

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 22 MARCH 2016** and commenced at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

- Councillor R Griffin (in the Chair)
- Councillor M Chase
- Councillor Mrs M Pryor
- Councillor P F Johns
- Councillor F Rickard
- Councillor R Burns
- Councillor M Dodds
- Councillor Mrs J M Richards (Mayor of Council)
- Councillor J C Small (Deputy Mayor of Council)

Also in attendance:

- Mrs K Wright, Town Clerk
- Mrs B Lake, Office Manager

802/15 APOLOGIES:

- Councillor F H Drane (unwell)
- Councillor P Rusling (holiday)
- Mr B Cooper (Tree Warden)

803/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

804/15 CLERK'S REPORT:

a) **Minute 108/12 and Minute 219/12 Proposed Cycle way along Poole Road Options for improved entrance signs to the town.** Nothing further to report.

b) **Minute 104/14 Heritage Signposting for the Town.** DWT have responded that they have been delayed due to their first volunteer leaving before starting this audit and have now got someone in place who will be working on this over the next few weeks with checks with Purbeck District Council and liaison with TC over your own ideas for the area. DWT envisage 4-6 weeks for the audit as she is 1 morning a week, then liaise with you over fundraising and types of fingerposts. This will be included as an item on the next Environment agenda and members are asked for suggestions as to where signs should be sited.

DWT's understanding was that the Parish Council would then fundraise for this installation under their parish powers, potentially some match funding might be found by the project but this was not in the project access plans so is off DWT's my main work and would only be delivered with this volunteer resource.

DWT will be signposting the Castleman Trailway, from Upton Country Park to Ringwood, this spring through the project and exploring with Rachael Shefford signposting between Upton Woods and The Trailway and Upton House in site visit stage in early March. The Upton Wood section would be funded by PDC/TGH in the main.

DWT envisage any remaining Trailway money will be used for Castleman Trailway interpretation boards, webpages, site maps, leaflets, small practical improvements and the Upton Poole Road BR link should we get this through Committee this year.

c) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Refuge in Dorchester Road.** Appears on DCC Capital Programme 2016/17 under Highways Improvements – Design Only.

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804/15 CLERK'S REPORT:(Cont)

- d) **Minute 481/14 Yellow lines Dorchester Road, near Oakley Gardens.** No information regarding the timescale has been received from DCC to date and this will be pursued.
- e) **Minute 485/14 To investigate obtaining Local Nature Reserve/SSSI Status for Lytchett Bay View.** No further information.
- f) **Minute 486/14 & 629/15 Bylaws relating to PDC Grass Verges.** Meeting was rescheduled to 16 March 2016.
- g) **Minute 487/14 Creation of Wildflower Meadow.** The Purbeck Area Countryside Ranger has advised that the verges agreed to be re-seeded with wildflower mix have been sprayed with herbicide and should start to die back off in a week or two. It is better if the sprayed verges don't get mown from now on.
- h) **Minute 526/15 Seat at Top of Moorland Way.** This is on order.
- i) **Minute 626/15 Rattle seed at the Limberlost Wildflower Meadow.** This will be pursued with Tappers.
- j) **Minute 633/15 & 706/15 Lytchett Bay View.** See agenda item..
- k) **519/15 a) Traffic Issues.** No further information.
- l) **Minute 582/15 Tree Management Survey.** No further information.

805/15 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Information on the Highways Capital Programme 2016/17 was received from DCC and made available for Councillors on the members' area of the website.

806/15 TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERBEDS:

It was reported that Upton in Bloom have discussed this issue and propose that the Gablehurst bed should commemorate 100 years of Cubs/Scouts, the Library bed for HM the Queen's 90th birthday, and the Dorchester Road bed to commemorate Marie Curie. The clocktower beds will stay as they are and all other beds to be sustainable planting. The existing flower towers will be maintained but the troughs on the railings will no longer be used. 3 circular tubs will be sited at the community centre.

807/15 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE 'STICK @ 30' PROJECT:

Stickers have been delivered to Poole Road/Dorchester Road and most of Sandy Lane. The next stage will be to deliver to Palmerston Road, Moorland Way, Blandford Road North and South, and Beacon Park Road. The feedback on this initiative has been very positive.

Cllr Dodds reported on a speed camera he had seen publicised and he will seek further information.

808/15 TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A VIEWING MOUND FOR LYTCHETT BAY VIEW:

A local resident, who is also a member of the Birds of Poole Harbour, attended the meeting discuss the creation of a viewing mound. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED to proceed with the viewing mound at Lytchett Bay View subject to the necessary funding being acquired.

The resident agreed to approach Birds of Poole Harbour to ask if they would be prepared to make a financial contribution.

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809/15 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM RESIDENT FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN ST MARTIN'S ROAD (LIMIT 30 MINUTES)

Residents, and the Head Teacher of the Junior School, attended the meeting to express concern about parking issues in St Martins Road which is partly caused by staff from the Junior School parking there all day. They requested some parking restrictions and considered that a 20 minute restriction would be preferable to a 30 minute restriction. It was suggested that staff from the school could use the car park at the Recreation Ground and the Town Council had no objection to this. After discussion it was agreed to write to DCC Highways to request similar parking restrictions to those put in place around the Infant School (i.e. Guest Road/Pinewood Road). In addition DCC representatives will be asked to visit the site with Town Councillors when their next meeting takes place.

810/15 TO CONSIDER CONSULTATION REGARDING DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF WAY BY ADDING A FOOTPATH FROM POOLE ROAD TO BRIDLEWAY 6:

A letter was received from DCC advising of an application to modify the definitive map and statement of rights of way by adding a footpath from Poole Road, Upton to Bridleway 6, Lytchett Minster and Upton. It is hoped to bring the matter before the Regulatory Committee (or the Chairman and Head of Highways) for consideration in the near future and information on the following points would be of assistance:

The use of the route by the public

Any actions taken to prevent the public from using the path as a public right of way

Any documentation recording or relating to the route

Any evidence received by 15 April 2016 may be incorporated in the Director for Environment and the Economy's report and will be treated as public information.

811/15 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:

Roads and Pavements

Cllr P Rusling

None.

Street Furniture - Cllr Mrs M Pryor

None.

Open Spaces

Lytchett Bay View

Concern was expressed about the condition of the path, however Natural England advised that as this is a conservation area the path should be left as it is.

Jubilee Garden

Cllr J Small

None.

St. Martins Park

Cllr J C Small

None.

Meadows Garden

Cllr R Griffin

The necessary weeding and pruning has been done.

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811/15 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:

Open Access Issues
Cllr Mrs J M Richards
None.

Overgrowing vegetation
Cllr F Rickard

There is an overgrown issue at a property Yarrells Lane and Cllr Mrs Pryor will advise the office of the address in order that a letter can be sent to the householder.

Flood Warden
Cllr P F Johns
None.

812/15 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

A letter was received from a resident requesting a reduction in the speed limit to 30 mph on the A35 near the junction to Lytchett Matravers. This will be forwarded to DCC Highways and in the interim the resident will be advised that DCC have some proposed work in this vicinity.

A complaint was received from a resident about the condition of a path from French's Farm Estate to Policeman's Lane. As this path borders Marsh Wood this will be referred to the Lees Estate.

813/15 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

814/15 RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER'S REPORT:

On 21 February 2011 I submitted an application to DCC for the footpath from Poole Road towards the bypass to become a Right of Way. Two weeks late (on 7 March) I posted notices along the footpath, asking for comments on the application so that these could be passed to DCC. At the same time I contacted all the residents alongside the footpath, asking them for their comments. I also submitted my own comments on the use of the footpath both by myself and member of my two walking groups. I was told that nobody could discover the ownership of the land, and therefore no further progress was made.

On 26 February 2016 I received a phone call from Anne Brown who works for the Regulation Team at DCC. She said that this application had resurfaced, and that she was going to follow it up. I agreed to provide any assistance that might be necessary. Later on the same day I was walking along this footpath with my wife, as I was wondering how muddy it had got. A lady was walking towards us, and she identified herself as Anne Brown. She was quite interested in the footpath and thought that it stood a good chance of becoming a Right of Way. If anybody wishes to contact Anne, her email address is Anne.K.Brown@dorsetcc.gov.uk.

815/15 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT:

See attached list.

816/15 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) An item 'To consider appointing a Tree Warden' will be included on the Agenda of the next Environment committee. This will also be publicised in the Clarion.
- b) Concern was expressed about the marking of lanes approaching the double roundabout at Upton crossroads and this will be raised with DCC Highways at the next meeting.

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816/15 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:(Cont)

- c) Councillors were reminded that the Mayor's Charity Concert will take place on Saturday 30 April 2016. Tickets are £10.
- d) Concern was expressed about the amount of litter in Randalls Hill. The Keep Upton Tidy Group are undertaking a litter pick on Sunday 3 April and will be asked if they could include the area from the Caravan Park to the Courtyard Centre.
- e) Concern was expressed about the mess following tree cutting at Upton Woods and Cllr chase undertook to contact PDC.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

DEMOCRATIC SESSION:

A local resident attended the meeting for the discussion on the creation of a viewing mound for Lytchett Bay View. See Minute 808/15.

Residents from St Martins Road, and the Head Teacher from the Junior School, attended the meeting to express concern about parking issues. See Minute 809/15.