September 2025

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation
Dorset Council have advised all Town and Parish Councils that they will consulting on their Dorset Local Plan from August 18th. This will include a drop-in event at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall on September 17th. As of writing, the lists of sites chosen for consultation around Lytchett Matravers is not known, but certainly will be by September 17th. It is looking as though that will be an extensive list.

Your voice and your opinion matter. The more input we provide, the more it represents the wishes of the village. We will be reminding everyone to take part in the consultation and attend the drop-in event to maximise our collective voice.

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation
The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has been meeting to try to revise the current NP and deliver one for the next planning period. This has proved difficult because of the lack of clarity from Dorset Council about the process and outcome. Many residents attended the Parish Council meeting in July, largely to voice their opinion regarding one site next to Foxhills Road. The reality is that there may be up to 20 sites on Dorset Council's consultation list. There was a wide-ranging discussion which we hope was informative, but ultimately the Parish Council and its NPWG will seem to have minimal impact on development site selection.

We do hope to influence aspects such as the inclusion of green spaces for children's play areas, adequate off-road parking, density and design of the developments at a street level, closeness to the shops to minimise car travel and integration to the village in connecting to walking paths. Time will tell.

Wareham Road School Crossing
The Parish Council minutes from 1925 record that due to heavy traffic along Wareham Road, it was requested that the road be tarred. We may have come a long way in 100 years, but the traffic load along one of our main access roads shows no signs of diminishing. The volume of traffic in Wareham Road and the lack of any assigned parking for the school has led to the need for a zebra crossing. While it will remove some car parking spaces, it will provide a clear visibility span around the crossing to improve safety for all parents/carers and children. This should be in place and will be ready for the start of the autumn term.

Vicki Slade, MP
Our local Member of Parliament will be visiting the Parish Council on September 24th. This will be the first time Vicki has visited us since being elected and we plan to give a summary of the village life and priorities. Please come along, listen and join in with the discussion at the start of the meeting.

Lytchett Matravers Summer Festival
The Summer Festival was a great success again this year. The weather clearly helped, but the range of activities and events also attracted several hundred residents to the Recreation Ground. Although many volunteers and voluntary groups also helped, the cost of staging the festival is largely met by the Parish Council using your council tax contributions.

We would like to hear from you to understand how you felt the whole festival went, did everyone enjoy it, should we continue to support such an event and what else should it include. Please send us your feedback to the Parish Clerk, email or via Facebook.

Councillor Vacancy

We still have 2 vacancies for Parish Councillor, so please call the Parish Clerk to find out more. Being a parish councillor is a direct way to participate and help in your community. It does take a few hours per week, but it is very rewarding so give it some thought. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Clerk or any Councillor to have a chat.

Parish Council Meetings:

Our next Finance & General Purposes meeting is on September 10th at 7 p.m. and the next Full Council meeting will be on September 24th at 7 p.m., both in the Village Hall as usual.

Agendas for all meetings are published online and the associated reports can be requested from the Parish Clerk. Meetings always start with a public participation session, so please come along if you have suggestions or questions that you would like to discuss with the Parish Council or stay and listen to our discussions, because it's all about your village.

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Chair, Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

For further information please visit our website at: https://lytchettmatraverspc.org/ or contact the Parish Clerk via lytchettmatravers@dorset-aptc.gov.uk You can find us and comment on the Lytchett Matravers PC Facebook page. The Parish Clerk can also be contacted directly on 07596-885667.