

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE** was held on **TUESDAY** the **23 May 2023** which commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

- Councillor W T Pipe (in the Chair)
- Councillor R Burns (in the Chair)
- Councillor R Griffin (Vice-Chair)
- Councillor S McKell
- Councillor C Evans
- Councillor W T Pipe
- Councillor F H Drane
- Councillor Mrs M Pryor

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

Public Session

One member of the public attended to highlight concern from herself and on behalf of residents of Tree Hamlets about speeding along Border Road, which has resulted in several near misses with people, and fatalities with domestic and wild animals. Further she reported concerns around speeding motorbikes using Lytchett Bay as a cut through to Turlin Moor fields. She stated her request for this situation to be addressed by suggesting traffic calming measures.

23/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no declarations of interest received.

Apologies for absence were received from
Councillor P Thompson (holiday).
Councillor Mr D Wilson (without apologies)

24/23 TO ELECT VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING

Upon nominations being called and in the absence of no one coming forward, Cllr Pipe proposed Cllr Griffin, who accepted. This was seconded by Cllr McKell, and all present unanimously voted for this appointment.

25/23 CLERKS REPORT:

- a) **Minute 383/23 To consider appointment of Environmental Champions** – see minute no 29/23.
- b) **Minute 171/22 Trailway Improvement Heritage Project.** No further information.
- c) **Minute 175/22 Traffic Pollution in the Town:** No further information.
- d) **Minute 384/23 Speed Limit Reduction to 20 Mph in Slough Lane:** Wessex Water has been contacted to raise concerns around the speed in which their operatives are travelling along Slough Lane. The response received is as follows:

I'm very sorry to hear that our drivers have been speeding in Slough Lane.

We take incidents like this very seriously and any dangerous driving is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We have made our teams onsite aware and asked them to be conscious of their surroundings when travelling along Slough Lane towards the site.

If you, or anyone else, do notice any of our vans speeding, please can you let us know a date and time of the incident or a vehicle registration number? As we can then speak to the driver's line manager.

I hope this is helpful and thank you for bringing this to our attention. A copy of our Code of Practice for Enquiries and Complaints can be found [here](#).

Enquiries have been made with the relevant officer in the Dorset Highways Team relating to imposing a 20mph limit along Sandy Lane. This was discussed at their recent meeting. The initial advice is that if a 20mph limit is implemented along Sandy Lane it would need to be extended to Sea View Road and Moorland Way. It would also need to be supported by a couple of traffic surveys (approx. cost £500 to the Town Council) and evidence of "significant public support" which would come in the form of a public consultation led by the Town Council. This could lead to residents on the north side of Dorchester Road questioning why a 20mph limit is not being considered for roads such as Redwood Road. The Deputy Town Clerk has asked the Dorset Council officer for details of the previous traffic survey conducted for Sandy Lane and traffic collision data.

It was further reported that complaints had been received in the past week of a high number of local contractor lorries travelling down Sea View Road to access the Wessex Water site, which are of a greater tonnage than the road is able to take. This has been reported to the Police who are addressing this with the site owners and the contractors. The Clerk has also formally written to Wessex Water to ask that this is not continued in the future.

Updates were also given about the Sandy Lane 20 mph discussion. Dorset Council have been asked to review their speed and collision data and report back before a final decision is made as to whether it would be an appropriate location.

- e) **Minute 385/23 Increasing recycling rates within the town** – The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk plan to meet with the Operations Manager for Dorset Council's Waste Services in June to discuss this as well as many other matters.
- f) **Minute 387/23 Provision of a brown information sign directing people to Town Council offices from Dorchester Road** – enquiries have been made with Dorset Council's Sign Shop and we're awaiting a response.
- g) **Minute 305/23 Condition of garages at The Triangle:** the management company has been contacted requesting that they look into the issue. A response has not been received.
- h) **Minute 386/23 Purchase Of New Street Furniture To Replace Seat/Planter Opposite Marsh Lane:** The process of dismantling the old

seat has commenced and the new one has arrived and will be in situ shortly.

26/23 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Fontmell Magna Parish re 20 mph – they will be contacted to advise that whilst the Town Council understands their issue, the town itself does not have any A roads.
- b) Resident Email regarding Sandy Lane – the Town Council will advise the resident that Dorset Council will be alerted to the issue of business trading concerns and the issue of yellow lines will be raised at the next Highways Meeting in July, when a site visit will be undertaken with the Community Highways Officer to establish if the location would meet the criteria threshold.
- c) Update from BCP regarding forthcoming events at Upton Country Park was shared with members.
- d) DAPTC email regarding call for evidence from NALC around planning issues. This was passed to the Co-Chair of ENPLAN to respond, and to raise the issue of enforcement.
- e) Email from resident regarding land grabbing along southern trailway – whilst already reported to the Dorset Council Ranger Service, they have advised this matter now sits with DC Legal Services. Town Council to request update from DC Legal Services on this matter. It was also noted that land in BCP further along this stretch of trailway is also subject to this issue, and the Town Council will alert BCP. The Town Clerk will ascertain what, if anything, the Town Council can do to assist in this matter.

27/23 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ENPLAN

These were noted.

28/23 TO CONSIDER RESIDENT REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ALONG BORDER ROAD, UPTON

It was noted that the request contained items for both Dorset Council and Dorset Police.

Firstly, it was advised that all incidents of ASB should be reported to Dorset Police. Further enquiries will be made to establish if there is any solution to hinder or deter motor bikes from travelling across both boardwalks, to still enable disabled access etc.

The Committee supported seeking further options for traffic calming on the basis that the road in question was adjacent to a Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) and a Local Nature Reserve (LNR). Members accepted that visitor numbers would have increased with the new LNR status and publicity that this attracted. It was also suggested that an investigation be made into establishing a road block between the BCP and Dorset Council boundary, and a petition from residents may assist this.

It was agreed that this matter be taken forward and the Council will seek assistance from relevant partners/agencies to this end.

29/23 TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT CHAMPIONS

The roles were allocated and are as follows:

Highways	Cllr Pipe
Litter Bins	Cllr Thompson
Street Furniture	Cllr Mrs Pryor
Lytchett Bay View	Cllr Griffin/Cllr Evans
Meadow/Jubilee Garden/ St Martin's Park	Cllr Griffin
Limberlost	Cllr Evans
Upton in Bloom	Cllr Evans
Open Access	Cllr Pipe
Trees	Cllr McKell
Lytchett Minster/Flooding/ LM Pound	Cllr Wilson

30/23 TO DISCUSS THE INTRODUCTION OF 'BERYL' BIKES INTO THE TOWN

An update was provided by the Town Clerk following a recent discussion with the responsible Dorset Council Officer. The funding still needs to be finalised, but the Town Council noted its support of the initiative in principle. A discussion about potential bay sites and formats and also data on use was initiated but it was agreed to wait until a formal approach is made by Dorset Council/Beryl.

At this juncture Cllr Burns took the Chair to consider Planning.

31/23 TO RECEIVE THE CLERKS REPORT ON PLANNING MATTERS

None

32/33 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE ON PLANNING MATTERS

None

33/23 TO RECEIVE DORSET COUNCIL DECISIONS

These were noted, with a request to Cllr Pipe to establish what the causes are for the delay in planning applications.

34/23 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UP TO DATE OF MEETING

The observations on the planning applications discussed at the meeting are set out on the attached list (May 23) as Appendix A.

2022/07895 Council to request information on the basis for refusal.

35/23 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR ENPLAN

The latest financial report was noted.

It was noted that the new hexagonal planters by Costa looked sparse and would benefit from additional planters.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RESOLVED** that 3 additional hexagonal planters be purchased.

36/23 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

1. A list of detailed observations and suggested improvement projects in the town received from a resident were circulated to digest outside of the meeting. Many

have already been put forward to Dorset Council Highways. The resident would be thanked for their observations.

2. Verge cutting had commenced in the town and was due to be completed by Dorset Council's Ranger team by the following week.
3. Contractors working on the previous Co-op building are parking in the lay-by which has a 30 minute restrictive parking limit. The contractors should be made aware of this.
4. Cllr Pipe requested an item 'To discuss Electric Vehicle Charging facilities within the Town' be added to the next agenda.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Chair.....

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