

## LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held on **TUESDAY** the **11 June 2024** in the Council Chamber, 1 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way at 6.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Pryor (in the Chair)  
Councillor Mrs D White (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor F H Drane  
Councillor R Griffin (ex-Officio)  
Councillor S McKell (ex-Officio)

**Also in attendance:** Mrs K Osborne (Deputy Town Clerk)  
Mrs S Samways, Administrative Officer

### **73/24 PUBLIC SESSION:**

There were no members of the public present.

### **74/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest received.

### **75/24 APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from:

Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk (non-business)

### **76/24 CLERKS REPORT**

- 1) **Minute 43/23 Warbler Park Play Area** – It was raised if any play equipment could be salvaged from Redwood Road, but all pieces are past economic repair. It was suggested to contact Aldi about them purchasing this additional land.
- 2) **Minute 383/23 Plans for the community picnic** – See Minute 78/24.
- 5) **Minute 387/23 Options and strategy to support council projects via external funding** – This matter is now under discussion via the F&A Committee.
- 6) **Minute 447/23 To Review The Draft Tender For The Refurbishment Of Redwood Road Play Area** - See Minute 79/24

### **77/24 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **78/24 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON THE COMMUNITY PICNIC:**

The committee agreed the 2024 Community Picnic was successful, and it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and RECOMMENDED** unanimously to hold a similar event next year on 14 June 2025.

**79/24 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PLANS TO INTRODUCE BLEED KITS TO THE TOWN:**

Following the decision at the last Amenities meeting to purchase 3 bleed kits to be sited in the existing defibrillator cabinets, it transpires South West Ambulance Service (SWAS) does not support this service; further discussion suggests the bleed kits supplied by The Daniel Baird Foundation are compatible with our styles of defibrillator cabinets and SWAS.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and

**RECOMMENDED** to approve the additional cost in purchasing the bleed kits from the Daniel Baird Foundation, subject to confirmation that the kits will fit into the existing defibrillator cabinets.

**80/24 TO CONSIDER REDWOOD ROAD PLAY AREA OPTIONS AS A RESULT OF TENDER:**

Two established play area providers have submitted proposed designs to the full tender price. The Clerk and Deputy will meet with the Sports & Play Consultant on 18 June 2024; meanwhile a Public Consultation (both online and paper) will be conducted, including the 3 pre-schools and Upton Infant school.

**81/24 TO DISCUSS TREES AT UPTON CEMETERY:**

Members considered the report presented by the Outside Operations Manager; recommending the Town Council ensure the existing tree stock is in good health before planting further. Future planting requires strategic planning to ensure the trees can be managed effectively and efficiently. It was agreed to pause current tree planting and to review the situation in twelve months (June 2025). This will be included as an item on the Agenda of the next ENPLAN meeting for the committee to endorse.

**82/24 TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM AMENITIES CHAMPIONS****Allotments:**

**Cllr Mikka Pryor**

Nothing to report.

**Recreation Ground and Pavilion**

**Cllr Stewart McKell.**

Cllr McKell reported the No Dogs sign at Oakley Gardens entrance to the Rec is faded and illegible; a new one will be ordered.

Cllr McKell also reported on various revenue raising ideas for this area (cricket, 5-a-side football, tennis etc)

**Cemetery:**

**Cllr Mrs Mikka Pryor**

Cllr Pryor reported the Cemetery looks tidy and well presented, with the exception of the overgrown grass along the drainage ditch. BCP who are contracted to strim and mow the cemetery, will be advised.

**83/24 TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS**

Members noted the contents of the report

**84/24 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

1. An item to discuss the Town Council Christmas 2024 event will be included on the Agenda of the next Amenities meeting (9 July 2024).
2. Cllr Griffin and Cllr McKell raised the possibility of hosting a Mayor's Civic Day this year.

**There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:05 pm.**

Chair.....

Date.....