



COMMUNITY ACTION in LYTCHETT MATRAVERS (CALM) 2016

Our voluntary group CALM had to be revived, supported by the Parish Council, as Lytchett Matravers could be swamped by up to 980 new houses in our green belt plus Lytchett Minster's 650 at the bottom of Wareham Road on a site known as Bere Farm, Lytchett Matravers.

CALM first met on the 30th June and saw that its first priority was to mobilise Lytchett Matravers residents to respond to Purbeck District Council's Partial Review Consultation by their summer deadline of 12th August!

To achieve this, CALM volunteers delivered its leaflet "Say NO to 980 houses in our green belt" together with a form to use to respond to the consultation. A public meeting was also held on the 23rd July in the Village Hall with speakers Parish Cllr Cindy Webb, Michael Tomlinson MP, Gary Suttle (leader of PDC) and Peter Bowyer of the Pan-Purbeck Action Campaign (PPAC). More than 200 local people attended this

meeting. The overall majority were united in wishing to preserve the surrounding Green Belt. Publicity via posters, placards and a banner on the green outside Tesco drew attention to the deadline of the 12th August. Additionally on the 6th August CALM volunteers were available on the green outside Tesco to answer queries and provide paperwork.

CALM has joined PPAC as housing numbers for the Purbeck district are based on inappropriate national figures which need to be challenged and are already out of date following the EU referendum and the widely expected economic downturn.

As part of PPAC, CALM will continue to lobby PDC, as well as prepare for the challenges ahead after PDC announce their decisions at a public meeting at Purbeck School on the 20th October.

If you would like to join CALM please contact Keith Norris at keithanorris@hotmail.co.uk

Cllr Keith Norris



LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Never heard of AED? Automated External Defibrillator! A Defib to you and me. Did you know that you have only got between 3 – 5 minutes after having a heart attack before your chances of survival begin to drastically decrease if nothing is done?

Did you know there is an AED in Tesco's in Lytchett Matravers? Until very recently it was only available during store opening hours.

These little machines are life savers. Alan Cottman, a Parish Councilor had a vision that the AED at Tesco's could be fixed onto an external wall and be available for villagers to use 24/7. He approached Tesco's and they agreed to having the AED on an external wall but were unable to help with the cost of training nor installation.

The costs involved are:- £395 for a case to keep the AED in, £150 for an Electrician to install the case, £4000 to pay for a trainer to train 100 residents of Lytchett Matravers in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and AED use. The training isn't essential, anyone can use an AED but the outcome for someone having a heart attack is vastly improved if the person on the scene has had basic CPR and AED training.

£200 to hire a venue in the village for 5 sessions.

This all comes to a total of £4745. Plus ongoing maintenance and

running costs.

Information about the AED was posted onto Face Book hoping for some donations and to encourage people to sign up for the training.

Amazingly, thanks to the power of the Internet and your generosity we have got 2 Electricians offering to install the AED free of charge. An amazing, highly qualified lady called Pat has offered, in her own time, to train all 100 people in CPR and AED use. Sue, the manager at the library has offered the use of the library, free of charge, for 4 sessions and last but not least, Lytchett Matravers Parish Council voted unanimously to pay for the case.

Happy days..... South West Ambulance Service have approved the AED's use.

All we have to do now is wait for you to sign up for the training. We are asking for a donation. this. The suggested amount is £10 per person.

Please e mail, juli@gracey.org or tel 07740682598 to book you and your family a place .

Cllr Julia Gracey

Sports Club Update

As many of you may know the Lytchett Matravers Sports Club has been in decline for a number of years now. Over this period of time its seen the cricket club leave to play outside the village and the men's football no longer have a team. The table tennis club have hung in there and are always welcoming new members, Thursday nights in the sports hall if you fancy trying to beat the old pro's.

The youth football have gone from strength to strength in the same period, its nice to see the youngsters on the pitches Saturday and Sundays.

The Parish Council set up a working group to try and help save the Sports Club in the short term.

Things came to a head earlier this year with the Sports Club AGM when around 60 locals attended. During this meeting many villagers stepped up to fill the voluntary jobs that are needed to run the club.

After the AGM we had a visit from The Football Foundation

- which had donated the majority of the money to build the MUGA. They are happy with the usage of the MUGA which includes the primary school holding PE lessons there during the day. The Parish Council recently spent over £3,000 repairing the playing surface and the fencing this year and have committed to a regular maintenance contract. However its not been all good news at the MUGA with rubbish being left on the playing surface, even though a bin has been installed at the entrance. Unfortunately there have been more serious incidents on the MUGA including people riding motorbikes on the playing surface and a small fire which has melted the surface. Both of these incidents are criminal offences and if you seeing anyone damaging the MUGA please report it to the police. If these incidents continue The Parish Council and the sports club may have to lock the facility to protect it. Please respect it as we want you to use it not lose it.

Cllr Alan Cottman

Wilful Damage Around the Village

As the nights have been lighter over the summer Rocket Park has been used more and more. This is great news, but sometimes has resulted in damage to the play equipment. Mostly this damage is accidental, but sadly, on occasion, intentional.

In addition, the Sports Pavilion was recently broken into and damaged, along with equipment in Rocket Park. The fence around Rocket Park has also been broken on many occasions. Another site of intentional damage is the British Legion building, which has been damaged and broken into. When discovered these incidents of wilful damage are reported to the

police and a crime number is allocated. The Police and LMPC encourage you to report any such acts of wilful damage to the Police.

As with everything resources are limited and the rolling programme of improvements that are planned for Rocket Park (namely, improving the basketball equipment and a possible 5 a side court) will have to be delayed whilst the damaged equipment is replaced and repaired.

The Parish Council are committed to ensuring that the village remains a safe and wholesome place to live and play, and will work closely with the Police in an effort to identify who has caused this damage. **Cllr Cindy Wood / Cllr Julia Gracey**

Celebrating the Queen's 90th



Martyn Colvey Chairman of the Parish Council dishes out the Cake at the Queens Birthday picnic on the green.

On Sunday June 12th 2016, some of the residents of the village joined in the largest ever street party to celebrate with the Queen on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Referring to street parties across the country, the Queen said..."I would like to say thank you for the wonderful support and encouragement that you continue to give to me. I hope these happy celebrations will remind us of the many benefits that can flow when people come together for a common purpose as families friends or neighbours."

She ended with a joke: "How I will feel if people are still singing Happy Birthday in December remains to be seen."

Cllr John Taylor

Autumn Litter Pick Saturday 8th October

Time: 10am

Meet: The recreation ground car park (village hall end)

We need to continue making progress in our battle against the litter bugs so please join us. Safety guidance will be given and we have a supply of High Vis vests and litter pickers to use if you do not have your own. Please bring your own gloves.

Cllr Keith Norris

Fortifying The Rec

You may have noticed the new green gates appearing at all vehicle entrances to The Rec - these are part of a security programme that will help deter unwanted incursions onto our field and car park.

The next phase of the programme involved the moving of 30 tonnes of soil to create a series of embankments around the Village Hall and at Hannams Close to further prevent vehicles entering The Rec and surrounding greenspace.

We have never had any travellers, etc camping on our greenspaces and so it is understandable to assume that they won't, however, as neighbouring authorities (mainly Poole & East Dorset) secure more of their parks and open spaces, we may find ourselves playing host to unwanted visitors in the future...

Cllr Rob Carswell



The new mounds surrounding the recreation ground will be seeded to blend in with existing grass areas.

Huntick Cycleway

Lytchett Minster School is the main Secondary School serving Lytchett Matravers and yet, in these days of encouraging people to walk or cycle, the "official" foot/cycle path to the Minster school is along the single-track Foxhills Road (with no footpath) and then along a secluded bridlepath which many would consider unsafe for children, certainly in dark Winter months.

There have been attempts in the past to get a cyclepath alongside Huntick Road to the Manor, as a more appropriate alternative, but Dorset County Council (DCC) have previously rejected this.

With new vigour and lots of support from the Parish Council and public, we are injecting new life into the Project and this time we are more optimistic of success than ever. We have started discussions with landowners who are so far supporting the project. There are some challenges, but we have fresh ideas and we are starting to make new enquiries with DCC.

Watch out in the Primary School and the Minster School newsletters and on the Parish Council website for a survey and online petition coming soon, and please give it your support so we can make our children safer. In order for the project to reach fruition we will need evidence of support of the petition to present to DCC. In the meantime, please follow #huntickcycleway for updates.

Cllr Andrew Huggins

Wareham Road Bus Shelter

The Parish Council has had a long term plan to work with Dorset Highways to remove the bus shelter in Wareham Road near the primary school. The current shelter is an obstruction on the pavement just at the point where the school crossing patrol operates. The idea is to either rebuild the shelter with a more modern canopy style shelter which would not block the pavement or to relocate it elsewhere. The Parish Council has tried to engage the bus companies

without much success to date.

However, the degradation of the shelter has led to the asbestos roof being considered unsafe and it is being removed during the school holidays by a specialist company. The next stage is then to rebuild the shelter and it is hoped that the roof issue will provide the momentum with the various authorities to get this done.

Cllr Alf Bush

Chairman's Update



As the seasons change you find the Parish Council musing on whatever happened to the high summers when little happened. I think it's gone the way of half day closing and hyphens.

This year for instance the Council has been very busy. We organised a DIY picnic to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, responded to the District Council's proposition that 980 extra houses could

be built down Wareham Road over the next 17 years, fortified the Recreation Field and Village Hall grounds against incursion by travellers and dealt with the aftermath of a minor crime and destruction campaign against the public playgrounds, as well as making sure we have a well run Sports Club serving our more sporty

village residents.

As we move into the Autumn the council will be monitoring any changes to the District's Local Plan and its effect on this village. Both councillors and residents have put an enormous effort into the Neighbourhood Plan and you will be asked to endorse the results in an up and coming referendum. The Neighbourhood Plan is important as it's our best defence against uncontrolled developments, be they small or large. It will help with infrastructure issues such as, should we bring the former British Legion building into the public domain and what would be its uses over the next 30 years.

At the other end of the scale we've debated over what the green at the higher crossroads is called. One camp says it's the Memorial Green whereas the other says Old School Green. It's a little like the pronunciation of scone or scones. (What do you think Twitter: @lytchmatravers). What ever you call the green. It's an asset the village can be proud of and we hope to see a few more events like the picnic in future.

Cllr Martyn Colvey

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Cllr Drane holds a surgery first Friday of the month in the Library 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Time Table of Full Council Meetings

Monday 19th Sept

Monday 17th Oct

Monday 21st Nov

Monday 19th Dec

Monday 16th Jan

Monday 20th Feb

Meetings will normally take place at Methodist Church, Wareham Road commencing at 7.00pm.

Agendas are displayed on the Parish Council notice boards and website.

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 7.00pm) for members of the public to raise matters of concern to them.

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