



MEMBERS OF LYTCHETT MINSTER AND UPTON TOWN COUNCIL HOLD INAUGURAL VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Town Council is pleased to report that its first successful virtual Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 21 April 2020. Keen to continue to represent their residents, members met 'virtually' to discuss matters – with 15 participants, including Dorset Council members.



There was much planning and preparation that went into this, with many trial runs and much testing before going live. Members were able to practice in 'mini' test meetings, and also were encouraged to watch webinars on good practice, as encouraged by the National Association of Local Councils.

Whilst only transacting business of a pressing nature during these exceptional times, the Council did commit to seeking funding to support its community.

It has been agreed that members will only meet monthly virtually to transact urgent business during the governmental lockdown, and once this is lifted they will once again assemble in the Council chamber for full council meetings as well as committee meetings.

We are proud to be one of the first Council's in Dorset to facilitate the execution of democratic representation virtually.