

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

An **ON-LINE ZOOM MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** was held on **TUESDAY** the **19 JANUARY 2021** and commenced at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs M Pryor in the Chair
Councillor M Chase
Councillor J R Burns
Councillor K Brooks
Councillor S McKell
Councillor D Wilson
Councillor J Sheldon
Councillor W T Pipe

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

128/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

129/20 APOLOGIES: Members approved the following apologies:

Councillor F H Drane (personal)
Councillor Mrs J Marston (personal)

130/20 MINUTES: of the Town Council meeting held on 15 December 2020 as circulated as circulated were confirmed and signed.

131/20 CLERKS REPORT:

- a. **Valuation Report Regarding Land at Hibbs Close and its Potential Disposal.** This is still moving forward.
- b. **Minute 123/18 To discuss the renewal of the lease of the Recreation Ground.** Cllr Burns continues to liaise with the solicitors in relation to CIO details. A meeting of the Turbary Trustees is planned to discuss the restrictions in place in the original lease.
- c. **Minute 40/21 Speed Limit Reduction New Road, Lytchett Minster and associated access roads to Lytchett Minster School.** No further information.
- d. **Minute 47/20 Land at Dacombe.** The work was completed on 18 January 2021 and the general reaction was positive. There has been some interest in sponsoring trees around the edge of the land.

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131/20 CLERKS REPORT:(Cont)

- e. **Minute 61/20 Footpath Junction of Dorchester Road and Huntick Road to Courtyard Centre.** DC have agreed to install the sign to warn drivers of pedestrians in road – no further information.

- f. **Minute 76/20 Rights of Way Improvement.** Cllrs Chase and Pryor gave an update after their Zoom meeting with the person who raised the issues.

132/20 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) A copy of the BRAMM Newsletter was received.

- b) Correspondence was received from a resident regarding the proposed development of Dacombe Drive. It was reported that following a meeting between the developers and the residents the proposals have been put on hold.

133/20 TO RECEIVE THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR MRS REBECCA WOOD:

The resignation of Cllr Mrs R J Wood was received and a letter of thanks for her service to the Council will be sent.

134/20 TO APPROVE BUDGETS FOR 2021/2022:

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the budgets for 2021/2022 be approved.

135/20 TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2021/2022 OF £295,669:

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2021/2022 be set.

136/20 TO CONSIDER LAND DISPOSAL REQUEST AT FRAMPTON TERRACE:

A letter was received from a resident of Frampton Terrace thanking the Town Council for the work that is being undertaken and asking whether they would consider transferring the area of land outside her property. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** not to sell any of the parcels of land at this time.

137/20 TO DISCUSS CEMETERY DRAINAGE ISSUES:

Following concerns about the wet condition of some parts of the cemetery the possible use of the central area in the old cemetery or the far area in the new cemetery was considered. It was agreed to ask the gravedigger to test the central area to see if it is suitable for use during the winter months and this will be discussed further as an agenda item at the next full Council meeting.

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138/20 TO RECEIVE A MOTION TO RESOLVE THAT, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR, AND ENHANCEMENT OF, THE WELLBEING OF RESIDENTS IN THE FACE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC, COUNCIL UNDERTAKES, UNDER STANDING ORDER 4D, TO ESTABLISH AN UPTON TOGETHER COMMITTEE, TO IDENTIFY NEED AND OVERSEE APPROPRIATE ACTION BY THE COUNCIL'S UPTON TOGETHER INITIATIVE:

After a lengthy discussion a further motion was put forward to approve the continued use of the aforementioned account by the Upton Together group. (This account is in the name of Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council but is solely for the funds of Upton Together). This was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED.

139/20 TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CLLR MARTYN CHASE TO THE TURBARY ALLOTMENT TRUST:

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Martyn Chase be appointed to the Turbary Allotment Trust.

Following the resignation of Cllr Mrs Wood, there is now a vacancy for a Town Council representative on the Lockyers Trust. Cllr Pipe expressed an interest in putting his name forward.

140/20 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON STAFFING MATTERS FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

The Clerk advised members that the Assistant Groundsman, Jordan Down, has handed in his resignation and will leave on 26 February 2021.

141/20 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE UPTON TOGETHER PROJECT:

Cllr S McKell

Zoom Santa

What a great privilege to be allowed into so many children's front rooms. The response of the kids and parents that took up the offer was fantastic and sometimes very emotional. Over 80 slots were booked and all but 1 was zoomed. The look on the kids faces was all I needed as proof that all the hard work had paid off, and over 100 kids managed to visit Santa who would otherwise not have had the chance to do so under the present circumstances and the cancellation of the Xmas Parade. All the kids received a personalised present delivered to their door by my multi talented Elf Councillor Bill Pipe, without whom it would not have been as successful as it turned out to be. Parents were asked to donate on the crowd funding page if they were in a position to do so. I think to date we raised £125 which will cover the overheads for the project.

voucher. So there were funds left over to go back into the kitty.

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141/20 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE UPTON TOGETHER PROJECT:(Cont)

Co-op

The Co-op has kindly granted us a cheque for £250 which will pay for the Xmas Cracker Box Surprise which as you remember in every 10th box we put a £10.00 Co-op food Video

The video which we made for Countryfile did not get selected to appear on Countryfile but it was great fun to make and gives us another string to our bow.

Vaccinations

We have been asked by the Adams Practice Manager to get together a team to marshall for 3 days at the ferry terminal. The 12 bodies required have all been informed and the date and times will be 11th, 12th and 13th January. It is hoped that 1500 will be administered during this period bearing in mind that after each jab has been given there is a 15 minute observation period before they can clear the site.

Foodbank

We have acquired some racking so that the food can be spread out and displayed, so we know exactly what we've got and how much. If any councillor knows how we can obtain some of this then can they please contact the helpline. The reason for the sudden urgency is that we have been inundated with food from 2 other foodbanks in the area as well as the food collection boxes in the Co-op and Spar.

Face Masks

Zoe Pipe made 1278 in total that she hopes will be the last the school require. We paid the final payment last week, that is the total of £200 as approved by the panel. I will ask Zoe if she could get some feedback from the school for our log.

Docks Vaccination Update

Over 50 people have come forward to cover the additional dates this week. The format is very simple and we have had nothing but praise and goodwill from the people receiving their jab, so much so that 1 gentleman went straight home and sent a letter to the Echo which was printed in Saturdays edition.

Cllr Wilson reported that £150 had been raised by crowdfunding and another funding source will be followed up.

142/20 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CHAIRS OF AMENITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING:

Amenities – Cllr Mrs Pryor

Nothing to report other than the condition of the cemetery which will be monitored.

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142/20 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CHAIRS OF AMENITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING:(Cont)

Environment – Cllr M Chase

Proposed TROs are planned for various roads Upton including Pony Drive, Sea View Road, Purbeck Close and Dorchester Road. The reinstatement of the white line along Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster is not included at this time although it was supported by the Highways Officer.

Planning – Cllr Burns

There are 2 planning applications currently awaiting comments. Dorset Council are starting consultation on the Local Plan from 19 January – 15 March 2021 and members were asked to scrutinise and comment.

143/20 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

Report by Cllr A Brenton – Dorset Council

Work continues in Dorset dealing with Coronavirus pandemic. The County is at its worst position so far with DC councillors get a weekly update from Public Health Dorset most Fridays shortly before the figures are released to the public.

Elderly residents are being called for vaccination to the Purbeck Hub (Wareham hospital) or the BIC (Bournemouth) There are at present plenty of volunteer helpers and injectors at Wareham but more may be needed in the long term as this will go on for some time. The holdups are mainly to do with handling the vaccine.

There have been active Covid clusters in Swanage Broadstone and Dorchester (Poundbury) but no where is safe. This wave is affecting and hospitalising more people in their 40-50s even if it is not killing them.

Dorset in cooperation with Citizens Advice bureau have put out several news releases under **Reaching Out. There is help with non-working because of isolation and with Utility bills this winter.**

The Dorset Climate Strategy consultation is open until 20th January, uptake has not been as good as hoped probably because of the bulky consultation. There are only a few hard copies available in libraries which have to be booked in advance. And isolated after return. However the officers are committed to linking every future decision to the effect on Climate change and Ecological impact.

The Dorset Local Plan is prepared for public release and the consultation will be out shortly and open for feed back until March. It is a long and bulky document and needs much concentration. Probably need 2-3 meetings to discuss aspects of it.

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**143/20 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL
MATTERS:(Cont)**

As councillors we attend many meetings online and there has been some concentration on cyber security and preventing ransomware. One of our residents business has lost access to all past accounts and files, and is looking to replace their whole computer system and servers at great cost and may have to retire early losing 3 jobs.. This is despite having an 'up to date' antivirus software system. There has been a considerable increase in cyber crime as well and email scam crime lately.

Littering along roads and flytipping is an increasing problem and although individuals can pick up litter on their private exercise walks, an organised 'litter pick' may encourage social gatherings and is discouraged at this time.

East Planning Committee meets monthly – there have been no committee decisions on Upton applications lately they have all be delegated recently. If there are any that the Council wishes to be referred please contact me promptly.

I have been asked if Upton can think of a site for a community fridge. It would have to be available for long hours regularly, be accessible in a public building but private so people could access is discreetly. Any suggestions welcomed. We hope to put together a presentation which will introduce the idea more widely.

Last week East Borough Housing Association held a Zoom meeting to discuss with residents the idea of using land at junction of Dacombe Drive and Brushwood as a sit e for up to 4 affordable housing units. This was not well received as this space:- is well used as open play space, is wet, Car parking is an issue and there may be a covenant which prohibits building there.

After long discussion even the suggestion of two small dwellings was rejected on parking and congestion grounds. It was suggested the Town Council could put in a area of end on parking which would only reduce the open space slightly and make parking more efficient.

The green space running through the houses from Brushwood corner to the open square at the bottom of the Drive was suggested as possible area for increased planting to increase biodiversity and wildlife interest . (as part of Uptons Green Agenda) . It would need some input from Upton Council and possibly a Neighbourhood association to move it forward. I would happy to advise on planting and management.

**Report by Cllr D Wilson – Lytchett Minster & Upton
Town Council**

Cllr Wilson requested that residents should be reminded how to report issues to flytipping. This will be done via the Upton Link and Facebook.

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143/20 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:(Cont)

Report by Cllr W T Pipe – Dorset Council

The owner of land adjacent to the A350 is prepared to donate land to Dorset Council to improve the road where several accidents have occurred and this has been passed to the Highways Officer.

Residents have expressed concern about the way cyclists are using the cycleway/footpath in the Upton Country Park vicinity.

144/20 TO RECEIVE THE SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2020:

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

RESOLVED that the financial summary of accounts up to the 31 December 2020 be approved.

145/20 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.

146/20 ITEMS OF REPORT (INCLUDING PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES) AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Cllr Mrs Pryor expressed concern that someone may be living in the old Co-op building and the residents who reported this will be encouraged to report to the Police.
- b) The High Sheriff asked for a booklet on Upton Together and this has been sent.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Chairman.....

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