

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE** was held on **TUESDAY** the **27 June 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 W T Pipe
- Councillor F H Drane
- Councillor Mrs M Pryor
- Councillor P Thompson
- Councillor D Wilson

Also in attendance: Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk
Mrs K Osborne, Deputy Town Clerk
Mr P Merifield, Outside Operations Manager

78/23 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

79/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no declarations of interest received.

Apologies for absence were received from
Councillor C Evans (personal).

80/23 CLERKS REPORT ENVIRONMENT:

- a) **Minute 171/22 Trailway Improvement Heritage Project.** It was reported at the meeting that the grant application submitted by Upton In Bloom to the Turbary Allotment Trust to fund this project had been refused. Upton In Bloom plan to resubmit the application.

It was noted that the brambles along the trailway were very overgrown. A request would be put through to Dorset Council's Ranger Team. Cllr Pipe that a request is communicated to a member of the Rangers Team asking that a representative contacts him.

- b) **Minute 384/23 Speed Limit Reduction To 20 Mph In Slough Lane:** A Dorset Council officer has been invited to attend the Highways Meeting in July to give a presentation on the scheme. It was reported at the meeting that they could not commit to attend the meeting with Road Safety Manager advising that all the information required is within the policy documents found on Dorset Council's website. A hard copy was circulated at the meeting.
- c) **Minute 385/23 Increasing recycling rates within the town** – The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk are to meet with the Operations Manager for Dorset Council's Waste Services in July to discuss this as well as many other matters.

- d) **Minute 387/23 Provision of a brown information sign directing people to Town Council offices from Dorchester Road** –. See agenda minute no 84/23.
- e) **Minute 305/23 Condition of garages at The Triangle:** the management company and Dave Wells Properties (DWP) have been contacted requesting that they look into the issue. DWP has responded saying that they only own the two garages on the left as you look at the garages and both are maintained and have been re-roofed recently. A response has not been received from the management company despite 2 emails being sent to them.
- f) **Minute 386/23 Purchase Of New Street Furniture To Replace Seat/Planter Opposite Marsh Lane:** The new seat/planter is now in situ and positive feedback has been received.
- g) **28/23 To consider resident request for traffic calming measures along Border Road, Upton:** This has been included on the agenda for the next Highway meeting in July. Further enquiries have been 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. Regrettably the options, such as the heavy duty motorbike inhibitor gates would create accessibility issues. Cllr Evans has surveyed the area and has established that there are alternative access routes the culprits could use. The Town Council has concluded that it is a police matter and members of the public should be encouraged to report such issues directly to Dorset Police.
- h) **35/23 To purchase 3 additional hexagonal planters to add to the existing planters outside Costa.** These have been ordered and the estimated delivery is 10 July 23.

81/23 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dorset Council consultation on a dog related Public Space Protection Order (PSPO): This consultation was noted. Dorset Council would be contacted to clarify whether this would replace the bylaw imposed on the recreation ground.

82/23 TO DISCUSS ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

Dorset Council's strategy to expand electric vehicle recharging points across the county had not identified potential areas in Lytchett Minster and Upton. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Executive Director of Place and Cllr Ray Bryan as Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel & Environment to request they consider the following as potential sites in the town and that the Council is included in the next tranche:

- Outside Town Council Offices, Moorland Parade
- Library Car Park
- Recreation Ground Car Park
- Schools
- Heights Approach
- Community Centre
- Rugby Club Car Park

83/23 TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE TREE PLANTING / SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

A report on the current status of the tree sponsorship programme was considered. It outlined that over 70 sponsorship trees were in situ across the town as a result of the programme. However, it was reported that the programme was hitting a number of obstacles as it was becoming increasingly difficult to find safe, suitable spaces for sponsorship trees. Planting trees in such close proximity to utilities was paving the way for future issues with roots damaging the integrity of sewers and cable ducting. It is therefore now an appropriate time to review the programme and consider alternatives.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RECOMMENDED** to conclude the current programme and progress alternative options as outlined in the report.

84/23 TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATION SIGN TO DIRECT RESIDENTS TO THE COUNCIL OFFICES

A report was considered outlining the process and cost to request an information sign through Dorset Council to direct people to the Town Council offices from the highway.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RECOMMENDED** to proceed with the application.

85/23 TO CONSIDER HOW THE COUNCIL CAN SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF VAPES IN THE TOWN

Litter Free Dorset had commenced a campaign to highlight the importance in the proper disposal of used vapes. Town Council has been contacted to disseminate this information. The Council considered how it could further support the campaign by sharing the information with local retailers and schools. Cllr Squires nominated himself to liaise with retailers and schools in the town and this was agreed.

86/23 TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS

Highways	A Highways meeting will be taking place on 13 July.
Litter Bins	A map of all litter bins has been requested from Dorset Council
Street Furniture	No issues reported.
Lytchett Bay View	No issues reported. The Clerk advised that 2 amateur botanists would be carrying out a survey at the site.
Meadow/Jubilee Garden	Information notices would be placed in the Town Council owned area to advise why parts of the grassed area had been left to encourage pollinators.
St Martin's Park	It was reported that the bench situated here is in disrepair. Further investigations would be made and necessary repairs made.
Limberlost	There has been recent fly tipping which has been removed by Dorset Council.
Upton in Bloom	The judging for the South & South East in Bloom competition would be taking place on 4 July 2023, and a litter pick would be taking place the day before in preparation for the judging.
Open Access	No issues reported

Trees	No issues reported
Lytchett Minster/Flooding/	No issues reported
LM Pound	No issues reported

Cllr Wilson provided a report on environmental initiatives in the Purbeck area.

Cllr Wilson excused himself from the meeting and departed at 7.55pm.

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

87/23 TO RECEIVE THE CLERKS REPORT ON PLANNING MATTERS

None

88/33 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE ON PLANNING MATTERS

None

89/23 TO RECEIVE DORSET COUNCIL DECISIONS

These were noted with a request to bring recent decisions to the top of the spreadsheet.

90/23 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 (June 23) as Appendix A.

91/23 TO CONSIDER TREE WORK APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UP TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING

The applications were noted.

92/23 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR ENPLAN

The latest financial report was noted.

93/23 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

1. It was reported that the benches opposite Costa Coffee were in disrepair with one having collapsed. Upton Manor Care Home would be contacted as it's understood that they own and maintain the benches.
2. Upton In Bloom will be holding a 'Celebration Afternoon' on 8 July and invitations to councillors will be sent directly by Upton in Bloom.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Chair.....

Date.....

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED
27 June 2023

P/HOU/2023/02382	Erection of outbuilding in garden. 9 Palmerston Road Upton BH16 5HN
	LMUTC Comment: No objection
P/HOU/2023/02945	Single storey rear extension. 11 Meadowbank Upton BH16 5RB
	LMUTC Comment: No objection
P/CLP/2023/03205	Use of part of amenity area to a caravan site for the siting of five caravans and an amenity area to a caravan site. Organford Manor Country Park Homes Organford Poole BH16 6ES
	LMUTC Comment: No objection
P/HOU/2023/03028	Erect single storey rear extension. 13 Beacon Park Road Upton BH16 5NZ
	LMUTC Comment: No objection
P/HOU/2023/03089	Single storey rear extension. 163 Sandy Lane Upton BH16 5LU
	LMUTC Comment: No objection
P/FUL/2023/03130	Form drop kerb to existing residential dwelling. 53 Old Kiln Road Upton BH16 5SG
	LMUTC Comment: No objection
P/HOU/2023/3253	Garden annexe for sole use of family. 12 Guest Road Upton BH16 5LQ
	LMUTC Comment: No objection but would welcome assurance that the annexe is not used for commercial purposes.