for development are still liaising with Purbeck District Council and a local company specialising in disability living.
- b. **Minute 343/17 & 75/18 To consider possible transfer of land parcels from Purbeck District Council.** See agenda item.
- c. **Minute 69/18 Young People in Upton.** No further progress on the noticeboard at the Recreation Ground.
- d. **Minute 123/18 To discuss the renewal of the lease of the Recreation Ground.** No further information.
- e. **Minute 150/18 Risk Assessment of land susceptible to trespass within the Town.** No further information.
- f. **Minute 199/18 Agreement between the Town Council and Hamwic Education Trust for use of the Recreation Ground.** The Trust have been advised that the annual fee will increase to £3850 with immediate effect and a response is awaited. No further response has been received.
- g. **Minute 202/18 Lytchett Bay Nature Park Partnership.** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 December at the Town Council Offices.
- h. **Minute 205/18 Purchase/lease of Photocopier.** The new photocopier is now in use.. The old machine will need to be sold privately.
- i. **Minute 246/18 Local Government Review.** A letter was sent to the Boundary Commission requesting a change of name from Lytchett Matravers and Upton to Upton and the Lytchetts. A response was received stating that the order implementing the review of the new Dorset council is currently before Parliament and the expectation is that it will be approved before Christmas. Unfortunately that means it is not possible to amend it – Parliament can only approve or refuse orders in their entirety – and there is insufficient time to change a ward’s name before the May elections. However, there is provision in the legislation for councils to change ward names, although this would require the consent of the Boundary Commission if it’s within five year of their Order being made. This would need to be led by Dorset County Council after the elections. (MATCDEC18DOC)

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246/18 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Notification was received from PDC regarding information on Casual Vacancies within six months of a Councillors' retirement.
- b. Information from the Local Government Boundary Commission relating to the Electoral Review of Dorset was made available to the members. Cllr Johns summarised that Holton Heath is no longer within our boundary but Lytchett Matravers now is. LMUTC will write to the Local Government Boundary Commission requesting a change of name to 'Upton and The Lytchetts' as Upton has a higher population, and this title better reflects the area represented.
- c. The DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular was made available to the members. Cllr Mrs Richards will investigate costs relating to local elections.
- d. Correspondence from DCC sharing the new logo for Dorset was received.
- e. Correspondence from the charity 'Scope' was received requesting permission to site clothes recycling banks in the town. After discussion it was agreed the existing recycling banks are sufficient; additionally it was considered these banks create a problem with rubbish being dumped. The Office to advise Scope.
- f. PDC advised the name proposed for the new housing development off Dorchester Road is 'Melbury Gardens'. The committee requested PDC explain why this was proposed, and suggested Dorchester Gardens or Dorchester Court or Beacon Gardens or Beacon Court to better reflect the locality and the history of Upton.
- g. Notification relating to CIL Parish Payments was received from PDC and made available to the committee.

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247/18 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Cont)

- a) The report of the Environment committee held on 23 October 2018 as circulated was amended to include new Councillor S McKell; they were then confirmed, adopted and signed.
- b) The report of the Amenities committee held on 6 November 2018 as circulated was amended to include new Councillor S McKell; they were then confirmed, adopted and signed.
- c) The report of the Planning committee held on 13 November 2018 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed

248/18 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

Report by Cllr Mrs J M Richards – Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council

Chairmen & Clerks Meeting 25/10/2018

Local Plan Review Update

Bridget Downton reported that the review is now in the 6 week consultation period. Comments can be made on line, alternatively contact PDC for a form for comments. Forms can be used for one item therefore if comments cover different aspects a separate form for each. It makes no difference if the comments come from Town Council or individuals they each have the same value.

The Green Belt review was undertaken within the Local Plan Review to which you can also respond on line. (Parcel 23 is still in the Green Belt).

Local Government Re-organisation

All staff from PDC will be transfer to the new Dorset council via TUPE. Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment).

We need to be aware that local elections will be 50% chargeable to town councils but ballot papers will be wholly chargeable. Information will be sent to councils in the next couple of weeks.

Boundary Review

There will be 1 x 1 member 3 x 2 member and 3 x 3 member ward. S.E. Purbeck will be the one member ward. For LMUTC area the elected councillor will now not represent Organford (which will now be covered by the Wareham councillor)but will continue to represent Slepe. There are changes to other wards which can be viewed on line.

AOB

The amalgamation of Devon and Dorset police will not go ahead but there were questions of an amalgamation with Wilts. It was stated that cross border collaboration with Wilts is already taking place but no definite plans to merge.

In reply to a question about information being passed from Dorset Council to towns and parishes it was stated that this is being looked at and is considered most important.

Report by Cllr F Drane – Purbeck District Council

350,000 cap contribution .a Supplementary capital budget of £20,000for Corfe Castle village hall improvements .

Purbeck District Council November 2018 .Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee. The Joint Committee considered a report by the Director of DWP which set out the proposal for the BCP Council and Shadow Dorset Council to enter into the proposal foe the Shadow BCP and Shadow Council to enter into a legal agreement to delegate the function for the Christchurch area to the new Dorset Council for one Year from 1 April 2019.

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Report by Cllr F Drane – Purbeck District Council (Cont)

She explained that the DWP would cease as a partnership on 1 April 2019when waste would become an executive function of new Dorset Council .This report is worth reading as one statement by the Vice - Chairman was that the timescale was 2years or sooner to allow greater flexibility .

At present DWP are having problems cleaning the roads in Upton Councillor FD was asked by Councillor RG to check and get the position resolved .DCC was approached by FD and DCC spoke to RG stating they are having Driver problems not available but he would try and get the roads cleaned in the worst parts of Upton while the Driver position is being looked at .Dorset Police and Crime Panel .THE merger of Dorset and Devon and Cornwall Police .he Merger is thought to bring a lot of extra finance by cost savings ..Knife activities were highlighted and the PCC hoped to re-engage awareness of this In relation to increased of recorded hate crime PCC he was trying to change the thought of some people that hate crime wisent a real crime. Prejudice Dorset were aware of this issue and were working to try and address this .Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee .is worth looking at as it rumbles on the one item highlighted was 33,000 patients currently attended A&E were there was no consultant on site .That paramedics may spend a significant time providing medical assistance on scene to give patients the best chance of survival. It was also indicated Dedicated NHS staff were going above and beyond to provide services that were not sustainable. Closure of Poole A&E .letters are still being sent to the Secretary of State highlighting the problems of the change to Bournemouth .Refurbishment of

Corfe Castle village hall Because Of Drainage issues that have risen during the redevelopment of the village hall project hat it was reasonable for the council to support this project over the normal .Details in the report.

Report by Cllr W T Pipe – Dorset County Council

Local Government Re-organisation: Things are moving along quite smoothly in the run-up to the new Unitary Authority for Dorset. Many areas are almost complete, while others are on track to be completed on time. As far as I am aware, there is no area which is struggling to meet the deadlines imposed by the Shadow Council in relation to a seamless transition on the 1st April 2019.

Health Scrutiny: At the last meeting towards the end of October, the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee had a recommendation put to it by the Task and Finish Group. That recommendation was that there “Be no referral to the secretary of State for Health and Social care in relation to the decision of the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group’s findings and recommendations of the Clinical Services Review” As it happened though, the recommendation was lost, and a referral was made to the Secretary of State on two grounds: That the S of S look into the Ambulance travel times in rural Dorset and that he also looks at the loss of Cottage Hospital Beds in Dorset. No mention made on the status of the Accident & Emergency planned closure at Poole!!!!

Police & Crime Commissioner Panel: At the meeting of the panel on the 13th November, the Commissioner gave a rather bleak assessment of policing in Dorset. To stand still in policing terms, the Commissioner would need a substantial rise in the locally collected precept. The fallout from the collapsed merger with Devon and Cornwall still reverberate around the corridors of Winfrith!! Dorset has lost some money in the form of savings as a result of the collapse [or refusal by the Devon & Cornwall Commissioner to continue with the project], but the forces still are collaborating together on the strategic alliance of the two forces; and are at almost 23% in terms of joint working together.

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Report by Cllr W T Pipe – Dorset County Council (cont)

The Chief Constable and the Commissioner are now UK leads on all-things Forensic and lead nationally on new methods of detecting forensic evidence, keeping evidence safe and encouraging the Home Office to invest in better technology to enable even more to be done.

On a pastoral note, the Commissioner was elected as a Lay Canon by the Right Honourable, The Lord Bishop of Sarum (Salisbury) last month.

Criminal Justice Board, Community Safety Partnership and Police & Crime Commissioner Panel:

The second round of ‘merger’ talks will be taking place next week and it is hoped that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the three will be able to input to the officer-led negotiations at an early date.

Purbeck Local Plan: The draft local plan is a bit like BREXIT or Marmite!! Some love it and some hate it. From our perspective here in LM&U, I think we should like it; but there is no accounting for taste, as they say!

249/18 TO SET A DATE FOR THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

After discussion Wednesday 15th May 2019 was agreed; the Office to book the Church. (if the church is not available on this date then Thursday 16th May was proposed).

250/18 TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF LAND PARCELS FROM PDC:

Following a reply from PDC advising LMUTC will have to bear any legal costs from these land transfers, PDC are now awaiting our response. The committee agreed in principle, to accepting these parcels of land. PDC will be contacted to ascertain how much they allocated for the annual maintenance of these land parcels; PDC will also be asked for funding,

continuing the precedent set when the land parcel at Poole Road (containing the wall) was transferred to LMUTC recently.

251/18 TO DISCUSS WAYS IN WHICH THE TOWN COUNCIL CAN SUPPORT AGE CONCERN:

The committee agreed Age Concern perform an excellent role providing the Monday Lunch Club for the neighbourhood. LMUTC already offer support in a number of ways (staff time, decorating, equipment provision etc). After discussion it was suggested to increase the precept to provide extra funding for the Grant Aid allocation.

252/18 TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE TOWN COUNCIL SHOULD SUPPORT LYMPWATCH'S SUPPORT OF THE UPDATED PURBECK LOCAL PLAN:

Cllr Johns outlined the reasoning behind LYMPWatch's support of the Purbeck Local Plan, and their request to LMUTC; he urged all Councillors to review the Plan in detail and make an individual response by 3rd December. To assist with the LMUTC corporate response a PDC Planning Officer will be invited to Environment Committee to inform and advise. Cllr Griffin reminded all councillors to be certain of all the implications of supporting this Plan.

Cllr Drane left the meeting at this point.

253/18 TO CONSIDER PROVIDING AN INFORMATION BOARD RE: UPTON IN WARTIME:

Cllr Griffin proposed and offered to manage this project. The members supported the idea unanimously. Cllr Griffin will investigate funding and the possibility of making this an Upton In Bloom project. This item to be added as an Agenda item to the meeting of the Town Council on 15th January 2019.

254/18 TO CONSIDER A NOMINATION FOR PDC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

Cllr Mrs Pryor nominated Cllr Mrs Richards for her continued numerous voluntary activities in and around Upton. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to nominate Cllr Mrs Richards.

255/18 TO CONSIDER THE CALEDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/20:

Cllr Chase commented that the Amenities Committee have less meetings due to the F&A meetings; after discussion it was agreed to:

1. Replace F&A 29 Oct with Amenities
2. Make F&A 1 Oct
3. Replace F&A 4 Jun with Amenities
4. Make F&A 6 June (if required)

256/18 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS:

This was reviewed by the committee. The Environment Committee 2019/2020 Budget will be added as an Agenda item to the next meeting of the Environment Committee on 27th November; it was then proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that the financial summary of accounts up to the end of the month be approved.

Cllr Burns reminded the committee of the requirement for a LMUTC Business Plan.

257/18 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND TO INSTRUCT MEMBERS TO SIGN CHEQUES AND AUTHORISE PAYMENTS:

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that the accounts for November 2018 be approved.

258/18 ITEMS OF REPORT (INCLUDING PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES) AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

1. Cllr Griffin advised he will forward to the office, the response he received from DCC Highways Officer regarding the request for a continuation of the cycleway on Blandford Road South.
2. Cllr Griffin received one quote for the tree works along the wall on Poole Road, and he is meeting another company for a further quote. This to be added as an item to the Agenda of the Environment committee on 27th November.
3. Cllr Griffin reported the next stage of Upton In Bloom memorial tree planting is imminent.
4. Cllr Burns reminded all councillors of the LUBCA AGM at St Dunstan's Church on Wednesday 21st November at 19:30.
5. Cllr Mrs Pryor reminded all councillors that all contributions of mince pies and other festive cakes, and raffle prizes for the Community Carol Service on 6th December can be handed into the office.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman.....

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