

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

An **ON-LINE ZOOM MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** was held on **TUESDAY** the **20 OCTOBER 2020** and commenced at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs M Pryor in the Chair
Councillor M Chase
Councillor F H Drane
Councillor J R Burns
Councillor Mrs R J Wood
Councillor Mrs J Marston
Councillor K Brooks
Councillor S McKell
Councillor D Wilson
Councillor D Kennedy
Councillor J Sheldon

Also in attendance:

Dorset Councillor A J Starr
Dorset Councillor A Brenton
Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk
Mrs B Lake, Office Manager
Mrs S Samways, Admin Assistant

72/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

73/20 APOLOGIES: Councillor W T Pipe (technical issues)

74/20 MINUTES: of the Town Council meeting held on 15 September 2020 as circulated were confirmed and signed.

75/20 CLERKS REPORT:

- a. **Valuation Report Regarding Land at Hibbs Close and its Potential Disposal.** It appears that the delaying issue remains Natural England's position on pets. The potential developers and Dorset Council planners have agreed on a legal agreement for tenants not to own pets. We have endeavoured to contact Natural England, and also to speak directly with the Planner, but without success. Dorset Councillor Pipe has also tried to contact relevant parties, but again without success.
- b. **Minute 123/18 To discuss the renewal of the lease of the Recreation Ground.** See agenda item.
- c. **Minute 270/19 & 392/19 Frampton Terrace Garden Plot.** See agenda item 7.

continued.....

75/20 CLERKS REPORT:(Cont)

- d. **Minute 40/21 Speed Limit Reduction New Road, Lytchett Minster and associated access roads to Lytchett Minster School.** Following our requests (including Huntick Road and the above) re speed limit reductions our Community Highways Manager has liaised with his colleagues in Transport Planning and Highways Improvement about the possibility of all or partial inclusion within future schemes. These matters have also been raised with the Collision Reduction team, who report there are very low numbers of injury collisions on the roads suggested as part of a 30mph zone. Dorset Council has no current speed survey data for any of these roads and they do not meet current criteria for a reduction to 30mph speed limit. Our CHM states that there may be future opportunity to reduce the speed limit on some or all of these roads, possibly to 30mph or 40mph, but this will be in light of and as part of future improvement schemes. He further advises that our concerns and observations will be taken into account as part of any wider measures that may take place in the Lytchett Matravers/Upton and Lytchett Minster area.
- e. **Minute 47/20 Land at Dacombe.** Quotes being obtained to add boulders/trees on TC owned land.
- f. **Minute 61/20 Footpath Junction of Dorchester Road and Huntick Road to Courtyard Centre.** Footway request has been forwarded to Transport Highways and Improvement Team for consideration – we are advised that they will probably want a lot more info before deciding on the possibility of a pre-feasibility report.
- g. **Minute 62/20 Relationship with Dorset Council.** See correspondence sent and letter received in response.

76/20 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. A request was received from the local Hedgehog Group to erect signs in black spot areas where hedgehogs are being hit by cars, ie Upton Crossroads. After discussion it was agreed that because of the cost involved and other road signs at this location it was not feasible to install additional signage at the busy crossroads, however it was suggested that signs could be made to attach to spare posts on other roads in the town.

continued.....

76/20 CORRESPONDENCE:(Cont)

- b. An application for Variation to Permit Conditions at Harbour View to install a second cremator was received from Tapper & Son. The committee had no objection to this proposal.

- c. Information was received from RBL Upton regarding Remembrance Sunday 2020 arrangements during the covid 19 pandemic.

- d. A response was received from Dorset Council in response to communication issues raised by the Town Council.

- e. Information on Rights of Way Improvement plans was received from a member of public. The Clerk was asked to investigate his interest in this matter.

77/20 TO RECEIVE LOCAL POLICING UPDATE FROM INSPECTOR JAMES OFFER:

See attached report.

78/20 TO CONSIDER QUOTATION FOR THE LEGAL SERVICES IN RELATION TO SETTING UP THE NEW LEASE AND COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUND (ESTIMATE OF UP TO £7,000):

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that this be accepted.

79/20 TO CONSIDER MOTION 'LMUTC INSTRUCTS THE TOWN CLERK TO PUT IN PLACE RESURFACING OF THE GROUND FOR A DISTANCE OF 0.9144M (3 FEET) FROM THE WALL OF PROPERTY NO 31 POOLE ROAD, WITH A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE OWNERS OF THE FRAMPTON TERRACE PLOTS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING A MANAGEMENT GROUP TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PATH AREAS AT THE FRONT OF THEIR PLOTS AND DEVISE A MECHANISM FOR RAISING THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL RESOURCE':

The above motion was proposed by Cllr Burns. Cllr Sheldon then proposed an amendment 'To make good the ground for a distance of 0.9144 m (3 feet) from the wall of Property No 31 Poole Road.' Cllr Burns agreed to the amendment which was then seconded and **RESOLVED** as a substantive motion.

continued.....

80/20 TO DISCUSS THE GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER ON CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM AND TO RESPOND TO THE ASSOCIATED CONSULTATION:

A link to the Government White Paper was made available to members on the website. After discussion it was agreed a response should be sent from the Town Council as well as members responding individually. It was also suggested that a letter be written to Dorset Councillors with the MP being copied in.

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

81/20 TO RECEIVE THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT 19/20:

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

82/20 TO CONSIDER THE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS 2021/22:

One grant aid application was received from Purbeck CAB. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that they be awarded a sum of £750.

83/20 TO CONSIDER BUDGETS FOR 2021/22:

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

84/20 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK ON TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS:

The Help Centre is now open on Mondays and Tuesdays with CAB attending on both days. It is still operational the rest of the week with at least one member of staff in attendance. An order has been placed for a new telephone system. The Clerk has attended several webinars recently. The Town Council Office continue to support the work of Upton Together.

85/20 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON UPTON TOGETHER PROJECT:

**Cllr S McKell
Bikability**

We offered 12 places to take the Level 1 Bikability cycling courses. This was full in the first 2 days so we booked more spaces and closed the offer when we got to 50. Initially each place was costing Upton Together £17, but after some arm bending we have managed to get funding for all these 50 places. We hope to have courses for mums and dads in the near future. This may in some way help them to take the kids to school together on their bikes.

The food bank is ticking over.

The response to the Draw has been slow but we still have time. The places on the Casa Camp are also slow but this may pick up when the school gets it on their website. I managed to get 4 free places for us.

continued.....

85/20 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON UPTON TOGETHER PROJECT:(Cont)

We have applied to the Co-op for further funding for an Xmas project. This will be similar to the cream teas and will be limited to 500 on a first come first served basis and hopefully will be supported by the Upton Link to whom we are eternally grateful. We have launched an appeal for more volunteers as out of the 50 we started with we are down to 25 due to volunteers returning to work.

I was honoured to receive an Award from the High Sheriff of Dorset along with Bill and Karen for the work we are carrying out with Upton Together. Our Lady Mayoress received the community Award.

Upton Together also awarded some members of our community that we felt deserved a thank you. They went to the Co-op store, Jodi, the Co-op pioneer, and V49 Jo Carter for manning the hotline so I could have time off.

The flu jabs went without a hitch at Lytchett Minster School, apart from 1 90 year old breaking down in the queue, but have no fear David Kennedy is here. David managed to move the car and fixed the gentleman up with an RAC membership. Next week due to the smooth running this week with our assistance the number will be increased by about 30%.

86/20 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CHAIRS OF AMENITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING:**Amenities – Cllr Mrs Pryor**

Concern was expressed that the gravedigger is cutting corners and leaving tracks on the ground close to headstones and members request that he be written to.

Environment – Cllr M Chase

Drainage channel work on Lytchett Bay by BCP will commence on 28 October.

Lytchett Matravers Parish Council approached the Town Council to discuss proposed cycleway/footpath issues and a meeting will be arranged.

Culvert work in Lytchett Minster was due to start in September but has been delayed.

The lack of a central white line along Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster is still causing concern and it was reported that a road traffic accident occurred there on 10 October.

Planting of the flowerbeds is due to start.

Poppies will be installed at the clocktower and some lampposts for Remembrance Sunday.

Lytchett Matravers Parish Council have contacted the Town Council regarding the tree planting scheme as they are looking to implement something similar.

There is currently an issue with trees and flooding on a private road leading off Dorchester Road.

continued.....

87/20 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CHAIRS OF AMENITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING:(Cont)

Planning – Cllr Burns

Very few planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

88/20 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

Report by Cllr J R Burns – LUBCA

The Venfest was cancelled for 2020 and will also not take place in 2021 due to covid.

Report by Cllr A J Starr – Dorset Council

There's no denying that the flow of information from Dorset Council to the town and parish councils has been poor in recent weeks. This has been true pretty much across the board it seems. It would appear that post COVID 19 the focus has been lost a little I hope this can be rectified soon as I see it as an important part of the jigsaw and that cooperative working is not only Good for the two authorities but most importantly good for the general public. A further symptom of a lack of consultation within DC is the recent announcement of a review, in other words increase, in car parking charges. Obviously this doesn't directly impact on Upton but there is much cross-party unrest at the fact that we all found out about it in a press release. Not a very Good example of a member lead authority.

I know that you will all be aware of the new planning White paper. This has been the subject of much concern to many and I think it should be. It seems that the planning system as it stands has it's problems but I and many others believe that this White paper would not make things better but has the potential of making them rather worse. Much of the criticism centres around the reduction of local oversight. Taking a nation wide approach to planning, as this paper does, has some serious implications for a county like Dorset and this plan would lead to a further reduction in the supply of truly affordable homes in the area it does have the look of a developer led system that would be great for those looking for a second home but it would I feel leave local people in a worse situation than they already find themselves in. I hope that if you have not already done so you will try to wade through all the flannel in the White paper and judge for yourselves what the local implications would be, and then respond.

Report by Cllr A Brenton – Dorset Council

The sustainable travel issue was raised and concern expressed that this benefits the Wareham – Poole route but does not help other outlying villages.

continued.....

89/20 TO RECEIVE THE SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2020:

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

RESOLVED that the financial summary of accounts up to the 30

90/20 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.

91/20 ITEMS OF REPORT (INCLUDING PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES) AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Ex-Councillor and Chairman John Small passed away on Sunday 18 October 2020.
- b) Cllr McKell raised concerns about the family who are still living in caravans in Lytchett Minster. Dorset Council have enforcement action in hand but this has been delayed due to covid.

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

Chairman.....

Date.....

.....

