

REPORT TO LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL FROM DORSET  
COUNCILLOR BILL PIPE

I have been very busy at both County Hall, Westport House and South Walks House on behalf of members of the public in both Lytchett Minster & Upton and Lytchett Matravers since I last furnished you with a report. Firstly, thank-you for accepting my apologies for the July meeting when I found myself static on the M3 for a good hour and 20 minutes!!

At a meeting of the Police & Crime Commissioner Panel, I was elected as vice-chairman of the Complaints [against the Commissioner] Sub-Committee. At this meeting we refreshed our terms of reference after matters arose after an earlier complaint against the Commissioner.

The Leader of The Council has tasked me with reviewing the Councillors' Code of Conduct after it became evident that there were loopholes in the newly adopted Code. I will be taking the more robust elements from the former Dorset County Council Code and that of the former Purbeck District Council Code. At its conclusion I would hope to have a Code of Conduct which is both robust, enforceable and fair to all.

Another development in my busy life as your Councillor is having been appointed to the Northern Area Planning Board which meets [normally] in Sturminster Newton. I had a very intensive day of "refresher" training in all aspects of planning law/planning and enforcement at South Walks House, and I now have my "ticket" to practice!!

I have held regular meetings with your Member of Parliament, Michael Tomlinson and have discussed many things including the bus service to Lytchett Matravers, the Supermarket proposed development at the old Upton Oil Company site. An item at the top of both of our agendas is the continuing funding of the Lunch Club which meets weekly at the former Grove Youth Club, Seaview Road, Upton; funding for which I obtained from the former PDC earlier this year and which is championed and run by your very own and very capable Maureen Mumford. I will be asking formally for continued funding from the new Council to continue this very important asset for residents of all three of areas who attend.

After much correspondence between myself and with the Gypsy & Traveller Liaison officer at Blandford, we eventually saw the back of the illegal encampment at Upton after a period in residence of 13 days.

I am getting more involved with Lytchett Matravers planning applications [as I do not know the area as well as I do Lytchett Minster & Upton] and will be seeking advise from the Parish Council n some of the applications.

Cllr Bill Pipe

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