

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **AMENITIES** Committee was held in the Council Chamber, 1 Moorland Parade, Moorland Way on **Tuesday 4 February 2020** which commenced at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

- Councillor Mrs M Pryor (in the Chair)
- Councillor M Chase
- Councillor F H Drane
- Councillor Mrs R J Wood
- Councillor Mrs J Marston
- Councillor S McKell
- Councillor J Sheldon
- Councillor D Kennedy

Also in attendance:

- Mrs B Lake, Office Manager
- Mrs S Samways, Admin Asst

363/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

- Councillor Mrs J M Richards (Mayor) (personal)
- Councillor K Brooks (work commitments)
- Elliot Bell, Youth Advisor (personal)
- Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk (holiday)

364/19: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

365/19 CLERKS REPORT:

- a. Minute 191/19 Play Inspection Reports.** The Council continue to work to repair issues highlighted during play area inspection.
- b. Minute 356/19 Upgrading of Security Alarm at The Grove.** Cllr Chase and The Clerk has yet to formalise a further meeting with the potential supplier.

366/19 CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

367/19 TO CONFIRM DATE OF CHRISTMAS EVENT 2020:

It was confirmed the Community Centre has been booked for the Christmas event on Thursday 17 December 2020.

368/19 TO SET A DATE FOR THE NEXT UPTON CEMETERY INSPECTION:

The next Cemetery Inspection will be on Tuesday 7th April 2020, commencing at 6pm at the cemetery.

369/19 TO REVIEW CEMETERY REGULATIONS:

The cemetery regulations were reviewed and amended; the policy for allocating grave and cremation plots at Upton Cemetery was accepted.

369/19 TO APPROVE UPDATED TABLE OF FEES FOR UPTON CEMETERY:

Following the government's establishment of the Children's Funeral Fund, which will pay for the costs of child burials there will now be two sets of Cemetery fees; one for the public showing a fee of zero for child burials and one for LMUTC detailing the cost to reclaim from the government fund. It was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to approve this.

370/19 TO SET AMENITIES FEES FOR 2020/21:

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to increase the fees by 5%.

371/19 TO CONSIDER HOW THE TOWN COUNCIL MIGHT COMMEMORATE THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY ON FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020:

Cllr Chase proposed a VE themed commemorative flower bed at the Clock Tower which was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously.

372/19 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

- a) **Allotments**
Cllr Mrs M Pryor
None.

- b) **Recreation Ground and Pavilion**
Cllr M Chase
 - A complaint was received regarding the uneven paving access to The Grove; Grounds Team have now made the area level and safe.
 - The heating engineers have attended twice to rectify the issues with two radiators, everything is now working.
 - The overflow car park is currently closed to secure the area following the escape of the horse; LMUTC are liable for the fencing and quotes are being obtained. This is causing further congestion on Sea View Road with football players and supporters parking at weekends.
 - The weekend caretaker advised improvement works to re-grass the goal areas have been completed. The pitches continue to drain successfully.

- c) **Cemetery**
Cllr Mrs M Pryor
Nothing further to report.

- d) **Redwood Road Play Area**
Cllr Mrs J M Richards
None.

- e) **Warbler Park Skatepark**
Cllr S McKell
 - The manhole cover continues to lift during heavy rain fall; Cllr McKell inspects weekly.
 - A local resident continues to litterpick this area keeping it clean.

373/19 TO RECEIVE COMMITTEE FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The committee financial update was received, reviewed and agreed.

374/19 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- a) Cllr Kennedy sought confirmation the newly ordered plastic lumber benches will be sited on concrete paving slabs at the cemetery.

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374/19 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: (contd)

- b) Cllr Mrs Pryor commented on the pleasing appearance of the recently installed earth bund at Creekmoor, but expressed concern a similar height one would not deter vehicles from accessing the open space at Dacombe Drive.

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

Chairman.....

Date.....

DEMOCRATIC SESSION:

A member of the public attended the meeting regarding issues with standing water at Upton Cemetery. The members sympathised, agreeing this is an ongoing problem aggravated by the poor quality of the ground. Cllr Chase gave a detailed explanation of the most recent drainage works that have been undertaken to alleviate the situation, and advised of a future meeting with Dorset Council to discuss drainage provision on the A350 Blandford road North adjacent to the cemetery. Cllr Drane recommended involving the Dorset Councillors to support this.