

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** was held on **TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2023** which commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr M Pryor (in the chair)
Councillor F H Drane
Councillor R Griffin
Councillor S McKell
Councillor B Pipe
Councillor J Sheldon
Councillor P Thompson
Councillor Mrs D White
Councillor Mrs K Austin

Also in attendance: Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk
Mrs K Osborne, Deputy Town Clerk

286/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no declarations of interest and apologies for absence from Councillor M Chase (ill health) and Councillor C Squires (work commitments).

287/23 CLERKS REPORT:

- a) **Minute 356/19 Upgrading of Security Alarm at The Grove.** This will be incorporated within the specification to refurbish The Grove building.
- b) **Minute 31/22 Upton Cemetery.** Cross drain clearance has been completed by BCP and they have undertaken extra visits to deal with falling leaves.
- c) **Minute 30/22 Amenities Forward Plan Review 2018/2023.** Enquiries have been made with Dorset Council and ARC regarding land parcels and no response has yet been received despite chasing.

288/23 CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

289/23 TO REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE 2022

Councillors received a report summarising responses received to a survey circulated to other Dorset town councils on behalf of Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council asking specific questions relating to the management of their Remembrance Sunday parade and road closure. This included the use of trained marshals, the length of their parade and costings.

The report was noted and it was agreed that a report on the options for this year's Remembrance Parade in the town would be brought to the Committee with recommendations to take forward to the Town Council.

290/23 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON TOWN AMENITIES**Allotments:**

The new 3 year management agreement between Upton and Lytchett Minster Allotment Association and the Town Council had been signed by both parties and would be operational from 1 February 2023.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

The condition of The Grove and Pavilion remains a concern and a condition report was presented to the Town Council at its last meeting and a commitment to financial support was agreed. The Town Clerk had commenced dialogue with Dorset Council to utilise its framework of procurement. The high risk issues would be addressed first.

Cemetery:

The issue with mole hills was becoming more evident. This issue had proved difficult to address in the past.

Funding had been put aside in the 2023/24 budget to resurface the car park.

Redwood Road Play Area:

Nothing to report.

Warbler Park Play Area / Skatepark:

A potential area to re-locate the skatepark was discussed. It was agreed to invite a play specialist consultant to the next meeting to discuss a way forward with the play area review, including the skatepark.

Recreation Ground Play Areas:

Nothing to report.

291/23 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

Members noted the contents.

292/23 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Cllr Pryor advised that the building previously occupied by the Co-Op along Poole Road was due to be demolished as part of the planning application to build flats.

The recent fly-tipping at Lytchett Bay View was reported in the Bournemouth Echo. Evidence of the potential culprit had been found amongst the waste and advice was being sought on the process to bring a prosecution.

Councillors were informed of two dates for their diaries (to be confirmed by email) which were:

- Thursday 25 May 2023 – Annual Town Meeting @ St Dunstan's Church
- Thursday 14 December 2023 – Community Christmas event at the Community Centre.

Ideas to celebrate the King's Coronation in the town would be discussed at the next meeting.

**There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at
8.07.pm.**

Chair.....

Date.....