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The Lytchett  
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News Letter



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FREE

Neighbourhood Plan  
**93%**  
**YES**  
Referendum

# The Neighbourhood Plan is Approved - The First in the Purbeck District

**T**he Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan went to a referendum on May 4th and was overwhelmingly approved by 1,240 votes to 90. This is a 93% approval rating and the Neighbourhood Planning Team are amazed by such an emphatic result.

Purbeck District Council have advised that the plan will be formally adopted at their meeting of June 13th. That means that PDC Planning will have to include the requirements of the plan in any planning applications within the parish of Lytchett Matravers.

Any new developments have to fit in with the village and to have adequate space between houses and to allow for adequate parking spaces without overflowing on to existing roads. Developers are encouraged to develop 'home zone' areas that are safe for children and to include green spaces for play. They need to

show how they are protecting any local environment.

The plan will not prevent development, but it can make it work for the village and the parish. It will also provide additional funding for village projects through the Community Infrastructure Levy applicable to all new developments.

The plan also included a whole set of projects for the improvement of the village centre, the sporting infrastructure and for expanding facilities for various children's activities. The approval of the plan means we have more opportunities to obtain funding and move ahead.

This is a big step forward for our village and shows that the residents of Lytchett Matravers both care about their village and environment and have been shown to put that care into action.

**Cllr Alf Bush**

## LYTCHETT MATRAVERS VILLAGE FAYRE



**There are lots of stands and entertainment including music and even a traction engine!**

**F**UN FAMILY COMMUNITY - These are the 3 words we refer to when describing the Village Fayre. We want the event to be available to everyone. There is no entrance fee. Last year you said that there were too many stalls so this year we have invited less stallholders but charged a little more for a pitch. Hopefully, you will have a relaxed stroll around the stalls then you will be able

**to just sit in the sun and relax listening to the live music**

**FUN** - There is something for everyone to look at, do or buy! We have got a 1895 Peerless traction engine coming to the Fayre. The Zorbs are coming but this time wet ones!!! The 2 WI's will be serving cream teas in the village hall. The Herbert's Travelling Fayre will be in residence with rides for the littleies. For the first time we have invited a wild life petting zoo! Not forgetting the world famous Piper, Irene Robinson, waking you all up on the morning of the fayre as she walks through the village.

**FAMILY** - the fayre offers the opportunity for families and friends to get together on our amazing Recreation Ground and enjoy a day out, listen to live music, sitting on hay bales enjoying something to eat, drink and meet new friends while the kids run around the rec.

**COMMUNITY** - We hope you will spend a day celebrating with us all that is good about Lytchett Matravers, village community groups, local businesses and of course all of us, the people who live in Lytchett Matravers.

**The Lytchett Matravers  
Village Fayre Committee 2017**

## Royal British Legion (Asset of Community Value) Up For Sale

**T**he Royal British Legion Club closed over 2 years ago and the building has been left empty since that time. The Parish Council approached the RBL and asked if it could be used for community purposes, but was told it was not possible.

The Parish Council then registered the building as an 'Asset of Community Value' last year. Such registration was to allow the

Parish Council to have time to put in an offer for the building. Our hope was that the owner would allow an offer that would mean the building could be used for the community.

Unfortunately, despite efforts to contact the owner, it has not proved possible and the Community Asset registration was ended after 4 months' notice. The building is now on the open market for development. There remains a small chance some community use may be forthcoming, but it is small.

# A Walk in the Park ?

# VILLAGE HALL NEWS



The Parish council is considering helping runners keep fit using the footpath around the recreation ground.

**D**id you know that one full lap of the path around the rec is 625m (0.39miles) ? So 5 laps is about 2 miles, and 8 laps is 5KM (the distance of a Parkrun). For an average person, walking 1 lap uses 38 calories. Walk 2 laps and you've burned off a small glass of wine or a fun-sized Mars Bar! Run the laps and you'll use even more!

We are considering putting distance markers around the Rec at 100m intervals. But where do we place the "Start"? Corner nearest Tesco? Corner nearest Village hall? And do we go Clockwise or Anti-Clockwise? Any comments, please reply to me AWAHuggins@aol.com . Always drink responsibly and seek medical advice before undertaking exercise if in doubt! Other chocolate bars are available.

Cllr Andrew Huggins

# Huntick Road Cyclepath Survey



Walking to School along Huntick road can be very dangerous as several councillors found out recently.

**D**orset County Council Highways dept officers have visited Lytchett Matravers and investigated route options, and have provided outline proposals with costings, each in the region of £500,000.

For the length of the pathway and the engineering challenges, this is not an unrealistic figure. In order to ensure we have public support, we have set up a short online survey. Please take a few minutes to fill it out: [www.lytchettmatraverspc.org/huntick-cyclepath-survey](http://www.lytchettmatraverspc.org/huntick-cyclepath-survey) Due to elections and council reorganisations, DCC has "stalled" it currently, but we are ready to push it once elections are done. Cllr Andrew Huggins

**T**hose of you who use the Village Hall will be aware that major refurbishment is almost complete.

After successful fund raising a grant of £10,000 meant that an upgrade of the central heating system could be carried out last autumn. Following on was the long awaited refurbishment of the toilets. The last stage of this project, fitting new skylights in both male and female toilets, is about to commence. New floors have been laid in the entrance area, corridor and both toilets. The result is a vast improvement in the facilities and appearance of this valuable village asset.

Cllr Liz Wilson



The new hand wash facilities in the Village Hall toilets are a much need upgrade.

# Community Action Lytchett Matravers

**W**e are launching a new website to support CALM, your Community Action group, which can be found at <http://CommunityAction.LytchettMatravers.org.uk/>

Here you will find a whole range of materials, including items relating to local planning, housing development, the Village Centre and Purbecks plans for the region, etc.

If you have any questions about the local plans, please email us at [calm@lytchettmatravers.org.uk](mailto:calm@lytchettmatravers.org.uk). You can also complete the email sign up on the website to receive notification of any new items posted.

And don't forget you can also keep up to date with CALM and other activities in the village by liking the Lytchett Matravers Facebook page or following @LytchMatravers on Twitter

Cllr Beverly Barker

11am - 4pm  
Saturday  
June 17th  
2017

ALL  
Welcome

Lytchett  
Matravers  
Village  
Fayre

To enquire or book a pitch at this event please contact Julia on 07740682698 or by email

Community  
Family  
Fun

# Chairman's Update



**A New World Order? President Trump is running the USA, Britain is heading out of the EU, we've just elected a new Government for Westminster and the District Council is disappearing to be replaced by . . . well, who knows what?**

But in Lytchett the Parish Council goes on as ever; cutting grass, managing the graveyard and the allotments picking up the litter. And, we have our major projects as well; the Neighbourhood Plan has just been approved by a

village wide referendum with 93% of voters in favour. Remember it was written here in the village by the PC with help from many other villagers for which we're very grateful. The village will benefit from having a Neighbourhood Plan for decades to come so, on behalf of all those who worked so hard to devise it I like to thank the 1,240 people who went out and voted for it to such a resounding effect. We will be coming back from time to time with news on it's implementation.

Also on the 'good news front' you'll see elsewhere that the Village Hall has new toilets largely thanks to a substantial grant from the solar farm people brokered by the Parish Council.

On a separate issue The Review of the Local Plan, which will dictate how many extra houses can be built in Purbeck until 2037, has been delayed till the end of year for more revision and for good sense

to prevail. We understand there will now be a consultation later this year on the revised provisions. The PC's view is that the high numbers are not necessary for our natural growth and is backing CALM to fight the worst excesses. At the time of writing we don't know which authority will be around to carrying out the Local Plan so keep calm and support the Parish Council. We've been here since 1894 and most constitutional experts believe will be around for the foreseeable future. In a sea of change we're the firm land. We're not here to restrict all change. Let's be clear, we have our own initiatives to take the best from grants and awards and we monitor what other authorities are doing to us. Sometimes they listen whilst other times we have to suck it up and a fume on your behalf. How long can we keep doing that? Well, the end of the current term is April 2019 and at that time some members may wish to get a different life and the PC will be looking for new blood - could it be yours?

Life saving defibrillators are in our mind at the moment since we've collected money, had a donation from Tesco's and we're taking over at least one of the telephone kiosks that BT is abandoning to house it in. At the same time we having to react to a minor crime wave, these occur from time to time and, as usual, we know who's doing it. We need to observe due process but they'll eventually be brought to book and things will settle down again. Am I referring to the immutable cycle? It must be time to finish.

A Final thought I used to think we should be making a better village for the children, perhaps it's sometimes worth looking at this the other way around. I'll leave you with this challenge - how can we make better children for the village?!

**Cllr Martyn Colvey**

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## Time Table of Full Council Meetings

Monday 17th July

Monday 21st Aug

Monday 18th Sept

Monday 16th Oct

Monday 20th Nov

Monday 18th Dec

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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