

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 25 APRIL 2017** and commenced at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor R Griffin (in the Chair)
 Councillor M Chase (V/Chair)
 Councillor P F Johns
 Councillor R Burns
 Councillor M Dodds
 Councillor Mrs J Marston
 Councillor Mrs J M Richards (Mayor of Council)
 Councillor Mrs M Pryor (Deputy Mayor of Council)

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

499/16 APOLOGIES: Cllr F H Drane (without apologies)

500/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
 None.

501/16 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) **Minute 108/12 Minute 219/12 & Minute 31/16. Proposed Cycle way along Poole Road/Options for improved entrance signs to the town.** Cllr Griffin liaised with DCC regarding the signage and this is with the signmaker for approval.
- b) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Refuge in Dorchester Road.** This has been delayed, but the moving of the Methodist sponsored tree is in hand.
- c) **Minute 481/14 Yellow lines Dorchester Road, near Oakley Gardens.** The resident who requested this has been chasing this – DCC has been contacted to establish if this request has moved up the ranking. A response is still awaited. The resident has been informed.
- d) **Minute 485/14 To investigate obtaining Local Nature Reserve/SSSI Status for Lytchett Bay View.** The Clerk will commence the process.
- e) **Minute 582/15& 871/15 Tree Management Survey/Tree Warden.** In hand.
- f) **Minute 809/15 St Martins Road Parking Issues.** DCC has been asked to consider removing the grassed area at the end of the road, and extending the no-waiting lines in this area; if this is not possible then to extend the no-waiting lines (school times) around the highway edge of the grassed area. Further, it has been recommended to extend the yellow lines at the start of St Martins Road by a further 10 m on each side. This will not impact on any residents' driveways etc. DCC has been notified.
- g) **Minute 151/16 Pavement Parking.** A meeting has been arranged with the Borough of Poole to look at them supplying parking enforcement on Wednesday 10 May at 10.30 am. Cllrs Griffin, Chase and The Clerk to attend. A letter has been sent to Michael Tomlinson MP regarding pavement parking and a response was received.
- h) **Minute 154/16 Heritage Signposting.** A meeting took place with DCC to review the signage. A scheme has been designed for a finger post at the library, which will indicate areas of nature and town amenities.

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501/16 CLERK’S REPORT:(Cont)

- i) **Minute 303/16 De-regulation of Slough Lane to a Bridleway.** This has been requested of DCC, who are investigating. LMUTC is still awaiting a response.
- j) **Minute 378/16 Parking on Town Verges.** The installation of dragons teeth is imminent although one location in Dorchester Road requires further discussion with DCC Highways. A letter and leaflet will be sent to a resident of Guest Road who has begun parking a horse box on the verge in Moorland Way.
- k) **Minute 418/16 Purchase of an Interpretation Board for the Village Pound, Lytchett Minster** Cllr Richards reported briefly on the official opening ceremony that she was invited to attend at Mayor.
- l) **Minute 497/16 Parking Review for the Town.** Simon Gledhill has confirmed his attendance at the June Highways meeting.
- m) **Minute 486/16 Right Turn at Randalls Hill.** This will be raised with DCC Highways at the next meeting in June.

502/16 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) A copy of the DAPTC Extraordinary Chief Executive’s Circular – ref Working Together Dorset Highway was received. This issue will be raised with DCC Highways at the meeting in June.

503/16 TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING A REQUEST FOR A PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON THE A35:

It was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** to support the request to reduce the speed limit on the A35 near the junction with Wareham Road to 50 mph.

504/16 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:

Roads and Pavements

It was reported that the road surface is Redwood Road needs attention.

Waste and Recycling

None.

Street Furniture - Cllr Mrs M Pryor

None.

Open Spaces

Lytchett Bay View

Cllr M Chase

None.

Jubilee Garden

Cllr M Dodds

The area requires some attention.

St. Martins Park

Cllr M Dodds

The area needs weeding. It was suggested that some shrubs should be planted.

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504/16 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS: (Contd)

Meadows Garden
Cllr R Griffin
None.

Clocktower Site
A lot of the undergrowth has been cleared from the site.

Open Access Issues
Cllr Mrs J M Richards
Concern was expressed that there is not sufficient disability access from Redwood Road to the Triangle shops. Complaints have also been received regarding the lack of a dropped kerb at the Triangle and a representative of the Beacon Association will be asked to liaise with the management committee.

Overgrowing vegetation
None.

Flood Warden
Cllr P F Johns
None.

505/16 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Work on the A35 Upton bypass has now been completed.

506/16 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

507/16 TO RECEIVE THE TREE WORKS REPORT:

None. DCC will be requested to advise the Town Council of any tree work they are undertaking.

508/16 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT:

None.

509/16 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Concern was expressed about the condition of the wildflower meadows. DCC have been contacted and a response is awaited.
- b) The issue of charging for the disposal of certain items by Dorset Waste Partnership was raised and this will be discussed as an Agenda item at full Council.
- c) The poor condition of the grass bank at the top of Moorland Parade was discussed. Ownership of the land will be ascertained with DCC and this will be included on a future agenda.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

DEMOCRATIC SESSION:

Ian Alexander, Natural England attended the meeting to give a brief presentation on 3 potential access projects in the area. These included:

- i) A potential pedestrian route between Watery Lane and Policemans Lane
- ii) Closing off of vehicular access around Slough Lane/Watery Lane to prevent flytipping.
- iii) The prospect of a new cycleway to avoid the Bakers Arms roundabout and join up with the existing cycleway.

This will be included as an item on the Agenda of the next Environment committee with a more detailed presentation will be given.