

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 **20 March 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 P F Johns
 Councillor F H Drane
 Councillor R Griffin
 Councillor J R Burns
 Councillor Mrs R J Wood
 Councillor M Chase
 Councillor Mrs J Marston
 Councillor Mrs M Turner

Also in attendance: Mrs K Wright, Town Clerk
 Mrs B Lake, Office Manager

334/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

335/17 APOLOGIES: Councillor R Holloway (unwell)
 Councillor K Brooks (work commitments)
 County & District Councillor W T Pipe (PDC meeting)

336/17 MINUTES: of the Town Council meeting held on the 20 February 2018 as circulated were amended under Minute 285/17 Representatives Reports – Report by Cllr Mrs June Richards, to read ‘.....Cllr Martyn Chase and I attended a seminar.....’. The minutes were then confirmed and signed.

337/17 TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR LYTCHETT MINSTER VILLAGE AND SATELLITE HAMLETS:

This was deferred until the full Council meeting in April when Sue Bellamy, PDC will attend.

338/17 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.** No further information.
- c. **Minute 2987/17 CCTV Upgrade for The Grove.** Remote access to view the CCTV has been downloaded on to the Clerks phone. It was suggested that a tablet should be purchased for this purpose and this is being investigated.
- d. **Minute 286/17 To discuss the production of an annual newsletter.** The newsletter articles have been edited and sent to the publisher for the first draft. Thank you to all contributors. A representative from the printer is meeting with the Clerk on Thursday 22 March 2018 to finalise the details.

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338/17 CLERKS REPORT:(Cont)

- e. **287/17 To set a date and format for the Annual Assembly.** This will take place on Wednesday 9 May 2018 in the St Dunstan's Lounge. There will be a representative from Dorset Police giving a talk on crime prevention.
- f. **Minute 290/17 To discuss the possible closure of the Ladybird Playgroup.** Letters have been written to DCC and Ofsted as directed. It was reported that the appeal by the playgroup was unsuccessful and the result of the next Ofsted inspection is awaited.

339/17 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Information on the Purbeck Film Festival was received and passed to Cllr Griffin.
- b. Correspondence was received from DAPTC on the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Joint Committee meeting held on 21 February 2018. The Extraordinary Chief Executive's Circular was also received.
- c. Correspondence was received from DAPTC regarding the invitation sent on behalf of the 'working with community partners' task and finish group of the Dorset Area Joint Committee (DAJC).

340/17 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) The report of the Environment committee held on 22 February 2018 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- b) The report of the Planning committee held on 6 March 2018 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- c) The report of the Amenities committee held on 6 March 2018 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- d) The report of the Planning committee held on 13 March 2018 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

341/17 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**Report by Cllr Mrs J M Richards – Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council**

The clerk and I attended the annual conference of the DAPTC at Kingston Maurward. The main topic was the proposed unitary. Sir Oliver Letwin was asked if parish and town councils would have to raise their precept or will money be passed to us for extra services? His reply:-There will be savings from two sources: Less staff and integrated approaches to services. If services move to town and parishes they should come with support IN PRINCIPLE! Communities can find ways of raising money locally.

Cllr Rebecca Knox, leader of DCC and Chairman of the Dorset Area Joint Committee who said work had begun in October to push forward with what is needed to develop better, joined up services. Delegates stressed the importance of town and parishes being involved in any discussions.

Dr Jonathon Owen Chief Executive of NALC spoke on NALC's support to local councils including implementation of GDPR.

Martyn Underhill (Police & Crime Commissioner) said rural crime was increasing and the police were concentrating in that area therefore less police would be seen on the streets.

Dr Forbes Watson Chairman of Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group explained the rationale behind the downgrading of Poole hospital.

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341/17 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:(Cont)**Report by Cllr P F Johns – Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council****DCC Integrated Transport Meeting held on 26th February 2018**

Cllr Marsden and I attended the 26th February DCC Integrated Transport Meeting. The meeting was very informative explaining how DCC provide a wide range of transport across the county mainly using contractor's vehicles employed on seven-year contracts. For the school buses they now have one bus company providing the buses for each school and they transport 6,800 children to school each day. It was interesting with the new efficient engines 6 buses produce less carbon emissions than one car. Numerous groups were providing community transport schemes either using mini buses or even private cars. There are 40 groups in the Dorset providing voluntary car sharing schemes. And drivers for all these services are DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked. These various services support local charities and fill the gaps in the public bus service schedules and provide many buses for rural areas.

Many of these services help with independent living for many lonely people and it was said that there are possibly 40,000 people who may currently be suffering due to loneliness and it is estimated that in ten years' time the over 60s will be 20% of the population. It was also said that loneliness costs £2.8m per year.

A new arrangement was where DCC are providing all the transport for the local Health Services. And one council was providing a service by putting residents in touch with the various transport schemes.

It was also stated that there are grants available for starting local transport schemes and one can get a grant towards providing an electric car charging point. Leaflets giving further information about the transport schemes were passed our office.

Report by Cllr F H Drane – Purbeck District Council

Because the Town Council again is on the same evening as the PDC meeting as it was last month when I attended the PDC meeting therefore I will attend this month the Town Council meeting.

Having not attended the PDC meeting there will be little I can report.

The Dorset Area Joint Committee is worth reading especially the paragraph on page 2.—it states (One of the most critical factors for delivery of the new Council was to make sure staff members and the public could understand what the council would look like and to be aware of its future vision and in time there would be more information on the operating model and structure. A new set of values would be driven forward and would affect how services would be delivered in the future, so it was important to ensure good communications and engagement.

We all have been waiting for this for many months and at the moment they still don't know the answers.

The Local Council Tax Support Scheme.

The scheme would look to reduce benefit by 8% but goes on to highlight the most vulnerable people would be protected from the changes .those defined as vulnerable included and gives in detail people involved such as pensioners etc.

Revision of tolls - Sandbanks Ferry. This report will lead to a long discussion and worth reading.

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341/17 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:(Cont)**Report by Cllr W T Pipe – Dorset County Council/Purbeck District Council**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION: Momentum gathers pace [not in the Labour Party sense] in the Joint Committee in preparation for LGR after the Secretary of State gave the final go ahead last month. The option voted upon by members of the Dorset Joint Committee is one of a “Shadow Administration” to pull together the various strands of County responsibility and those of the Districts such as Licensing & Planning.

CLINICAL SERVICES REVIEW BY THE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP: More twists & turns here!! On the 8th March at the meeting of the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee, it was proposed, seconded and decided that a “Task & Finish Group” be set up to look into the evidence base as to how the CCG came to their decision in reference to the recommendations put forward after the clinical services review. The group will be made up from the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee [Cllr Bill Pipe], and four other members; ideally taken from both District Council representatives to the committee and County representative members. The exact composition of the group has yet to be decided upon, as has the exact remit of the group in the light of the recently won right to a Judicial Review by local campaign groups. The Judicial Review will not take place before the end of April; and only then when there is adequate funding is in place. The Judicial Review will be into the process followed or taken by the CCG in their decision making. It is not a Judicial Review into the recommendations by the CCG, just the process which lead to them. It is also not a Judicial Review into the actions of either the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee or those of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

SLOUGH LANE: Following up from a Town Council concern, I have spoken to Highways at DCC; who inform me that a response will be given to both the Town Council & myself in “due course”!!!!!!

YELLOW LINES: Again, following a concern of the Town Council about the yellow lines requested, Highways gave me the same response as the previous concern. I will be seeing highways again on Monday next and hope that they will have something constructive to say. I understand that due to the poor weather lately, they are concentrating efforts on “other things Highways” than our concerns’

342/17 TO CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR:

Mr Paul King attended the meeting in support of his application to become a Town Councillor. It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that Mr King be co-opted.

343/17 TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF LAND PARCELS FROM PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL:

After discussion it was agreed to advise PDC that the Town Council wish to register their interest in the parcels of land in the Dacombe Drive area identified in pink on the map provided, and are also interested in taking over the areas marked in blue. The situation with Upton Woods will be clarified, particularly in relation to the land owned by Persimmon Homes. Dorset Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust will be approached to enquire about possible funding as this is a recognised conservation area.

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344//17 TO CONFIRM, REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

Financial Risk Assessment
 General Risk Assessments
 Asset Register
 Effectiveness of the Internal Audit
 Insurance for 2017/18 and 2018/9 (Years and and 2 of 3 year agreement)
 Health and Safety Policy
 After perusal by members it was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED that these be approved.

345//17 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE GROVE ENHANCEMENT:

Digital locks have been fitted where necessary and the CCTV system is working well. The bad weather has had a detrimental effect on the surface of the car park and it was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED that the Clerk should arrange for the work to be put in hand with the most suitable contractor.

346//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.

347//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 March 2018 be approved.

348//17 ITEMS OF REPORT (INCLUDING PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES) AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) The issue of the Turbary Trust lease was raised and they will be asked to send it their own Solicitor. A meeting to discuss the Recreation Ground Trust will take place on 13 April 2018.
- b) Cllr Mrs Richards enquired on behalf of Upton in Bloom as to whether TPOs can be placed on all trees planted throughout the town.
- c) South Lytchett Manor Caravan Park will continue to sponsor a flowerbed.
- d) The recent issue at the Cemetery has been satisfactorily resolved.
- e) Cllr Mrs Pryor reported that PA 6/2017/0547 has been approved by PDC.
- f) Cllrs Johns and Griffin will attend the Flood Risk Prevention Panel on Tuesday 27 March 2018. If members wish any issues to be raised they should advise Cllr Johns.
- g) An item 'To discuss the protection of grave plots' will be included on the agenda of the next Amenities committee meeting.
- h) The next Keep Upton Tidy litterpick will take place on Sunday 8 April 2018.

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348/17 ITEMS OF REPORT (INCLUDING PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES) AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:(Cont)

- i) To consider the appointment of a Councillor to undertake the role of ‘Local Government Review Champion’.

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

Chairman.....

Date.....

DEMOCRATIC SESSION:

A member of public attended the meeting to raise questions about the increase in the Town Council precept.