

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

An **ONLINE ZOOM MEETING** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** was held on **TUESDAY the 27 April 2021** which commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor M Chase (in the Chair)
Councillor J R Burns
Councillor W T Pipe
Councillor Mrs M Pryor (Acting Mayor)

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

207/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor F H Drane (personal)
Councillor Mrs J Marston (personal)
Councillor K Brooks (work commitments)
Councillor D Wilson (personal)

208/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

209/20 CLERKS REPORT:

- a) **Minute 485/14 To investigate obtaining Local Nature Reserve/SSSI Status for Lytchett Bay View.** Dorset Council asked for our original signed agreement be sent to them as they had lost theirs as Natural England required an updated agreement to reflect the name change from Dorset County Council to Dorset Council. We sent it by recorded delivery, and we noted they received it but they cannot find it. It appears that the process will need to recommence and work will begin after the internal audit early May. Cllr Pipe will pursue with Dorset Council.
- b) **Minute 140/18 & 329/18 Roads and Pavements – Health Centre/Upton Court.** This area has been added to the DC Highways site visit list in respect of surfaces/signage etc. Cllr Pipe will chase this up with Dorset Council.
- c) **Minute 160/18 Lytchett Bay Nature Park Partnership.** Nothing to report.
- d) **Minute 398/18 Provision of a municipal water fountain.** Nothing to report. This will be left in abeyance until such time as the pandemic is over. There are concerns re sanitization and legionella, which will need to be considered closely should the project proceed in the future.
- e) **Minute 399/18 Parking Around Schools.** A meeting to be held to discuss the Lytchett Minster School parking issues on Dorchester Road, and DC are taking forward TRO's in relation to roads in and around UJS.

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209/20 CLERKS REPORT:(Cont)

- f) **Minute 32/19 Moorland Parade Public Car Park.** This group remains in abeyance re COVID-19.
- g) **Minute 33/19 Parking Issues in Purbeck Close.** This matter is progressing, with the consultation completed recently.
- h) **Minute 93/19 Open Access Issues – Tree Hamlets.** No further information on this.
- i) **Minute 178/19 Installation of Dragons Teeth at TC Land on Dacombe Estate.** See agenda item.
- j) **Minute 279/19 Climate Change.** This work has been on hold due to the pandemic.
- k) **Minute 280/19 Cycleway Scheme (Lytchett Matravers to Lytchett Minster School).** This issue has been raised recently, but no further forward – remains with Dorset Council.
- l) **Minute 450/19 SID** This project is commencing, and waiting for DC to undertake the traffic counts.
- m) **Minute 406/19 Parking Prevention, Dacombe Green.** This project is completed.

210/20 CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

211/20 TO CONSIDER TREE PLANTING IN RELATION TO EVENTS:

This was left in abeyance.

212/20 TO CONSIDER A REVIEW OF DRAGONS TEETH ALONG DORCHESTER ROAD TO PROTECT THE GRASS VERGES:

After discussion it was agreed to undertake a review of dragon's teeth along Dorchester Road, on the north side from the junction with Moorland Way to Beacon Park Road, in order to prevent vehicles parking on the grass verge. Letters will be sent to the residents.

213/20 TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO DORSET COUNCIL TO PLACE YELLOW LINES ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE ROAD LEADING TO THE BT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE (OLD DORCHESTER ROAD):

It was reported that the court date for the eviction notice to be served on the family living at this location is 8 June 2021. Dorset Council Highways will be contacted to ask whether, after this date, they could use the area for storage of road materials, ie scalpings, salt etc. It was also suggested that some sort of barrier should be installed to prevent illegal access in future.

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214/20 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:**Roads and Pavements (inc Rights Of Way)****All**

Dorset Council have advised that the request from the Town Council for double yellow lines at Pony Drive to stand needs to go back to committee as the majority of consultees were against the proposals.

Waste and Recycling**All**

Several reports of flytipping at the top of Policemans Lane have been received and an Environmental Protection Notice will be sited at that location.

Street Furniture**Cllr Mrs M Pryor**

It was reported that some of the seats around the town need cleaning.

Open Spaces**Lytchett Bay View****Cllr M Chase**

There were concerns about the condition of the boardwalk leading to Turlin Moor and a safety check will be undertaken.

Jubilee Garden**Cllr Mrs J Marston**

Complaints have been received about tree roots from Jubilee Garden causing drains in the adjacent garage area to flood. A drainage contractor has been engaged to address this issue which is scheduled for the second week of May.

BCP have been asked to quote for tree management at this location.

St. Martins Park**Cllr K Brooks**

None.

Meadows Garden**Cllr Mrs M Pryor**

None.

Limberlost**Cllr K Brooks**

None.

Clocktower Site**Cllr M Chase**

It was requested that the Lytchett Bay mural should be installed at the Clocktower site.

Open Access Issues**All**

None

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214/20 REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM CHAMPIONS:(Cont)**Overgrowing vegetation****All**

The bank along Blandford Road North between the postbox and Coronation Avenue is encroaching onto the footpath and this will be reported to Dorset Council Highways. There was particular concern that this path will be used to access the new Aldi store when it opens.

Sustainability**All****Flooding Issues****All**

There were concerns about issues with the culvert that runs from the Rugby Club to Ashbrook Walk and this will be added to the site visit with DC Highways.

Climate Change**All**

Quotes will be obtained for upgrading the lighting at Maylyn Road and The Crossways.

It was reported that Dorset Council have a £12m fund for climate change initiatives.

215/20 UPTON IN BLOOM UPDATE:

The flowerbeds have been designed and the plants are in hand although planting won't take place until the end of May. It was suggested that a corner of the land at Dacombe Close be made into a flowerbed.

216/20 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

217/20 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Cllr Chase expressed concern at the volume of traffic using Upton Crossroads.

It was reported that Speedwatch need more volunteers.

The Chairman recorded thanks to Dorset Councillor Pipe for his support in the issue of requesting the reinstatement of the central white line along Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster.

A complaint was received about parking near the junction of French's Farm Road/Watery Lane and this will be added to the list for the Dorset Council Highways site visit.

218/20 TO RECEIVE THE TREE WORKS REPORT:

It will be ascertained whether the oak trees along New Road, Lytchett Minster have TPOs.

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219/20 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Concern was expressed about activities taking place at the Adventure Pirate in Lytchett Minster as it appears this was not subject to a planning application. Cllr Pipe reported he has raised this with DC Planning.
- b) Cllrs Chase and Mrs Pryor have been liaising with a member of public who has shown interest in environmental issues in the town and thanks are recorded to him.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....