

## LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** was held in the Council Chamber, 1 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way on **TUESDAY** the **18 February 2020** and commenced at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs J M Richards in the Chair  
 Councillor Mrs M Pryor  
 Councillor F Drane  
 Councillor J R Burns  
 Councillor Mrs R J Wood  
 Councillor M Chase  
 Councillor S McKell  
 Councillor D Wilson  
 Councillor D Kennedy  
 Councillor J Sheldon

**Also in attendance:** Mrs B Lake, Office Manager  
 Mrs Sandra Samways, Admin Asst  
 Elliot Bell, Youth Advisor

**382/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**383/19 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs J Marston (personal)  
 Councillor K Brooks (work commitments)  
 Dorset Councillor Mrs A Brenton (Dorset Council meeting)  
 Dorset Councillor A J Starr (Dorset Council meeting)  
 Dorset Councillor W T Pipe (Dorset Council meeting)  
 Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk (under legal advisement)

**384/19 MINUTES:** of the Town Council meeting held on 21 January 2020 as circulated were confirmed and signed.

**385/19 CLERKS REPORT:**

- a. **Valuation Report Regarding Land at Hibbs Close and its Potential Disposal.** Nothing further to report.
- b. **Minute 123/18 To discuss the renewal of the lease of the Recreation Ground.** A list of solicitors has been sent to the Chairman of the Turbary Trust with regard to them moving solicitors to get the lease moving forward.
- c. **Minute 202/18 Lytchett Bay Nature Park Partnership.** No further information.
- d. **Minute 316/18 To consider providing an information board on 'Upton in Wartime'.** No further information.
- e. **Minute 515/18 To appoint a fire warden for each Town Council owned premises.** Cllr Brooks has completed this.
- f. **Minute 66/19 To set up a working party to look at 'Policeman's Lane Development Stage 3'.** No further information.
- g. **Minute 266/19 To consider a Review of the Town Plan.** No date has yet been set.

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**385/19 CLERKS REPORT: (cont)**

- h. **Minute 267/19 Charging Position for Depositing Waste at the Local Recycling Centres** A representative will attend the next Environment meeting on 25.2.20.
- i. **Minute 270/19 Frampton Terrace Garden Plot.** See Minute 392/19.

**386/19 CORRESPONDENCE:** None.**387/19 TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM WYATT HOMES IN RESPECT OF POLICEMAN'S LANE PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT:**

Representatives from Wyatt Homes gave a detailed presentation on the plans submitted, followed by questions from members.

**388/19 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION 6/2019/0707 RE POLICEMAN'S LANE PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT:**

Following discussion members support this provisional application, subject to Dorset Council addressing issues regarding provision of education, traffic management and cycleway. Cllr Burns also commented on the successful relationship between Wyatt Homes and LMUTC and wishes this to continue. Cllr Chase requested a representative from Wyatt Homes attend a meeting of the Lytchett Bay Nature Partnership to present on the environmental measures included in Wyatt Homes developments.

**389/19 TO APPOINT TWO COUNCIL NOMINATED TRUSTEES FOR THE TURBARY TRUST:**

A list of names has been compiled for the Turbary Trust to select from. Cllr Burns also commented on the value of LMUTC representatives sitting on the Turbary trust.

**390/19 TO CONSIDER ENTERING THE TOWN INTO BRITAIN IN BLOOM:**

It was agreed to enter Britain In Bloom.

**391/19 TO APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF STOCK FENCING AT OVERFLOW CAR PARK:**

After discussion it was agreed to replace the damaged stock fencing with similar; the lowest quote provider will be contacted to confirm specifics of this quote.

**392/19 TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STEPS BETWEEN FRAMPTON TERRACE AND HEIGHTS APPROACH:**

Cllr Chase advised the committee on the assortment of tasks currently requiring LMUTC funds. The committee are to seek legal clarification regarding the provision of these steps on LMUTC land, and any associated obligation by LMUTC.

**393/19 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) The report of the Environment committee held on 28 January 2020 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- b) The report of the Amenities committee held on 4 February 2020 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- c) The report of the Planning committee held on 11 February 2020 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

**394/19 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:****Report by Cllr Mrs A Brenton & Cllr Andrew Starr – Dorset Council**

This has been a busy month, as Dorset Council prepares for the annual Budget Meeting, and finalising the new Dorset Constitution and the Dorset Strategic Plan.

The annual **Budget Meeting** tonight is important, several meetings have been held concentrating on a balanced budget and even now there are two amendments to be voted on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. One is to try to divert some money earmarking for possible staff pay rises into a youth services support for 2 workers and grants for some youth groups. The other is to install the principle that any gains from medium term investment should have priority for mitigating climate change.

**The Constitution** was a provisional format written by the Shadow council before May 2019. Alterations to the structure of the Council will allow two Overview Committees (forward Looking) on People & Health Issues and Place & Resources and two Scrutiny (Looking back) committees on the same subjects. The Scrutiny committees will be chaired by the largest opposition group and no councillor can sit on an Overview and a Scrutiny committee at the same time, so one cannot scrutinise a piece of work that the same person planned. I regret that there is no section on coordination with Parish & Town Councils, just vague intentions.

The **Dorset Strategic Plan** has been mildly tweaked but still does not include much about Cultural activity even though that is a prime mover in some areas for social and economic activity particularly in rural areas. The extreme rain has given the Highways team some sleepless nights with trees down on Holton Heath road and the A31 and along the A35. The soil is so saturated that any heavy rain is causing problems. It is at least making it obvious which areas flood particularly at high tide. Which gives us ammunition against development on flood plains.

I have had a request for a 40mph speed limit at Sleep near the caravan park on those bends, Dorset Highways is reluctant to do so as it has not had any request from the Town Council and does not see any particular problem there.

Cllr Star and I attended the Holocaust Memorial Day service and concert in Dorchester. It was also useful to be reminded that Gypsies were also targeted by the Nazis. Also that the conflict between Bosnian Serbs and Croats in the Balkans with extreme ethnic cleansing was fuelled by sectional hatred and division, It was was a moving and sad commemoration, and ended with a determination to stand together against hate.

On a better note Win On Waste is doing well at our monthly collection sessions in the Library 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 11-12. We desperately need another couple of volunteers, and access to better storage while we bulk up the collections for despatch. It would be great if there were dedicated Aluminium and Tetrapack collection bins in Upton as there is a demand for somewhere local. Could the Parish Council consider this?

I have attended a training session on the regulations involved in making Traffic Regulation Orders , all about changes to speed limits and yellow lines.

Also a day conference in Bristol which was about changes councils can make in using digital technology to improve delivery of services and streamline information available to residents. An interesting App developed in Bristol which collated all the information on local clubs and services run by volunteers so it was easy for residents to find a suitable group in the area. Dorset does have intentions to update and improve these services, but one concern is reliability and resistance to cyber attack.

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**394/19 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS/DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS: cont****Report by Cllr W Pipe – Dorset Council**

**LYTCHETT MINSTER AGE CONCERN LUNCH CLUB:** I have managed to secure funding of £6,600.00 of continuation funding for the lunch club which offers a community service to our more vulnerable and elderly residents. Not an easy battle, but with determination and a belief in knowing what is right and just, the result is all the more sweeter. My thanks go to Laura Cornette of Dorset Council and to Matt Prosser, Chief Executive for bringing the result to the table.

**TRAVELLERS UNLAWFUL SITE AT LYTCHETT MINSTER:** An order of removal [eviction notice] was served on the two remaining intentionally homeless people remaining at the site on St Valentine's Day. They have chosen to ignore the notice and an application will be made to the County Court for an order of repossession of the land by Dorset Council. This may take a few weeks, but Dorset Council ensures me that the situation will be resolved by the end of March. To stop a recurrence of the twice-yearly invasion, I have suggested to Dorset Council that they block the access road. They are sympathetic to this suggestion and are currently looking into options to do so in conjunction with British Telecom.

**RECENT STORMS:** The two recent storms have spared us in the way of structural damage; just one tree was blown over [on private property] and flooding at the Bakers Arms and Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster was minimal.

**ORGANFORD LANE SPEED RESTRICTIONS:** I have formally requested the Town Council to approach Dorset Council Highways team with the intention to impose a reduced speed restriction on the lane from 60mph to 40mph and from 60mph to 30mph on the stretch of the lane adjacent to the caravan park after concerns were raised with me by residents of the park. A further suggestion by them was to extend the cycle way from Organford to the A35 and further, to the Bakers Arms roundabout; joining then with the existing cycleway. Perhaps the Environment Committee may like to look into this now that the Prime Minister has announced money be made available for such schemes?

**MICHAEL TOMLINSON, M.P.:** I'm sure the Town Council would join with me in congratulating our Member of Parliament on securing a position in the recent reshuffle as a Lord Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury; a rather grand sounding title which means that Michael has secured a position within the Whips Office!! I am in regular contact with Michael and his team at Race Farm, so if I can be of any assistance in helping Town Council members get in touch with him, just please give me a call.

**395/19 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS:**

This was reviewed by the committee and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the financial summary of accounts up to the end of the month be approved.

**396/19 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND TO INSTRUCT MEMBERS TO SIGN CHEQUES AND AUTHORISE PAYMENTS:**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the accounts for February 2020 be approved.

**397/19 ITEMS OF REPORT (INCLUDING PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES) AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

- a. Cllr Kennedy commented on Harmans Cross using an old telephone box to house a defibrillator.
- b. Cllr Chase reported Cllr McKell has arranged to collect the defibrillator to be sited at 1 Moorland Parade.

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**397/19 ITEMS OF REPORT (INCLUDING PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES) AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: cont**

- c. Cllr Drane requested the issue of traffic and pollution locally is major issue; this will be added as an Agenda item to the next meeting of the Environment Committee; Cllr Chase advised Dorset Council will be re-involved to assist.

**398/19 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM:**

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.**

Chairman.....

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