**Lytchett Matravers Parish Council**

**Recreation Ground Car Park Conceptual Design**

# The Design

This paper presents a conceptual design for the Recreation Ground Car Park, which has been developed by the Village Centre Working Group. This is presented diagrammatically in Appendix 1 (prepared by Ken Morgan and attached as a separate pdf file).

Key points of the design are as follows:

* Remove the brick walls and overhead barrier which form the current entrance at the eastern end of the Car Park.
* Remove the hedge running along the south side of the High Street from the east end of the Car Park through to the Bus Stop.
* Extend the Car Park along its southern edge out to the boundary defined in the FiT Deed of Release (to be executed under item 12 on the agenda), along the stretch from the east end of the Car Park through to the Scout Hut. This boundary is 7m in from the current kerb.
* The east end Car Park thus created can either have 2 entrances on to the High Street as shown in Appendix 1, or a single entrance (which will slightly reduce the capacity). The decision will to some extent be determined through consultation with the Dorset Council Highways, e.g. as to whether an entrance would be allowed close to the proposed High Street Crossing near the Library.
* There are several different ways to lay out the spaces in the Car Park, which will be explored once a decision has been made on the number of entrances to the High Street. The layout will need to accommodate disabled bays, and may also need to include bays for electrical vehicle charging points, and provision for occasional use by the Fish & Chip Van, etc.
* Removing the hedge will open up the area on the north side of the Scout Hut and Sports Pavilion. It is intended that this space will be set up as a gathering space for residents, and might include:
  + Seating
  + Landscaping
  + Outdoor table tennis
  + Petanque
  + Giant chess
  + Etc
* The north side of the Sports Pavilion should be given a facelift to enhance its appearance from the High Street

# Next Steps

* The Parish Council is asked to approve the Conceptual Design
* The Village Centre Working Group will discuss the design with Dorset Council Highways to obtain feedback, e.g. in relation to the proposed High Street Crossing, and to clarify the process for securing Dorset Council Consent
* A Detailed Design will be developed by the Village Centre Working Group and presented to the Parish Council, prior to preparation of an information pack to be sent out to potential suppliers to obtain quotes.

Councillor Rob Carswell

Councillor Ralph Watts

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Appendix 1 – Separate pdf file