

## 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 26th September 2017** and commenced at 7.50pm.

**PRESENT:**

- Councillor R Griffin (in the Chair)
- Councillor M Chase
- Councillor P F Johns
- Councillor F Drane
- Councillor J R Burns
- 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

### 182/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor M Dodds (without apologies)

### 183/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Mrs Marston expressed an interest in Minute 193/17, the PTAG report, as a resident of Organford Manor.

### 184/17 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 Drane will pursue this with DCC. If nothing is forthcoming by mid October the Town Council will produce its own design subject to the specifications required.
- b) **Minute 255/14 Pedestrian Refuge in Dorchester Road.** Formal support has been sent to Dorset County Council.
- c) **Minute 481/14 Yellow lines Dorchester Road, near Oakley Gardens.** No further information.
- 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.** As the funds have now been made available we can commence the process of getting a database of our tree stock so that we can get a quote for the tree survey. A survey of the Council owned trees at the Recreation Ground has been completed and our tree surgeon has been contacted to compile a work schedule for this area.
- f) **Minute 809/15 St Martins Road Parking Issues.** Nothing further to report.
- g) **Minute 151/16 Pavement Parking.** Whilst Highways did not have an issue with this, it was declined by the Ranger Service due to the impact it would have on the grass cutting. The Resident has been informed.
- h) **Minute 154/16 Heritage Signposting.** The artwork is done and funding will be pursued.
- i) **Minute 303/16 De-regulation of Slough Lane to a Bridleway.** This has been requested of DCC, who are investigating. A response is still awaited.

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**184/17 CLERK'S REPORT:(Cont)**

- j) **Minute 378/16 Parking on Town Verges.** Information is being gathered for Phase 2 and Cllrs Griffin and Chase will proceed with this.
- k) **Minute 497/16 Parking Review for the Town.** This will be pursued with Parking Services. The Junior School has taken the parking problems in their vicinity on board and pupils are designing posters to be directed at parents.
- l) **Minute 486/16 Right Turn at Randalls Hill.** This will be left in abeyance until such time as other local roadworks are completed.
- m) **Minute 34/17 To discuss ways to improve foot way access for pedestrians at Watery Lane.** This was raised again at the recent Highways Meeting in early September and will be taken back to DCC. It will also be discussed with Wyatt Homes when we undertake a site visit to see if there is any opportunity for joint working.
- n) **Minute 96/17 To consider a residents request for a 20 mph speed limit in Moorland Way.** Cllr Chase reported that DCC are not normally in support of 20 mph speed limits but Speedwatch will continue to monitor the situation.

**185/17 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) A Highways Councillors Survey 2017 was received from DCC for members to complete.
- b) Notification of a Traffic Regulation Order for the A35 Sleppe was received from DCC.

**186/17 TO CONSIDER PRUNING OR REMOVING TWO COMMON POPLAR TREES ADJACENT TO THE POUND, LYTCHETT MINSTER:**

Following concerns from the public it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that this be referred to Dorset for You on the grounds of health and safety to the public and the health of the trees and surrounding shrubs.

**187/17 TO CONSIDER OPTIONS TO IMPROVE THE BANK AT THE TOP OF MOORLAND WAY:**

DCC have no objection to the Town Council managing the bank. Upton in Bloom has secured funding of £700 and a total of £1000 is needed to improve the area. It was suggested that 2 or 3 trees, shrubs and bulbs be planted and Cllrs Griffin, Chase and the Assistant Groundsman will meet with a representative of Plants Direct to discuss the best options. The wooden fence around the flowerbed will be replaced.

**188/17 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE CORNER OF OAK ROAD AND BLANDFORD ROAD SOUTH:**

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** to ask DCC to consider some form of pedestrian crossing at this location based upon a traffic and pedestrian survey of the area. DCC will also be asked to consider double yellow lines on the corner of Oak Road/Blandford Road South to prevent cars parking there.

**189/17 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A REDUCTION IN THE SPEED LIMIT IN SLOUGH LANE TO 20 MPH:**

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** not to support this request and the resident will be informed.

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**190/17 TO CONSIDER A RESIDENT REQUEST FOR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT THE TOP OF PALMERSTON ROAD:**

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that whilst members were sympathetic they could not support this request due to DCC not having the resources.

**191/17 TO DISCUSS POLLUTION IN THE TOWN:**

Clarification will be sought from PDC as to whether a survey will be undertaken in Blandford Road North and South, and if so, would this include particulate monitoring.

**192/17 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:**

**Roads and Pavements**

None.

**Waste and Recycling**

None.

**Street Furniture - Cllr Mrs M Pryor**

None.

**Open Spaces**

**Lytchett Bay View**

**Cllr M Chase**

Lytchett Bay View was awarded a Gold – Best in Category in the South & South East In Bloom judging.

**Jubilee Garden**

**Cllr M Dodds**

None.

**St. Martins Park**

**Cllr M Dodds**

None.

**Meadows Garden**

**Cllr R Griffin**

None.

**Clocktower Site**

None.

**Open Access Issues**

**Cllr Mrs J M Richards**

None.

**Overgrowing vegetation**

It will be ascertained what the situation is regarding an overgrown hedge in Blandford Road.

**Flood Warden**

**Cllr P F Johns**

None.

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**193/17 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

The last Highways meeting took place on Wednesday 13 September. Cllr Mrs Marston attended a meeting of the Purbeck Transport Action Group on 9 September 2017 and a report is attached. Cllr Mrs Marston expressed concern that the bus service through Organford was redirected to serve Farmer Palmers and no longer goes past Organford Manor. Cllr Mrs Marston suggested that Service 40 from Swanage to Poole could alternate between the two routes and has contacted First Bus to this effect.

**194/17 TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:**

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

**195/17 TO RECEIVE THE TREE WORKS REPORT:**

See attached list.

**196/17 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

- a) It was reported that the north side of Poole Road at Upton Woods needs cutting back and this will be put in hand.
- b) The overgrowth at the top of Moorland Way requires cutting back.
- c) Cllr Drane gave a brief update on the situation with the proposed sale of the open green spaces in Upton. It was suggested that the issue of the Town Council taking over the maintenance of the areas be raised at a future full Council meeting.

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm**

Chairman.....

Date.....

**DEMOCRATIC SESSION:**

A resident of Blandford Road South attended the meeting in support of the request for a pedestrian crossing (Minute 188/17).

**REPORT FROM Purbeck Transport Action Group [PTAG]**

**Cllr Mrs J Marston - Purbeck Transport Action Group [PTAG]**

Meeting held at Wareham Town Hall 20/9 This meeting was also the 09/09/2017. This meeting was the AGM of the group, meetings are held quarterly, one meeting in the summer held at Swanage otherwise at Wareham.

Meeting chaired by Cllr. Beryl Ezzard [County Councillor] Ms. Ezzard was reelected as chair person for year 2017/2018. 45 members are on list of members, apologies received from several & nine members present, from various councils, interest groups etc.

Minutes from the meeting held in Swanage in June 2017

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**REPORT FROM Purbeck Transport Action Group [PTAG] (Cont.)**

Swanage Railway Trust: Roaring success following 90 day trial with swt now southwestern railways There will be a further 90 day oint trial between May – September 2018.It is hoped repairs can be completed at Harmans Cross Station to assist with car parking very difficult if not impossible in Corfe Castle & Swanage during busy holiday season, this also adds to road traffic between Poole/Wareham/Wool, already considered to be very busy with traffic.

Possibility of a Park & Ride at Harmans Cross, this will be considered at the next timetable meeting.£56,000 is available for necessary 7 upgrading work at Harmans Cross report from Simon ross, [playground & toilets together with work on car park.National Trust & D.C.C. to be invited to next PTAG meeting to discuss further.

Highway Matters: 8 Parking Officers available throughout area so enforcement very patchy & difficult. There was a shuffle bus service between Wool Station & Durdle Door & West Lulworth contracted by the Weld & First Wessex Bus, successful but narrow lanes had led to traffic

delays in the area. Thought to be partly the ‘Bollywood influence – Jurassic Coast.

Bus Matters: Wessex Bus report from Simon Newport.: Manager Wessex First Bus x54 bus service Bovington –Wool for Tank Fest & other events at the Tank Museum very successful also shuttle bus service to Bestival except for the MUD!!! Simon said he would look at the feasibility of slightly rerouting 40 bus Swanage – Poole presently running from outside Farmer Palmers every hour to sometimes running down Organford Lane therefore servicing The Organford Park Development that on completion will have 125 permanent, residential homes.

Community Bus Service available to be set up locally £5000 available as grant to set up service would have a cost base probably £5 per trip [much cheaper than taxi fare!]

South Western Railway timetable available in next few weeks.

Heritage noticeboard erected at Wareham Station with parking places, points of interest etc. in Wareham.

Meeting closed at 21:00 hrs. Next meeting 31/01/2018 at Wareham Town Hall.