

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **AMENITIES** Committee was held in the Council Chamber, 1 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way on **Tuesday the 5th September 2017** which commenced at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs M Pryor (in the Chair)
Councillor J C Small
Councillor M Chase
Councillor Mrs J Marston

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

147/17 APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs J Richards (holiday)
Councillor Mrs E Andrews (personal)
Councillor Mrs R Wood (personal)
Councillor F H Drane (without apologies)
Mrs K Wright, Town Clerk (holiday)

148/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
None.

149/17 CLERKS REPORT:

- a. **Minute 137/13 & 275/14 Cricket mat.** No further information.
- b. **Minute 771/15 Warbler Park Play Area.** No further information.
- c. **Minute 773/15 Valuation Report on Land Adjacent to Warbler Park.** No response from ARC regarding negotiation on land. An item to consider whether monies should be set into the 18/19 budget to be able to purchase this land adjacent to Warbler Park will be included on the Agenda of the next Amenities meeting on 7th November.
- d. **Minute 824/15 Recreation Ground Resurfacing.** DCC has been contacted regarding a contribution towards the resurfacing work. No further information.
- e. **Minute 516/16 Yarrell's School use of Recreation Ground.** See Minute 152/17

150/17 CORRESPONDENCE:

A copy of ICCM 'The Journal' was received, and passed to Cllr Mrs Pryor.

151/17 TO DISCUSS CEMETERY ISSUES AND TO SET A DATE FOR NEXT INSPECTION:

After discussion it was agreed to remove the sentence 'Artificial grass on grave plots is not permitted' from item 5.10 of the Cemetery Regulations. Any installation of artificial grass on a plot will be subject to inspection to ensure it conforms to a standard acceptable to LMUTC.

The committee agreed, in principle, to the proposal for 3 inspections in 2018, with the exact dates to be set at the Amenities meeting on 6th February 2018. The committee considered the current format of checking the whole cemetery for all issues was effective and decided to continue with this. Cllr Chase advised that he will be attending the ICCM Memorial Management and Safety Course on Friday 8th September with the grounds man.

152/17 TO DISCUSS THE HIRE OF THE RECREATION GROUND BY THE YARRELLS SCHOOL AND TO SET CHARGE RATES:

Cllr Chase recently met with a representative from The Yarrells School, and outlined their proposal to start a term-time after school Sports Academy, which would be extended to pupils of the three local schools. This is additional to their requirement for the Recreation Ground on two afternoons a week for Yarrells school activities only. The committee agreed a representative would be required to formally present this proposal to the Council. As no decision can be made until this proposal is presented to Town Council, the committee agreed The Yarrells School could use the Recreation Ground on 6th September at no charge, as a gesture of goodwill; Cllr Chase to advise the school. The Mayor will consider the request to include this as an Agenda item for the next Town Council meeting on September 19th.

153/17 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE PAVILION MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS:

Following an invitation to attend the September Lunch Club at Lytchett Matravers, Cllr Chase attended however Cllr Mrs Marston and Cllr Drane were unsuccessful in finding the venue.

The date of the next Kitchen Task Force meeting is 28th September.

The Lottery application was successful, securing £10,000.

Cllr Chase reported on the latest improvement works at the Grove;

1. the CCTV and monitor have been re-located to the office.
2. The pool table, sofa and freezer have been disposed of.
3. The Turbary Trust are in the process of purchasing their allotted kitchen equipment.
4. The fitting of the kitchen commenced on 5th September.
5. Further electrical works have been required to complete the kitchen.
6. The external WC door has been improved and strengthened with steel plating.
7. Plans have been submitted for improving the entrance pathway – LMUTC need to obtain external funding for this.
8. The boot cleaners are very dirty and unsightly after use – the Ground Staff will be asked to hose them regularly.

The football season has begun, with the newly appointed Weekend Caretaker successfully in place.

The recent incidences of vandalism and anti-social behavior at the Recreations Ground and throughout the town, has improved.

154/17 TO RECEIVE COMMITTEE FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

155/17 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM AMENITIES CHAMPIONS:

a) Allotments

Cllr Mrs M Pryor

Nothing to report.

b) Recreation Ground

The survey of trees at the Recreation Ground, commissioned by the Turbary Trust is now completed; works arising from this survey will be undertaken. The issue of one of these trees overhanging a neighbouring property is still on going.

Cllr Chase advised the bye-law prohibiting bikes on Upton Rec is impossible to enforce and may have to be re-considered.

c) Cemetery

Cllr Mrs M Pryor

Cllr Mrs Pryor reported the drainage works completed at the cemetery are successful as despite the recent heavy rain there has been no further issues with flooding or standing water.

155/17 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM AMENITIES CHAMPIONS: (cont.)

d) Redwood Road Play Area

Cllr Mrs E Andrews

Nothing to report.

e) Warbler Park Play Area.

Cllr Mrs. E Andrews

Cllr Chase advised a new stainless steel waste bin has been welded permanently into place.

f) Pavilion Champion.

Cllr M Chase

Nothing further to report.

156/17 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

1. Cllr Mrs. Pryor requested an item re creating a wild flower bed at Upton Cemetery be included on the Agenda of the next Amenities meeting on 7th November.
2. Cllr Chase advised the bench vandalised at Lytchett Bay View has been repaired and will be re-instated soon.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....