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.’

Who Cuts the Grass In Lytchett Matravers?

The Parish Council receives a number of enquiries each year about the maintenance of areas of grass 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
Lythcott Matravers Bus Service

Recent changes to the bus service for Lythcott 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 it’s 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.

Meet The New Councillor

Peter Webb
I have lived in Lythcott since 1968. I am married to Sara and have four daughters. One lives in Lythcott Matravers and her daughters go to the Lythcott 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 Lythcott 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 Lythcott 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.
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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 Cllr Caroline (to report noise and other nuisances) 01299 554555

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Spending 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