

## LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** was held on **TUESDAY 4 JULY 2023** which commenced at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Pryor (in the chair)  
Councillor R Griffin  
Councillor J Sheldon  
Councillor P Thompson  
Councillor S McKell

**Also in attendance:** Mrs K Osborne, Deputy Town Clerk  
Mrs S Samways, Administration Officer  
Councillor W T Pipe

### Democratic Session

Two members of the public attended to raise the issue of the Council's future plans with regard to skatepark replacement. They felt it was an important amenity, and whilst they accepted the Council's rationale to remove it, wanted to understand what plans the Council had to replace it. A discussion took place about potential sites, the importance of community consultation, financial restraints and timescales. Clarification was also given on CIL monies. They were able to offer some advice on surface materials, and future types, and advised they were willing to participate in supporting any future scheme. The residents felt that the skatepark site should be kept minimalistic in the future, due to its location.

### 94/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no declarations of interest and apologies for absence from Councillor Mrs K Austin (family commitments).

### 95/23 CLERKS REPORT:

- a) **Minute 357/23 Remembrance 2023** Members were thanked for the feedback on the public statement, and this has been included accordingly. Further a summary statement has been prepared. The Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk will attend the DC Executive Meeting on 19 July where a representative from the SAG team will be present, so that the issues we have experienced regarding some of the information presented can be addressed directly. After this the TC statement will be shared with the RBL prior to being put in the public domain.
- b) **Minute 43 /23/Warbler Park Play Area BCP** have been instructed to remove the skatepark which will happen mid-July. A statement informing residents of this has been published and residents encouraged to provide feedback on how the site should be used. The feedback to date includes:
  - Safe and enclosed dog park / walking area;
  - Play ground or a fenced in football/basketball field. Kids have nowhere to play in this area.
  - Proper path required – issues coming down the alley with pushchairs.
  - Whatever happens to the area it needs to be properly lit and maintained.

- I use the path on my journey to work. As a lady it doesn't feel safe and you can feel quite isolated. Needs to be more open, accessible and safe for everyone.
- We need something for all the teenagers in Upton.
- Put a park back there.
- A concrete skatepark (like Corfe Mullen) near the end of Upton rec where the gym part is.
- "I spoke to a representative from Aldi on the day the store opened and he told me that Aldi gave a money contribution to the council to upgrade the skatepark lighting and paths. Where has this money been spent please? It is not supposed to be used to remove the facilities!"

All these matters will be considered after the skatepark has been removed, and a plan formulated with regard to the site.

- c) **Minute 360/23 Cemetery – Resident/No Resident Burials-** see agenda item 7.
- d) **Minute 41/23 Terms of Reference for Amenities** It was agreed by the Finance & Admins traction Committee and ratified by Full Council that sections 1.9 and 1.10 of Amenities terms of reference should be transferred to the F&A terms of reference.

#### **96/23 CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

#### **97/23 TO DISCUSS THE REFURBISHMENT OF REDWOOD ROAD PLAY AREA:**

After consideration of the report it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RECOMMENDED** to accept the overarching 3 step project plan to commence the refurbishment of the Redwood Road Play. The plan involves public consultation, grant applications and procuring a specialised contractor to lead the tendering process.

#### **98/23 TO DISCUSS THE OUTCOME OF THE CEMETERY INSPECTION:**

The inspection was cancelled due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for 5.45 pm on Tuesday 25 July, prior to the next Environment & Planning Committee Meeting.

#### **99/23 TO CONSIDER A STRATEGY FOR THE CEMETERY AND FUTURE BURIAL SPACE FOR THE TOWN.**

Members were presented with a report regarding the cemetery and future burial space. After consideration it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RECOMMENDED** to procure a land valuation for land opposite the cemetery. Further it was agreed to contact the Lees Estate to establish whether or not they have any land which might be suitable for future burial, as well as contacting Tappers and Cemetery Development Services with a view to ascertaining some likely costings for creating a new burial space. This information will assist the Council in forming a view of long-term burial provision for the Town.

#### **100/23 TO AGREE A DATE FOR A FUTURE ALLOTMENT INSPECTION AND TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ULMAA AT THE 12 SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING AS PER THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT:**

A site inspection will be undertaken at 5.45 pm on 12 September 2023 prior to meeting with ULMAA Representatives during the Amenities meeting.

**101/23 TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AMENITIES CHAMPIONS AS BELOW:**

**Allotments:**

Cllr Mikka Pryor

Cllr Pryor will endeavour to visit the site in the near future.

**Recreation Ground and Pavilion**

Cllr Kerry Austin (if agreeable)

The Committee were appraised of the football team applications for September.

Further, the Town Clerk suggested that a scheme be put together to refurbish the public toilets at the rear of the Pavilion which could be financed from CIL monies and relevant budgets. The Committee agreed to consider a proposal in September.

**Cemetery:**

Cllr Mikka Pryor

Fly-tipping is still an on-going issue, which is dealt with as it occurs. Quotes for cemetery re-surfacing have been gathered, and it was suggested that a local contractor be contacted to quote.

**Redwood Road Play Area:**

Cllr Paul Thompson

There is a requirement for a bin at the site to replace the one that was vandalised.

**Warbler Park Play Area / Skatepark:**

Removal of skatepark w/c 10 July.

**Recreation Ground Play Areas:**

Cllr Paul Thompson

Nothing to report.

**Play Area Working Party:**

Cllr Kerry Austin - no update.

The Deputy Clerk would get in touch with Cllr Austin to commence engagement regarding Redwood Road.

**102/23 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE AND RESERVES UPDATE:**

Members noted the contents.

**103/23 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None reported.

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

**Chair.....**

**Date.....**