



Welcome to the 63rd edition of the Lytchett Link, this time incorporated in the Parish Magazine.

The Parish Council has joined with the Parish Magazine to provide you with this free copy of the magazine and the Parish Council newsletter. This is your magazine and newsletter. Please get in touch and let us know how this works for you and what else would you like to see about village life and activities.

The Parish Council is run by 11 councillors who are all volunteers, who all live in the village and who all give their time freely to benefit the village. Everyone is welcome to Parish Council meetings; they are open to all to sit and listen or to speak about any issue on their mind.

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting on April 20th at the Library we held an exhibition of past and future Parish Council activities. In this edition of the Link we have recapped on a number of these project reports. This is your chance to comment, for or against, on each of the issues. You can email us directly or go straight to the website and add your comments online (<https://lytchettmatraverspc.org/annual-parish-meeting-your-chance-to-comment/>).

Alf Bush, Chairman, Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

What does the Parish Council do?

Lytchett Matravers Parish Council (LMPC) is run by residents for residents

Parish Councils were established in 1894 to give local residents an opportunity to express their views and wishes about their community. LMPC works to represent those views with Dorset Council (previously Dorset County Council & Purbeck District Council).

In consultation with residents, LMPC developed the Neighbourhood Plan which was formally adopted by the District Council in 2017.

LMPC will continue to work with the Dorset Council on all planning applications to ensure that resident's views are represented at Council planning meetings

Lytchett Matravers Parish Council is a fully qualified parish council with a CiLCA qualified parish clerk

Day to day the Parish Council manages:

- Public open spaces (Recreation Ground, Foxhills Open Space, the Lytchett Astro, the War Memorial)
- The Youth Hall in the High Street
- The Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground
- All children's play areas (Rec and Foxhills)
- The cemetery in Row Park next to Church Walk
- The allotments in Castle Farm Road
- All benches and bus shelters
- Litter bins and dog bins
- Verges and hedge cutting with Dorset Council
- Licencing of vendors on the Recreation Ground
- Maintenance of public footpaths and rights of way in conjunction with Dorset Council
- Working with Dorset Council on issues such as fly-tipping, highway management problems, traffic congestion around the school, street cleaning and lighting, etc.
- Awarding grants to village facilities and organisations

Here's some of the projects we have been working on...

Eldons Drove Path to the School

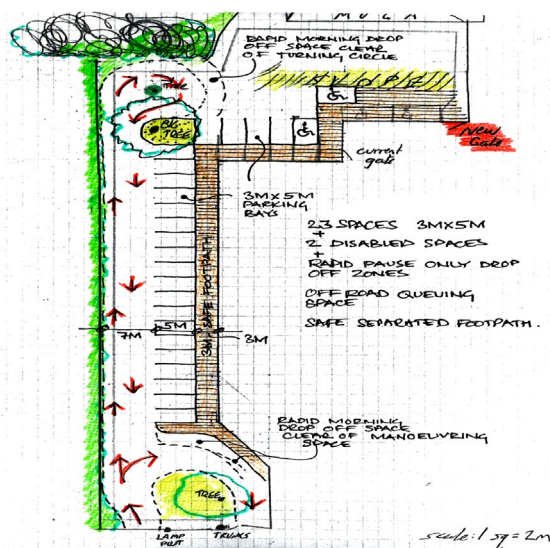
As part of the School Crossing Review with Sustrans, many parents asked if they could go into School from Eldons Drove.

This would avoid the dangers of Wareham Road at such busy times and is a logical extension to the safer walking route from the Recreation Ground into Eldons Drove.

**Is this a good idea?
Do you have any other
suggestions?**



Lytchett Astro Parking for the School



The Parish Council has been looking at various solutions to the school parking and crossing problems.

One idea discussed by LMPC with the Sustrans/Dorset Council team has been to utilise the empty space in front of the Lytchett Astro in Wareham Road.

This could provide additional off-road parking and a side entrance to the school. The Parish Council have cleared the area so that its potential use can be more easily seen.

The area could accommodate around 25 cars off-road with access for children on to school grounds next to the corner of the playing field straight into the playground.

Is this still a good idea?
Do you have any other suggestions?

High Street Crossing – Safe Route

The Parish Council wants to have a safe route to connect the shops to the Recreation Ground.

We want to make it safer for children on their way to and from school and for shoppers who park on the Recreation Ground to cross the High Street.

The new crossing would link the expanded Library Walk with the widened path across the Recreation Ground.

This crossing would have pedestrian priority and the Parish Council is working with Dorset Council Highways to develop a workable solution.



This is an idea of the sort of crossing being discussed. A raised surface would make it easier for disabled scooters to cross from one side to the other

Do you like this idea?
What sort of crossing would be best?

Exercise on the Recreation Ground



The Parish Council is considering installing static exercise equipment on the Recreation Ground.

This would be located next to Rocket Park and would be free to anyone to use, and linked to a running/jogging route around the Recreation Ground.

Exercise on the way to the shops!

The Parish Council needs your input and support in order to get funding. We need to show that there is strong support within the village

Is this a good idea? Should the equipment be in one place or placed at different points around the Recreation Ground?

New Ballcourt on the Recreation Ground?

The Parish Council is considering installing a new ballcourt on the Recreation Ground.

This would be located next to Rocket Park and would be free to anyone to use.



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Is this a good idea?
Do we have your support for this idea?

Library Expansion

The Parish Council and the Friends of Lytchett Matravers Library have had to defend the library against closure twice in the past few years.

The library is a central hub for a host of activities, not just for borrowing books. There are:

- Book clubs for children and adults
- Computers available for you to access email or the web
- Knit and Natter groups
- Jigsaw afternoons
- The Friends of Lytchett Matravers Library have monthly talks and coffee mornings
- The Parish Council hosts the Citizens Advice Bureau for residents advice and benefit.

The library staff are always looking for ideas to attract more residents to use the facility.

Do go along and have a look.

The Parish Council has requested the transfer of the library building to the parish to ensure the building is retained for community use.

It will still be a library, but it will provide a more flexible facility for the community and could also be used for a wider variety of activities.



LMPC also cleared the area between the Library and the Pharmacy. The large trees have been retained and the area will be grassed through to open up the space.

The Parish Council pays for extra opening times at the library.
Do you want more hours?

What should we use this space for?
Let us know your suggestions.

Pharmacy Steps / Tesco Island

The steps leading from the Pharmacy to the shops are steep and have caused some accidents.



The Parish Council plans to extend the steps to make them twice as long.

Tesco deliveries cause problems for residents and the island.

The island is an eyesore and the Parish Council is working with Tesco's and Dorset Highways to find a solution.



Is this a good idea?

How should the delivery arrangements and the island be improved?

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Timetable for Parish Council meetings

Full Council Meeting is held on 4th Wednesday in the month

Finance & General Purposes Committee meet on 2nd Wednesday in the month

Meetings will normally be held in the Blanchard Room at the Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

Please check LMPC website for any amendments. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend all meetings and time is allowed at the beginning of the meeting for you to raise matters of concern.