



What's in a Name?

History

When the Foxhills development was built by the Morrish Brothers in the 1980's certain arrangements were agreed for the maintenance of the common parts. Fifteen years later the Parish Council was handed a sum of money, which, if invested, would provide for the maintenance in perpetuity of the open space associated with the development.

The money initially earned enough bank interest but with historically low rates the Parrish Council has latterly had to make the 'dowry' work harder by taking out a bond. This currently covers the annual costs and some is reinvested to counteract the effects of inflation. A condition of the arrangement, under a 'Section 106 agreement' was a play park and this was completed in 2011 by a group of residents working with the parish council and grant providers, notably Viridor. A further condition was a footpath alongside the stream through to Deans Drove to provide a route to school for children and parents. With the

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Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Planning team has continued to meet to review the responses from the questionnaire and how to put those responses into formal structured plans. We have formed into three groups; land development, village amenities and school/traffic.

Purbeck District Council has advised the Neighbourhood Planning team that Lytchett Matravers is surrounded by green belt and only an amendment to the planning policy would allow any development. This would seem to be a safeguard against further expansion of the village. However, Purbeck District Council is also starting a review of their Local Plan, which governs local planning policy. The objective of this review is to allocate more housing developments across the district. As we know, Lytchett Matravers has been a favourite destination for such development in the past and it is vital that the Neighbourhood Planning team, the Parish Council and all residents take an active part in the review so that any development fits in with the wishes of the village expressed in the questionnaire responses.

The Neighbourhood Planning team has been looking at other potential sites and will include those sites in the Neighbourhood Plan as a guide. But the Neighbourhood Plan cannot set out any specific plans since that land is currently in the green belt.

The Neighbourhood Planning team has also opened preliminary discussions with Wessex Water on their plans for the reservoir site. Their initial proposal has been refused, but could

be approved in a modified form. Engaging with the local community is important for such a central site. Many responses to the questionnaire outlined the need for some smaller units that would be suitable for older residents to downsize to, thereby freeing up larger houses within the village for younger families. This is a critical aspect of the discussions with Wessex Water.

The school/traffic team has focused on several potential improvements and has circulated a specific additional questionnaire to parents of children at the village school. These include opening up an entrance from Eldons Drove to the school field for parents walking with their children, replacement of the bus shelter that blocks the pavement by the school crossing with a more open design that doesn't encroach on to the pavement, using the Lytchett Astro entrance as an overflow car park and installing parking controls (yellow lines) around the key road junctions near the school (Cecil Place, Eldons Drove, Deans Drove and Dillons Gardens).

The questionnaire responses suggested that in overall terms, we should try and make more use of the current village amenities, rather than build new ones.

We are still looking for more residents who are interested in taking part in the meetings and contributing to the final plan, so do contact anyone from the Parish Council and they will be able to advise where and when the next meeting will be.

Cllr Alf Bush

Join Our Litter Pick

The Parish Council is organizing its second litter pick on Saturday the 22nd of November.

The meeting point will be the

Recreation field car park at the village hall end. The starting time is 10 a.m. It will finish at 12.00 noon. Safety guidance will be given and we have a

supply of Hi-Viz vests and litter pickers which we will issue for your use. Please come along and join in.

Cllr John Taylor



Meet The New Councillor



Alan Cottman

I have lived in Lytchett Matravers for 3 years. My two children both attend Lytchett Matravers primary school. I work for Dorset Fire & Rescue Service within the prevention team. Prior to this I worked in further education. Helping Lytchett stay a pleasant place to live is the reason why I have joined LMPC. I follow no political party I just like good ideas for local people.



Rob Carswell

I have lived in Lytchett Matravers for 9 years, am married to Natalie and have 3 children (aged 4, 6, 8) who all attend Lytchett Matravers Primary School. 'I love living in the village and enjoy taking an active role in helping to maintain and improve the various aspects of village life. My interest and experience in design, planning, environmental issues & sustainability is already being put to good use.'

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need to alleviate car parking on Wareham Road, this project was given renewed emphasis 2 years ago and, mainly due to some tough and persistent negotiation by former councillor Julie Dyball, it was finally completed this summer.

One thing still missing is a name. Can you come up with one that the Council can accept? A descriptor like 'cut' would be useful but not essentially. Send me your suggestions on martyn@colvey.tv and you might get invited to an opening.

Cllr Martyn Colvey

Who Cuts the Grass In Lytchett Matravers?

The Parish Council receives a number of enquiries each year about the maintenance of areas of grass in and around the village. The answer is that public areas are maintained by a combination of agencies working in partnership. We hope the following helps to make things clearer.....

Roadside verges. These are maintained by Dorset County Council Highways department, and are divided into two categories:

1. Roadside grass verges within the village boundaries – which they term "urban". These are currently scheduled to receive 6 cuts per year between April and October. However, the cutting frequency is under review and may be reduced in the future.

2. Roadside verges on the back lanes and the roads connecting Lytchett Matravers with other communities. DCC Highways Dept refer to these as "rural", and aim to cut them twice between April and October. DCC Highways Department's concern in cutting roadside verges is safety. Consequently their priority is to ensure an adequate level of visibility. Appearance of these areas is secondary to that.

The cost of this work is provided for within the County Council's proportion of the Council Tax.

Recreation Ground. The Northern (major) part of the field is leased to the Sports Club. The Club employs a contractor to cut the

grass on the main sports field playing areas each month. Whilst attending to this, the same contractor also gang mows the Southern end of the recreation ground which has been retained by the Parish Council for children's play areas, the skate park, and an open area for general use.

Foxhills Development - Open space. This is done by a contractor who also does a lot of work for the District Council. The contractor was appointed by the Parish Council as a result of a competitive tender process. This ensures the community gets good value for this expenditure. The grass is maintained as a general open space, rather than cut short as a games playing surface.

Cemetery. This has been maintained by the same experienced specialist contractor for over 10 years. The contractor maintains a number of other cemeteries. Again, the appointment was the result of competitive tendering, and it provides the community with very good value for money.

Allotments trackways, Memorial Green, edges of the Recreation Ground, areas around the bus stops, edges of Lytchett Astro, and other small areas of grass around the village.

All of this is done for the Parish Council by a local contractor who lives in the village and who takes great care and pride in his work.

Tim Watton, Parish Clerk

New Village Web Site

Lytchett Matravers Parish Council is here to represent the community it serves and to take up local issues, which it can only achieve through close ties and good communications with the community.

As part of our ongoing commitment to clear communication, the Parish Council have commissioned a new Parish Council website. We would like the website to be the first port of call for everything happening in Lytchett Matravers (News, Events, Contacts, etc). You can use the website to find out when council meetings are happening, contact the council and read minutes of council meetings.

Our new website will keep you informed of Parish Council news, minutes, agendas, Councillor

information, etc as well as useful links to Purbeck District Council & Dorset County Council. Please try out our new site by visiting

www.lytchettmatraverspc.org

Cllr John Taylor



Lytchett Matravers Bus Service



Fred Drane welcomes John Aspray of Dorset Community Transport at 07.43 outside the Rose & Crown in Lytchett Matravers on 23 July 2014 for the inaugural run of the new CT10 service into Poole.

Recent changes to the Bus service for Lytchett Matravers left villagers, who were reliant on the bus to get to and from work, without a bus. The Parish Council worked with our County Councillor Fred Drane to find an alternative to fill the gap.

Fred worked with Dorset Community Transport and the County Council's transport officers and the bus company. An early morning route started on Wednesday 23rd July.

Since the start of the service More Bus have also laid on a number 10 service at 07.30. As a

result Dorset Community Transport will cease its service this Christmas. However the council is grateful to Dorset Community Transport for doing a great job filling the gap.

The Parish Council felt it was important that people in rural areas have good access to public transport for work, shopping and leisure activities, and that we must press to ensure there's adequate transport in the less populated areas.

Cllr John Taylor

Village Hall Redecoration

Users of the Village Hall will have noticed how smart it looks.

Southern Gas Community Action Programme (C.A.P) have decorated the Hall throughout, after using it as an emergency station last October. The Blanchard Room, main hall, entrance and adjoining corridor have

all been cleaned and painted. Skylights have also been cleaned and trees overhanging the pathway pruned. In return, members of the Village Hall Committee provided tea and cake.

More work on the Village Hall is likely in the near future. Watch this space.....

Cllr Liz Wilson

Useful Contacts

Dorset County Council

Contact Dorset Direct on 01305 221000 (8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.) or email to dorsetdirect@dorsetccgov.uk

Highways Team on 01305 221020

Call to report problems with roads, gutters, pavements, hedges & trees that obstruct a road or pavement. Also, with requests for new pavements and dropped kerbs.

Dorset Waste Partnership

on 01305 221040

Call to report problems with domestic waste collection and street cleaning.

To order composters and water butts call 0844 571 4444 quoting reference DOR11L.

Street Lighting

The first point of contact for all street lighting issues is Southern Electric on 0800 068 4145.

Purbeck District Council

Contact Customer Services

on 01929 556561

or email customerservices@purbeck-dc.gov.uk for the following:

Dog Fouling

Seek enforcement via the Dog Warden Service which covers the village.

Fly Tipping

To report incidents.

Vermin

A service is provided to tackle vermin, using a private contractor. It is not free.

Meet The New Councillor



Peter Webb

I have lived in Lytchett since 1968. I am married to Sara and have four daughters. One lives in Lytchett Matravers and her daughters go to the Lytchett Schools. I am retired from agricultural supply and other business interests. I am involved in farming and related environmental issues. I enjoy sport and keeping active. I would like to see Lytchett be comfortable with itself by maintaining a proper balance between housing, amenities, facilities, infrastructure and employment opportunities based on the needs of its residents. I was a Purbeck District Councillor 2011 -2014



Andrew Huggins

I moved from Gloucestershire to Poole in 1999, and to Lytchett Matravers 6 years ago. I am IT manager for a chemical manufacturer in Poole where I have worked for the last 14 years. I am married with 2 young children who keep me busy, but I also enjoy swimming, and am a lapsed horse rider and church bellringer.

I joined the parish council in summer 2014.



Chairmans' Update

We started a new four-year term in May without the benefit of some stalwarts who had made great contributions over the years before standing down.

We were tremendously fortunate that four new members stepped forward in June to take on the work of the Council.

Over the time I've served I've notice that the work we do is more and more relevant to

the future of the village, we dispense larger sums of money and affect more parts of village life. I'm so pleased we have a full complement of councillors to dispatch these tasks.

The most far reaching is the Neighbourhood Planning process whereby some responsibilities for the District's Local Plan originate here in the village. We are looking into how much and where housing and business development should take place, what infrastructure will that require, and what any development should look like. I'm further buoyed by the fact we have been able to 'co-opt'

subject matter experts from within the village to help with our deliberations.

We still need to deal with the more prosaic issues like grass, hedges and dog poo. All of these will be addressed over the coming year and we will improve our communications to keep you informed of what's happening.

Last year we invited you to help with cleaning up verges, we will be doing that again and more.

The main source of information will be a rebuilt council website. It will be more up to date and thus you should look there first.

Cllr Martyn Colvey

Lytchett Link Directory

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Planning Cllr E Wilson, Cllr R Carswell, A Huggins, A Cottman, Cllr J Taylor, I Maitland, Cllr P Webb, Cllr C Wood (Chairman).

Note: The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council are ex officio members of all committees.

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Cllrs Drane and Taylor hold a surgery first Friday of the month in the Library 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Time Table of Full Council Meetings

Monday 20th October

Monday 17th November

Monday 15th December

Monday 19th January

Monday 16th February

Monday 16th March

Meetings will normally take place at the Lytchett Matravers Sports Club Hall Recreation Field commencing at 7.30pm.

Agendas are displayed on the Parish Council notice boards.

Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend all meetings and some time is allowed at the commencement of the meetings (i.e. Immediately after 7.30pm) for members of the public to raise matters of concern to them.

Lytchett Matravers website...

www.parishcouncil.lytchettmatravers.org.uk/

Facebook: Lytchett Matravers

Twitter: @lytchmatravers

Important Numbers

Police Community Support Officers

PC1813 Jonathan Stuart PCSO 5344 Luke Taylor 101 / 07825 521900

Only dial 999 if a life is in danger or a crime is in progress

Purbeck District Council Careline (to report noise and other nuisances) 01929 554555

'CLARENCE' - Dorset County Council (for reporting road related problems) 0800 232323

Doctors' Surgery - Heath Cottage, High Street 632764

Lytchett Pharmacy - Next to Tesco 631815

Meals on Wheels (WRVS) - 677480

Village Hall Bookings - 632241

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