

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 **16 January 2018** and commenced at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J M Richards in the Chair
 Councillor Mrs M Pryor
 Councillor J C Small
 Councillor F H Drane
 Councillor J R Burns
 Councillor Mrs R J Wood
 Councillor M Chase
 Councillor Mrs J Marston
 Councillor K Brooks

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

234/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
 None.

235/17 APOLOGIES: Councillor P F Johns (personal)
 Councillor R Griffin (personal)
 Councillor R Holloway (unwell)
 Councillor Mrs M Turner (unwell)
 County & District Councillor W T Pipe (PDC meeting)
 Mrs K Wright, Town Clerk (unwell)

236/17 MINUTES: of the Town Council meeting held on the 19 December 2017 as circulated were confirmed and signed.

237/17 CLERKS REPORT:

- a. **Minute 173/17 Request for Town Council Support for Improved Broadband for the Town's Outlying Communities.** No further information.
- b. **Valuation Report Regarding Land at Hibbs Close and its Potential Disposal.** See Minute 243/17.
- c. **Minute 2987/17 CCTV Upgrade for The Grove.** Installation work was completed by Christmas, with a small amount of re-wiring to higher specification cable being undertaken currently. Training on the system yet to be arranged.

238/17 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. A letter was received from the Leg Club thanking the Town Council for their support.
- b. In response to a letter from the Town Council, the DCLG advised that the Secretary of State has received a proposal by six of the Dorset Councils to create two unitary authorities and having taken this into account he is minded to implement the proposal. A final decision will be taken after 8 January 2018 and the letter from the Town Council will be taken into account along with any other representations.

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238/17 CORRESPONDENCE:(Cont)

- c. Notification was received from PDC that an additional public consultation on the Purbeck Local Plan Review will run from Monday 29 January to Monday 12 March 2018. A Town and Parish Council launch event will take place on Tuesday 30 January from 6 – 9 pm at Westport House and Cllr Burns expressed an interest in attending.
- d. A guide regarding getting involved with commemorations of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I was received from PDC.
- e. An email expressing concern about a camper van in New Road, Lytchett Minster was received from a resident. This has been reported to PDC and the Police, both of whom have visited the site and spoken to the people concerned. An update is given in Cllr Pipe's report and it was also reported that the Lees Estate are installing posts in the laybys to prevent this happening.

239/17 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

240/17 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**Report by Cllr W T Pipe – Purbeck District Council and Dorset County Council**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION: Both Purbeck District & Dorset County Councils continue to work towards the setting up of the rural unitary authority. The consultation period has now ended and the letters of intent have been sent to the Secretary-of-State for consideration. Irrespective of his final decision, all councils within the proposed rural unitary authority will continue to work together very closely to find ways to work closer together and to share services provision. Roles within various sub-committees of the rural sub-committee have been given to councillors from across Dorset [excluding Christchurch, Bournemouth & Poole] in order to facilitate an easy transition to the expected rural unitary. Elections to the proposed new authority will take place in May 2019.

TRAVELLERS/CARAVANS IN NEW ROAD: Representations from me as both a District & County Councillor have been made to the relevant councils in respect of the caravans which now occupy the laybys in New Road, Lytchett Minster. The Traveller Liaison officer at DCC is reluctant to act because the laybys are NOT DCC property. They are in fact the private property of the Lees Estate. The Agent for the estate has been in touch with the apparent owners of the caravans, but to-date, without a result.

CLINICAL SERVICES REVIEW: The referral to the Secretary-of-State for Health by the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee received no backing from the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee which is comprised of elected representatives from Dorset, Hampshire, Somerset and Bournemouth & Poole Councils. As a result of the vote [5-3] not to back the Dorset suggestion, the original motion to refer to the SoS was taken back to a special meeting of the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee, where after a prolonged and some would say, “a vibrant” meeting and debate, they voted 5-3 not to continue with the original motion of referral.

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240/17 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**REVIEW OF AMBULANCE PROVISION THROUGHOUT DORSET:**

As Chairman of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, I secured a valuable opportunity to delve deep into the provision of ambulance services in the rural and urban areas of Dorset. My particular concern will be the Purbeck area provision and the west Dorset provision in the light of the Clinical Services Review and concerns around ambulance travel times to Bournemouth hospital and to a lesser extent, to Dorset County hospital, Dorchester. The work is expected to take about 9 months and it is hoped that the NHS South Western Ambulance Trust [the provider] will respond favourably to recommendations from my committees

Report by Cllr F H Drane – Purbeck District Council

Local Plan Review. The last meeting I attended 3 Jan 18 was not to be discussed till the public were informed, I wonder it stated they were discussing small developments. Trouble these small developments are arising all the time like the Dorchester Road not yet at the planning stage but could be soon 15 houses and 12 flats, if it arrives at Planning I'm sure the School places will not be taken into discussion .

I attended the Accounts Care System held by DCC at the PDC offices.

I heard most of this when I attended at DCC in the past .What they were stating was the Care system was facing more problems and the action they needed to take was those that should pay like the NHS and well off older people.

In the past older people were not being charged for care homes etc ,although they could afford to pay, now they will have to pay. The whole system is being looked at and information not only obtained by DCC but to make sure the public received information DCC will arrange hubs and Doctors Surgery to inform older people. The position is the Council Tax is 3% while the Care expenses are rising by 5%.

The hope is that Poole ,Bournemouth will join in the efforts made to try and deliver the best service Councils can give.

I was also advised that the well-known POPPS in name will be changed or at least has been changed as the Cabinet Holder stated the name was not suitable for the present time.

DCC are also trying to achieve an improvement in TEC costs and reduce the costs, this is all planned to be completed within 5 years.

We were not given notes on this 5 Year plan and present costs my few notes are I feel does not give the full information we received ,the Town Council can ask for more details or if the wish is I could ask for more details.

I attended the Leaders Forum ,and requested that we discuss the problems being suffered in sheltered homes covered by ASTER, Steve Mackenzie will get in touch with ASTER and request that PDC members are given the information they request on repairs.

I also raised the position of new Homes and Flats being bought in bulk .I stated as the Councils concern was for people to rent and buy who are at present with out a place to live, if the private establishment could buy on bulk then why not the Councils doing the same. I pointed out that Manchester Council had bought from a developer 20Homes and at a very much reduced cost, they then offered the homes to people living in Manchester.

I was informed that Manchester still had a housing of their own and could do this, PDC handed their homes over to SYNERGY Housing and PDC now could not borrow the money for housing, ,this could have been a mistake to have done this.

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241/17 TO CONFIRM MEMBERS WARDS FOR EAST AND WEST UPTON:

It was confirmed that members will represent the East and West Wards as follows and PDC will be advised:

EAST WARD (EP)

Mikka Pryor
 John Small
 Fred Drane
 Ray Griffin
 Ryan Holloway
 Vacancy 1
 Vacancy 2

WEST WARD (EQ)

June Richards
 Paul Johns
 James Burns
 Rebecca Wood
 Martyn Chase
 Joy Marston
 Kevin Brooks
 Margaret Turner

242/17 TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED EXENSION TO UPTON LIBRARY:

Cllr Drane gave a brief update on the proposed extension to Upton Library. A tree has been removed and DCA would be able to obtain funding, however plans are currently on hold due to the possible local government reorganisation. It was requested that the current position be clarified with Living and Learning Dorset, however it was reported that Lytchett Minster and Upton are not part of their pilot scheme for communities working together.

243/17 TO APPOINT A PUBLICITY CHAMPION:

This item will be deferred until the next full Council meeting and in the interim members will consider potential candidates.

244/17 TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED SALE OF HIBBS CLOSE AND TO DETERMINE FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION WITH RELATION TO POTENTIAL DISPOSAL OF THIS LAND:

Members discussed the outcome of the recent engagement events, which include two public meetings, notices in the local press, and throughout the Town. It was noted that the presence of the potential developers at both engagement events with local residents had been able to allay some of the concerns regarding parking and disruption should the development go ahead. All objections were identified as local to the site. It was noted that the developers had attended this meeting in anticipation of further public attendance, which was not the case. They are keen to work through any issues with residents to ensure that any future development goes smoothly. In light of the review of the consultation, the Town Council agreed to move forward with the sale of the land. The next step is for a planning application to be submitted by the developers. Residents will be notified as soon as possible upon the return of the Town Clerk.

245/17 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE GROVE ENHANCEMENT:

The kitchen is now fully functional and the Age Concern Day Club moved into the premises on 15 January. Arrangements are in hand for the Groundstaff to move the chairs etc into storage after the Monday lunch. The CCTV has been upgraded and training will take place on Friday 19 January. New lighting has been installed. The Town Council are looking at grants for improvements to the car park and the frontage of the Grove. Turbary Trust have confirmed they will grant another 28 year lease to the Council.

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246/17 TO APPROVE THE INCREASE IN HOURS FROM 38 TO 40 FOR THE ASSISTANT GROUNDSMAN TO SUPPORT WORK AT THE GROVE:

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to approve the increase in hours for the Assistant Groundsman from 38 to 40 per week.

247/17 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS:

This was reviewed by the committee and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the financial summary of accounts up to the end of the month be approved.

248/17 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 January 2018 be approved.

249/17 ITEMS OF REPORT (INCLUDING PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES) AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Cllr Mrs Pryor advised that parking at the rear of the Co-op is being reserved for staff and not available for public use.
- b) It was reported that Upton Oil Company has been sold to a Brazilian company although its proposed use has not been confirmed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Chairman.....

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