

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held on **TUESDAY** the **10 SEPTEMBER 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 S Gabriel
Councillor R Griffin (ex-Officio)

Also in attendance: Mrs K Cane (Town Clerk)
Mrs K Osborne (Deputy Town Clerk)

187/24 PUBLIC SESSION:

No members of the public were present.

188/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

189/24 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from:

Councillor S Robinson (business)
Councillor F H Drane (non-business)
Councillor S McKell (non-business)

190/24 CLERKS REPORT:

- 1) **Minute 43/23 Warbler Park Play Area** – Aldi have yet to be contacted. Alternative small scale landscaping options to be considered.
- 2) **Minute 383/23 Plans for the community picnic** – See Agenda Item 197/24

191/24 CORRESPONDENCE:

None

192/24 TO REVIEW FUTURE BURIAL PROVISION WITHIN THE TOWN AND TO RECEIVE ANY NATIONAL UPDATES REGARDING POLICIES TO ADDRESS THIS MATTER:

Members considered a detailed report on the current issues impacting the cemetery and future capacity for internments. It was acknowledged that the ground conditions at the cemetery were challenging and exacerbated by climatical changes.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and RECOMMENDED** that burials and cremations be suspended at the cemetery due to reasons of health and safety, subject to independent specialist advice.

193/24 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2024 CHRISTMAS EVENT:

Members considered the proposed format and timings for the event. It was agreed that the festivities for the children should commence earlier, from the start of the event at 5.30pm with the festive musical performances to follow in the Church.

194/24 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REDWOOD ROAD PLAY AREA RENOVATIONS:

It was reported that a site meeting with the contractor HAGS, had taken place and the estimated start date was the end of October. It was expected to take 5 weeks to complete, weather dependent. Discussions took place on how to mark the start of the refurbishment and a celebration for the opening.

195/24 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT REVISED CEMETERY REGULATIONS:

After consideration, it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and RECOMMENDED** to adopt the new cemetery regulations, subject to the addition of a preamble.

196/24 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2025 PICNIC IN THE PARK EVENT:

Members reviewed and noted the arrangements made to date.

197/24 TO SET A DATE FOR A MEETING WITH THE RBL IN RESPECT OF THE REMEMBRANCE PARADE:

Members endorsed the importance in working with the RBL in a cohesive and co-ordinated manner when arranging the Remembrance Parade to allow the opportunity for relevant input and to allocate workloads between the 2 organisations.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED** that Councillors McKell and Gabriel meet with representatives from the RBL to discuss the arrangements for this year's Remembrance Parade.

198/24 TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM AMENITIES CHAMPIONS

Allotments:

Cllr Mikka Pryor

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Cllr Stewart McKell.

Nothing to report.

Cemetery:

Cllr Mrs Mikka Pryor

Dorset Council has successfully jetted the blocked pipe. Thanks to Dorset Council were noted.

Redwood Road Play Area

Cllr Sean Gabriel

No issues to report.

Recreation Ground Play Areas

Cllr Sean Gabriel

No issues to report.

It was agreed to merge the recreation ground, pavilion and recreation play area as one reporting subject.

199/24 TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Members noted the contents of the report

200/24 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

1. Future agenda item – to consider the future of the building in the cemetery.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....