

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 **17 October 2017** 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 R Griffin
 Councillor J R Burns
 Councillor Mrs R J Wood
 Councillor M Chase
 Councillor R Holloway

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

218/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

219/17 APOLOGIES: Councillor P F Johns (personal)
 Councillor F H Drane (personal)
 Councillor M Dodds (work commitments)
 Councillor Mrs J Marston (unwell)

Before the business of the evening commenced Cllr Mrs Richards welcomed new Councillor Ryan Holloway to the meeting and he signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The meeting were advised that Cllr Mrs Andrews had resigned with immediate effect.

220/17 MINUTES: of the Town Council meeting held on the 19 September 2017 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 3 October 2017 as circulated were confirmed and signed.

221/17 CLERKS REPORT:

- a. **Minute 173/17 Request for Town Council Support for Improved Broadband for the Town's Outlying Communities** DCC Superfast Broadband has been contacted and a response received which has been shared with the resident. DCC advises that superfast will be introduced at the junction of Wareham Road and the A35 in 18/19; although acknowledges that there are no firm plans to deal with supply to the premises at Slepe and Organford currently. DCC's ambition is to reach all homes by 2020 – they also provided the residents with some useful self help information.
- b. **Valuation Report Regarding Land at Hibbs Close and its Potential Disposal.** The Valuation Report and a letter outlining what the Town Council would accept for this land, with conditions has been sent, but no response received to date.

222/17 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. A copy of the Purbeck Citizens Advice Annual Report was received.
- b. Information on the NALC Consultation 'Planning for the right homes in the right places' was received from DAPTC.

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223/17 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) The report of the Environment committee held on 26 September 2017 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- b) The report of the Finance & Administration committee held on 3 October 2017 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- c) The report of the Planning committee held on 10 October 2017 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

224/17 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**Cllr Mrs J Richards – Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council
DAPTC Purbeck 28/9/17**

Cllr. Laura Miller gave a talk re second homes and affordable housing.

The base used by planners and local councils for affordable housing is 80% of market value, DAPTC are lobbying to get this definition reviewed by Sajid Davit to be more adaptable for local situations.

Lytchett Matravers are looking into community land trusts, there is up to £1million given to assist in building affordable homes. Community land trusts can take over community assets.

More discussion on 2nd homes: A possibility to include a policy that all new builds must be primary homes (Purbeck local plan review).

St. Ives & St.Miniver in Cornwall have this policy and it appears to work.

The Raynsford Review of Planning.

This has been set up to identify how the Government can reform the English planning system to make it fairer, better resourced and capable of producing quality outcomes, while still encouraging the production of new homes.

It will be informed by a task force chaired by former planning minister Nick Raynsford and will include politicians, housing providers, developers, consultants, academics and the public.

Evidence will be collected over an 18-month period (beginning in late June 2017) and a report formally presented at all major party conferences in autumn 2018.

Aims

England is still becoming acquainted with a heavily deregulated planning system. Since 2010, when planning legislation was first relaxed to accommodate housing growth, there have been complaints from both the private and public sector that the system is unsustainable.

The Raynsford Review seeks to provide practical and comprehensive policy guidance to overcome these issues in a way that is mutually beneficial to all stakeholders.

We have set three aims for the project:

- Engage constructively with politicians and council officers, communities, housing providers, developers, consultants and academics—all those interested in the built environment—about how we can deliver better placemaking through a fairer and more effective planning system.
- Set out a positive agenda following the outcomes of the general election and planning hiatus.
- Set out a new vision for planning in England and rebuild trust in the planning process by communicating with the public as well as professionals.

Clerks and Chairmen 11/10/17

See report for DAPTC as this covers the majority of the above meeting.

Details of the new rules re data protection were given (the clerk has a copy).

Much of the remainder of the meeting was taken up with parish queries re cycle rides, licensed stag parties and musical events that take place in (and through) the parish.

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224/17 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:(Cont)**Cllr W T Pipe – Purbeck District Council and Dorset County Council**

The LGR thorn gets no less blunt. Rumours abound as to when the Secretary of State is ‘Minded to’ or ‘Minded not to’ give his pronouncement on Local Government Reorganisation within Dorset. The latest rumour is that he will be ‘minded’ to make his announcement on the 23 October (this year!!). It is interesting to note that this came not from the DLGR, but from the Home Office.

The Joint Committees have met again and discussed further steps towards potential LGR and more closer working together and co-operation with partners and other local authorities.

The vexed issue of infill housing in the East of Upton went through policy group with an amendment from me which effectively took the number of sites likely to be offered for potential development from seven to just one.

At the last full council meeting, I further put an amendment to remove the final site from the list. Although I had a seconder in Cllr Cherry Brookes, the vote was lost. The consequence of this is that the one site on the corner of Briarswood and Dacombe will be valued and potentially offered for development to East Boro’.

It is my intention to oppose this development when any planning application is received by PDC. Town Councillors may like to note that this is not me ‘Playing Politics’, as has been suggested on more than one occasion by one or two of your members, but a very good example of what can be done by local members in conjunction with local residents, other interested parties and by keeping the Town Council informed; acting as the most appropriate time to the best effect.

The CCG has made its announcements on the Clinical Services Review’ much as I predicted at your last meeting. Poole Hospital will STILL have an A&E facility which will be open 24/7.

Today I attended an Enquiry Day on Domestic Abuse in Dorset; hearing from a victim, commissioners, providers and other professionals involved in this sadly, all too often occurrence.

Cllr Pipe left at this point in the meeting.

225/17 TO RECEIVE INSP BARRY GOSLING TO DISCUSS POLICING IN THE TOWN:

Inspector Gosling advised members that in Dorset overall there had been a 10% increase in crime over the past year, however Purbeck wide there had been a decrease of 10%. In Lytchett Minster and Upton there was a 17% rise in crime over the past year but this was mainly due to anti-social behavior rather than serious crime. Inspection Gosling went on to explain to members the actions taken by the police to deal with the recent spate of anti-social behavior at the Recreation Ground and assured them that the area was still being patrolled. Cllr Chase made Inspector Gosling aware of the groups of youths on bicycles that are intimidating motorists in the Pinewood Road, Moorland Way, Sea View Road vicinity.

226/17 TO CONSIDER GRANT AID APPLICATIONS FOR 2018/19:

Grant Aid applications were received from Young at Heart and Purbeck CAB. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that £750 be awarded to each organisation.

227/17 TO RECEIVE THE EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2016/17:

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that this be accepted. The Town Clerk and office staff were commended on their hard work.

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228/17 TO CONSIDER CHARGING FOR AUTHORISING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS:

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that a charge should be made for this service ranging from £5 to £10 for documents requiring authorisation using the official stamp. This service will be publicised.

229/17 TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RBL PARADE AND CHRISTMAS PARADE:

Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Parade will take place on Sunday 12 November and marshalls are required to work from approximately 9.45 am – 1.15 pm, with a break in between. The radios have been acquired, and laminated copies of the road closure will be displayed around the town. The Clerk and Cllr Chase will liaise on the arrangements.

The Christmas Carol Service and Parade will take place on Thursday 14 December. Reindeer will again be sited at the Clocktower and a snow machine is being sought. The Salvation Army have not yet confirmed their attendance and this will be pursued. It was suggested that the oldest member of the Monday Club be asked to switch on the cedar tree lights on Friday 1 December. Friends of Upton Library will be approached to assist with the refreshments at the Community Centre.

230/17 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE GROVE ENHANCEMENT:

Cllr Chase reported that the new kitchen is underway and the Luncheon Club have ordered the cooker, sink unit etc. The Club are applying for a grant to purchase new cutlery, crockery and chairs. The room has been hired recently for two Children's parties which have been successful. The old steel gates outside are being modified to give extra protection.

231/17 TO CONSIDER WHETHER TOWN COUNCILLORS SHOULD RECEIVE ANNUAL ALLOWANCE:

This item was deferred until the full Council meeting in November.

232/17 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.

233/17 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 October 2017 be approved.

234/17 ITEMS OF REPORT (INCLUDING PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES) AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) The Mayor will be holding a Civic Day on Wednesday 11 April 2018. This will commence with tea and biscuits at the Grove followed by a visit to Holton Lee for a talk and tour. Lunch will be held at the Grove and then a visit to Lytchett Bay View.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....

DEMOCRATIC SESSION:

Kevin Vasey and Joy Spiller from Purbeck Youth Community Foundation attended the meeting to inform members of their work and how they can offer support to youth groups. Further information will be sought and an item 'To consider youth provision in the town for 2018/19' will be included on the next full Council agenda.