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The Lytchett
Matravers
Parish Council
News Letter



Lytchett Link

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CLEAN FOR
THE QUEEN



The Spring 2016

Litter Pick

10am Saturday 5th March 2016
The recreation ground car park (village hall end)

Help keep **our**
village tidy



Clean for The Queen wants to inspire as many people to get involved with the event – individuals, groups, schools and companies, anyone who would like to make a difference to their local communities. Help Lytchett Matravers by getting stuck in with the clean-up!

Council Spending plans for 2016-17

Lytchett Matravers Parish Council can only spend, raise or use money if it has a statutory power to do so. It has a number of powers under various acts of Parliament, most of which are discretionary. How these powers are used can sometimes depend on input from other public bodies, for example the District or County Councils, or the Highways Authority.

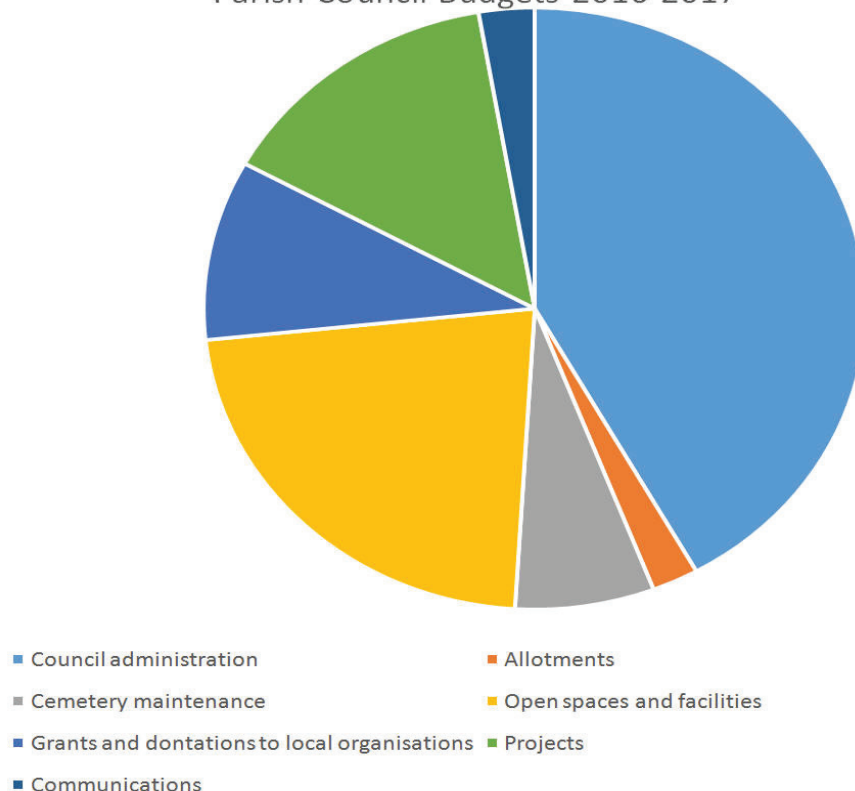
The Parish Council raises money by precept (a mandatory demand) on Purbeck District Council (PDC). The precept required is then collected by PDC as part of the Council Tax. This is currently supplemented by a Council Tax Support Grant from PDC. However this grant is being reduced annually by 25% until it is eliminated completely.

Each year the Parish Council spends considerable time during the Autumn preparing a detailed budget for the following financial year - which runs from 1 April to 31 March. Every payment made by

the Council is listed on Full Council minutes. Items for payment are considered and approved in public at meetings before any money is actually spent. The progress of all significant projects are reviewed regularly at meetings. The Council's working books are examined in public at each meeting of the Council's Finance & Policy Committee Council, and its Financial Statements are available for scrutiny at any time - by any resident by arrangement with the Parish Clerk.

The budget fixed in January 2016 for the coming year is summarised in the chart below. The precept required is £55600, which is an increase of just under 3% compared to last year's figure. This is necessary to offset the further 25% reduction in the Council Tax Support Grant, as well as some increase in costs of contractors. The increase in precept is necessary merely to keep service provision and standards as at present.

Parish Council Budgets 2016-2017



Council Administration covers all the essentials necessary for a Parish Council to operate – insurance, audit fees, hire of meeting rooms, Clerk's Salary, office heating & lighting, phone and broadband charges, membership of the County Association, etc, etc.

Open Spaces and facilities includes grass cutting and other regular maintenance of Parish Council owned areas such as the Recreation Ground, Memorial Green and the Foxhills Open Space – plus maintenance of many other smaller pieces of land in and around the village to ensure it remains neat and tidy. This category of expenditure also includes a donation the Parish Council makes each year to Dorset County Council to extend the opening hours of the village library, plus the repair and maintenance of all of the play equipment and facilities. Among the smaller items of regular expenditure there is provision for maintenance of the youth club building, some public seats and benches, and other general work carried out by a handyman.

Grants and donations are available each year to local organisations who offer benefits to the community. All that is required is to apply in writing to the Parish Clerk before 1st April with details of the project, what benefits it will bring to the community and how much is requested. This should be supported by a copy of the organisation's latest audited financial statements.

Allotments & cemetery maintenance budgets cover the maintenance and water supply charges for each of these facilities.

Communications includes the cost of production and deliver of the Lytchett Link and the fees and costs related to operating the website.

Tim Watton, Parish Clerk

Recreation Ground Car Park

The more 'eagle-eyed' residents of the village might have noticed the planning notices put up about the Change of Use of the car park at the 'Rec'.

We would like to assure you that this application will not in fact change anything but bring the parish council and the car park in line with legislation. Last year we were made aware of regulations that limited the use of the car park to only 26 'events' of food retailing per year. As the popular Fish and Chip van is in the car park every week, we needed to remedy this situation or lose the van.

The application for change of use will allow the car park to be used for food vending all year, and as it is owned by the parish council we shall be monitoring this element by the issuing licences to these traders. Currently ONLY the fish and chip van has such a licence, and any other applications will be considered by the council on an individual basis. We do not anticipate any great increase in the number of food vendors at this point. All applications for these licences take the surrounding properties into consideration as well as the value to the village that they may represent. **Cllr Cindy Wood**

Overhanging Hedges

Did you know in many European countries there is a legal requirement to clear snow from the pavements in front of your house!

We don't have laws like that, but you do have a legal obligation to cut back shrubs and trees on your land which overhang or block pavements or roads. Indeed if you walk around the village holding a child's hand or pushing a pushchair, you will be only too aware of how frustrating it can be to need to step into the road to get past some overgrown shrubs.

BUT, to complicate matters, the law states that non-urgent tree works and hedge cutting should not be undertaken during the bird nesting or breeding season, which is considered to be from the beginning of March to the end of July.

So now is the perfect time to face to elements and get your shrubs cut back to clear paths and roads.

Cllr Andrew Huggins

The Neighbourhood Plan



As you are aware the Neighbourhood Plan for the village is currently with Purbeck District Council for part of its consultation process, before coming back to the village for a referendum later in the year.

At the Planning Committee we are already using many of the principals in this document when considering planning applications, as these are all based on the opinions of the village as expressed in the last questionnaire.

This was very clear at the recent consideration of plans for the rear of the Chequers' car park/Hopmans Close application. We considered this in the context of the recommendations of the Plan, and recommended to Purbeck District Council that the current plans be refused on these grounds based in this document. The principals in the Plan do make our life easier as the views of the village are very clear and help with our decision making process.

Cllr Cindy Wood

**Annual Parish Meeting
Featuring
ConneXions
Saturday 23 April
2015
10.30 'til 12.30
With Blanchards Pop Up Café**

Chairman's Update



When PDC held its annual celebration of 'Volunteer of the Year' the Parish Council proposed former councillor and Chairman, Robin (Bob) Miller as the Lytchett Matravers recipient. He was duly inducted into our Hall of Thanks on the first of March.

Bob loved the village, wanting only the very best for it. He was a natural advocate of 'putting something back' and this led him through the process of councillor, committee chairman and, for 3 years, Chairman of the Council until he stood down in May 2014. It was with great sadness that we heard last summer that he had died after just a year of 'retirement'.

The Council recently took the unusual step of proposing a former councillor and posthumously at that. Volunteers are the glue that make an assembly of dwellings become a community and we should recognise their value whenever and wherever we find them. Bob's wife Angela accepted the scroll on his behalf.

More dwellings are on the horizon for the village with applications in for Hopmans Close and the reservoir site as well as the previous agreement to a large number in Huntick Road. Furthermore the Partial Review of the district council's Local Plan is about to declare it's 'options' for increased numbers of houses and we wait to hear what's in store for Lytchett Matravers. There will be a consultation in May which is part of the Purbeck District Council ongoing consultation on our Neighborhood Plan. This will ultimately lead to a referendum around May/June.

The Council can not alter the numbers of houses but through the Plan it can influence their effect on the village.

Will it be Village Fayre time in May? There's a dedicated group who are intent on seeing it happen. The PC has allocated them a grant to cover insurances but they need more volunteers or groups. If you'd like to put something back let me know by email and I'll get you in touch.

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

Time Table of Full Council Meetings

Monday 21st March

Monday 18th April

Monday 16th May

Monday 20th June

Monday 18th July

Monday 15th August

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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