

**LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL**

An **ON-LINE ZOOM MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** was held on **TUESDAY** the **21 JULY 2020** and commenced at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs M Pryor in the Chair  
Councillor M Chase  
Councillor J R Burns  
Councillor Mrs R J Wood  
Councillor Mrs J Marston  
Councillor S McKell  
Councillor D Kennedy  
Councillor J Sheldon

**Also in attendance:**  
Dorset Councillor W T Pipe  
Dorset Councillor A J Starr  
Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk  
Mrs B Lake, Office Manager

**35/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
None.

**36/20 APOLOGIES:**  
Councillor K Brooks (work commitments)  
Councillor F H Drane (without apologies)  
Councillor D Wilson (without apologies)  
Dorset Councillor A Brenton

**37/20 MINUTES:** of the Town Council meeting held on 16 June 2020 as circulated were confirmed and signed.

**38/20 CLERKS REPORT:**

- a. **Valuation Report Regarding Land at Hibbs Close and its Potential Disposal.** No planning decision at the time of writing; however a number of letters of objection from local residents in the vicinity have been sent to the Town Council (see correspondence). Cllr Chase advised the meeting that consultations and site meetings had previously taken place.
- b. **Minute 123/18 To discuss the renewal of the lease of the Recreation Ground.** Cllr Burns circulated a review of the history of the lease to members for information. It was reported that the Turbary Trust are suggesting a 2 year extension to the lease but this would preclude the Council being able to apply for grant aid. After discussion it was agreed to draw up a draft lease and set up a meeting between members and the Turbary Trust to negotiate with a view to a 50 year lease.

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**38/20 CLERKS REPORT:**

- c. **Minute 202/18 Lytchett Bay Nature Park Partnership.** No further information.
- d. **Minute 316/18 To consider providing an information board on 'Upton in Wartime'.** No update.
- e. **Minute 266/19 To consider a Review of the Town Plan.** Dorset Councillor Pipe has highlighted the need for this with Dorset Council.
- f. **Minute 270/19 & 392/19 Frampton Terrace Garden Plot.** Further correspondence has been received from a resident regarding the steps and the condition of the road. This will be investigated.

**39/20 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Letters regarding PA 6.2020/0169 Hibbs Close were received from residents. See Minute 38/20a.
- b. A copy of a letter from the Chairman of Poole & Purbeck Group of Dorset CPRE to the Bournemouth Echo regarding hospital services was received.

**40/20 TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO ALTER SPEED LIMIT IN NEW ROAD, LYTCHETT MINSTER TO 30 MPH ALONG FULL STRETCH OF ROAD:**

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to support the request for a 30 mph speed limit along all feeder roads to Lytchett Minster School and suggest that DC Highways undertake any survey in September between 8-9 am or 3-4 pm.

**41/20 TO APPROVE THE REVISED COMPLAINTS POLICY:**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that this be approved.

**42/20 TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE DAPTC AREA COMMITTEE:**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Marston be appointed in this capacity, with Cllr Burns being available to attend virtual meetings as required.

**43/20 TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR:**

Dorset Councillor Pipe applied to become a Town Councillor and left the meeting whilst this was discussed. It was proposed, seconded and with one abstention **RESOLVED** that he be co-opted.

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**44/20 TO CONSIDER FOOTBALL TEAM APPLICATIONS FOR 20/21:**

Applications were received from 4 existing teams and 4 new teams. It was agreed that the existing teams be allocated pitches as requested and representatives from the other teams be invited to a meeting to discuss their requirements.

The Weekend Caretaker has resigned and the process to recruit a replacement will commence. A lack of caretaker will impact on our ability to offer football facilities in September.

**45/20 TO APPRAISE MEMBERS OF THE ‘NEXT STEPS FOR TURLIN MOOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:**

Information was circulated to members on proposals by BCP to building 400 houses on land at Turlin Moor with a view to start work on site in June 2021.

**46/20 TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO BOURNEMOUTH POOLE AND CHRISTCHURCH COUNCIL REGARDING THE CHANNEL DREDGING WORKS RE LYTCHETT BAY VIEW:**

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** not to make a contribution towards the dredging works. Cllrs Chase, Pipe, and the Clerk will meet a representative from the Risk Management Team, BCP on site on Friday 24 July to discuss these proposals further.

**47/20 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE AN ACTION PLAN (INCLUDING EXPENDITURE) FOR THE LAND AT DACOMBE:**

Complaints are still being received about vehicles driving over the grass area and quotes were received from Dorset and Council and BCP to install posts or a bund but there is currently no provision in the budget for this work. It was agreed to arrange another site meeting with DC Highways to look at options.

**48/20 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK ON TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS:**

The Town Council Help Centre re-opened on Monday 22 June although visitor numbers have dropped. The CAB surgery resumed on Monday 13 July on an appointment only basis and the NHS surgery has yet to recommence. Electrical, asbestos and legionnaire checks have been undertaken and the donated defibrillator installed on the external wall of the Town Council Office. The Office Manager has returned to work from the office and the Ground staff continue to operate normally. The Clerk appraised members of staffing issues.

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**48/20 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK ON TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS:(Cont)**

All staff were required to take one week's holiday before the end of July and this has been done, with the exception of the Town Clerk for operational reasons.

Issues with unofficial use of the Recreation Ground for football etc are ongoing.

2 outside hand sanitiser stations have been secured for siting at the Recreation Ground and the path to the chemist. Dorset Council have provided Shop local stay safe posters and benchmarkers.

**49/20 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE UPTON TOGETHER PROJECT:**

**Cllr S McKell**

We're now the Food Partners with Upton Co-op. This means that any vegetables, pastries and close to date products will be collected initially 3 times a week or as and when. We have already found an outlet for fresh fruit, this will be split between 3 pre school nurseries.

Cream Teas: we completed this weekend our 640<sup>th</sup> cream tea. We requested via a leaflet in the cream tea box for feedback and out of the 640 distributed we have received back in excess of 100 replies. I'd just like to read you a couple of them. From Maple Lodge a collective response telling us what a wonderful gesture it was and that their social distance tea party was a fantastic success. From a very elderly gentleman who took the time to call and say what a wonderful kind thing to do and it had made his day. Thank you so much. From a lady in Tree Hamlets, a delightful gesture and Upton Together certainly unites the community. Other comments used words such as enjoyable, very tasty, surprised and delighted, beautiful presentation.

The uptake on the Casa Camp places (this if you remember was to give children between the ages of 5 and 13 the chance to attend the camp which will be at Lytchett Minster School during the summer break) us very poor so far. So if you have any grandkids or neighbours with children in the Lytchett Upton area, call the office and they will be given a code number.

Volunteers: We have at the moment 30 out of the original 50 that are still actively supporting us. The others have returned to work.

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**49/20 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE UPTON TOGETHER PROJECT:(Cont)**

As you probably saw on social media the £300 Food Voucher drawn out by our MP, Michael Tomlinson, was presented to 2 sisters who live in Upton Heath. Also during the ceremony, held at the Clocktower, Mikka, our Mayor, received a cheque for £250 from Jodie Hooper the Upton Co-op Pioneer rep.

A letter was sent to Mr Brian Guppy, Chairman of the Upton RBL thanking him for the use of the large notice boards outside the club to promote Upton Together. Lyn Brammer, the steward at RBL and the artist who decorated the boards, also received a personal thank you from me in the form of a large Bacardi and coke.

The usual shopping and prescription pick ups have declines to 5 or 6 requests a day, which we have more than enough volunteers to cover, along with County Councillor Bill Pipe who looks after the more severe end of life clients. These are after requests from the doctors surgery to see if we had anybody who could help a gentleman who was supposedly staying with his relatives and for some reason got upset and made the journey back to Upton, and the surgery asked if we had anybody who could pop in.

Cllr Mrs Pryor advised that a letter was received from the High Sheriff of Dorset advising that he has created a Community Award. Cllr Mrs Pryor felt that Upton Together should be nominated for the Community Award and Cllr McKell, Cllr Pipe and the Clerk for the individual awards.

A vote was taken to suspend Standing Orders and continue the meeting.

**50/20 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CHAIRS OF AMENITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING:****Amenities – Cllr Mrs Pryor**

The Cemetery is looking very nice.

No decision has yet been made regarding the Remembrance Day Parade and the Clerk raised this with DC in view of the necessity to organise road closures.

A meeting of the Christmas committee will be arranged for early August when it will be considered whether it is feasible to have a parade but no get-together afterwards.

**Planning – Cllr Burns**

The planning application for Aldi has been approved but no timescale advised as yet.

9 planning applications were received last month.

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**50/20 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CHAIRS OF AMENITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING:(Cont)**

**Environment – Cllr Chase**

The issue of the tree planting programme will be raised at the Upton in Bloom meeting on Wednesday 22 July being before discussed in detail at a meeting on Thursday 23 July.

Speedwatch checks have re-commenced along Poole Road and Dorchester Road.

**51/20 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

**Report by Cllr A Brenton and Cllr A J Starr – Dorset Council**

After the last few weekends of congestion and little social distancing on beaches and seafront, Weekend 11-12 July passed without any incidents at Durdle Door or Studland or Bournemouth. Dorset still has one of the lowest Covid19 rates in England. Dorset Council run sports centres should be opening on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Planning has been streamlined with a fast track system for pubs and cafes wishing to cover outside areas to increase table space. The six different planning systems from the old District Councils are finally being built into one new system by mid - September.

Dorset Libraries are initially opening from 9 July on a click and collect system through the Library online system, which has been widely used for ebooks and downloads in the last 3 months. Bags of up to 10 books of selected criteria, to be collected from your local library at arranged times. Returned books can be posted through the letterbox of most libraries. Win on Waste is still in abeyance until they can sort how to work with minimising risk and keeping distance.

Dorset has negotiated advertising cheap deals on Facebook, websites and local radio and newspapers for local Dorset businesses in order to encourage the public to use local rather than multi-national business in order to save the high streets.

Dorset Technology centre has had a new high-tech Agri-business developer take up space.

Holiday homes, caravan parks, and campsites are now open, the Covi19 guidelines are a bit vague have caused some confusion.

I have attended teams meetings on:

Planning – The proposed Aldi supermarket on the old Upton Oil site was agreed unanimously. It is regrettable that a signalled crossing was not agreed necessary from the start though it might be in the future.

Sadly the plans for 28 (24 affordable)houses at Spyway in Langton Matravers (AONB) was agreed by majority vote , more worrying now that the developers of the Old St Marys School Swanage which had a quota of affordable houses is appealing to have that removed.

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**51/20 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:Cont)**

Farms panel, to agree policy on not selling but keeping small farms tenants. The land is the only part that Dorset that Council can directly influence.

We have started have monthly meeting with our MP and other constituency councillors. Reporting back on problems during lockdown.

Meetings about IT developments and rollout of better ways of working online. More than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> council officers are still working remotely from home office. This may mean less need for expensive offices but more reliance on good broadband and 4G. We sat in on The Climate Change EAP has produced an exhaustive report The Climate and Ecological Strategy which details the Scale of the challenge ahead and how much change Dorset will need to accept to cope with the future. This will almost certainly involve better more efficient homes. More renewable energy production not just solar farms. Probably wind farms, certainly needs national legislation and support to changes to planning. This will be discussed on Thursday by the Place Scrutiny committee which Cllr Starr sits on.

Dorset council is keen to keep Councillor informed about all departments, recently on Children Services building a Childrens Home to prevent so many children. And Homelessness which was highlighted by having to put up the rough sleepers in hotels during the pandemic. There are now intentions to buy a suitable hostel property in Weymouth or Portland.

**Report by Cllr W Pipe – Dorset Council**

Cllr Pipe continues to site on committees at Dorset Council and attend webinars and training sessions.

**52/20 TO RECEIVE THE SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS TO 30 JUNE 2020:**

This was reviewed by the committee and it was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the financial summary of accounts up to the 30 June 20 be approved.

**53/20 TO RECEIVE LIST OF COUNCIL PAYMENTS UP TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING:**

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the list of payments up to the date of the meeting be agreed.

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**54/20 ITEMS OF REPORT (INCLUDING PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES) AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

- a. Cllr Mrs Wood expressed concern about teenagers riding bikes and doing wheelies in the middle of the road at night with no lights. She was advised to contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- b. The issue of installing a footpath from Dorchester Road to the Courtyard Centre was raised and this will be included on the agenda of the next full Council meeting.
- c. Concern was expressed about the condition of the planters outside Costa as people are using them to sit on.
- d. Cllr Pipe advised the Dorset Community Action are looking at locations for refrigerators if there is another spike in Covid-19. It will be ascertained whether power could be installed in the lock up for fridges to be sited there.

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.**

Chairman.....

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