REPORT TO LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

BY CLLR BILL PIPE, DORSET CONCIL

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:** At long last, the pedestrian crossing across Dorchester Road to the east of Sea View Road has now had the blessing of the Eastern Planning Board at Dorset Council. I was unable to attend the meeting due to a pre-arranged hospital appointment, but had a prepared statement read out at the meeting giving a brief history of the struggles thus far and the support that I had for the crossing from our four schools in Lytchett Minster & Upton and the great majority of the members of the public. Work will start in the New Year.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD:** The Criminal Justice Board, of which I am currently the Vice-Chairman and its functions are under review after Dorset Council had no option but to react to the Bournemouth, Poole & Christchurch Council decision that they no longer wanted to take part in a joint approach to Criminal Justice within Dorset. They will now concentrate on their council area and Dorset will set policy for the remaining areas of the county.

**M.A.S.H-**The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub [MASH] which has been working pan-Dorset [unofficially] is also up for review with the BCP council going their own way. Currently the three MASH systems work together in the same room at the old Poole Police Station and will remain there doing much the same as they evolve [contract] into two council areas of responsibility. The strategy will be debated at the next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership on Thursday the 19th December.

**POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER:** It is widely expected that Martyn Underhill, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset will make an announcement tomorrow on his intention or not to stand in next Mays PCC elections. It is thought within the policing community that Martyn may well retire as he is known to have replied to an email inviting him to a Christmas Carol concert and replying “that this would be his last one [concert] as Commissioner”.

**ROAD CLOSURES LOCALLY:** Despite the odd overturned lorry of late, various roads around our area have been closed for essential maintenance. The “escape route” through to Limberlost is now open again, but there are still minor bits of work which is programmed to take hours rather than days. This is mainly the filling of potholes and gully maintenance.

**TRAIN TIMETABLE CHANGES AND INTRODUCTION:** South West Trains [should they be running] have introduced a new timetable which may well affect rail users from Holton Heath, Hamworthy & Poole stations who might reside in Lytchett Matravers or Morden. Please check the new timetables before you travel.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

Cllr Bill Pipe [Conservative]

Dorset Council

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