October 2026

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

New Speed Limits
Some of you have noticed covered signs being installed outside the village and down to Lytchett Minster. Following a consultation, the following new speed limits are proposed. While most of these are connected to routes in and around Lytchett Minster School this is a list of all the changes:

- **A350 - Blandford Road North, Beacon Hill -** 40mph - From approximately 155m south of Randalls hill junction in a northernly direction for approximately 395m.

- **A350 - Poole Road, Jubilee Cross -** 40mph - From approximately 165m south of Rushall Lane junction to approximately 100m north of its junction with Crumpets Drive.

- **Huntick Road -** 40 mph - North of Post Green Road to start of existing 30mph, 30mph - From Post Green Road to Randalls hill.

- **Randalls Hill/Post Green Road/New Road –** 30 mph end to end

- **Dorchester Road –** Extend the current 30mph to incorporate the existing 40-mph section that starts approximately 75m northeast of Lytchett Minster Parish church and ends approximately 118m west of the junction with Policemans Lane.

20 MPH Village Zone
We have gathered responses from the Summer Fair and throughout the holiday period. Once those are analysed, we will publish a summary and a proposal to discuss with Dorset Council.

Rocket Park Playground
The Recreation Ground in the centre of the village is one of our greatest assets and proudly offers something for all ages. The Rocket Park play area is our main village play area and it is well used. Some items are very popular, some less so, and some are worn out. In the last year we have replaced the Viking Swinger, the roundabout and had a complete refurbishment of the basket swing.

The Parish Council has sought inspiration from playground suppliers to identify gaps in the range of play equipment, the age ranges catered for and make proposals and to try to have a ‘wow’ factor. Having also gathered feedback from children about likes and dislikes at the 2026 summer fair, we ran a tender process earlier this year. Consequently, in October, we are looking forward to having the new play equipment installed. These are funded through various grants and topped up by the Parish Council.

We are retaining many popular items, but we will have some new items for toddler age and also some challenging items for the teens. We are also making better use of the tarmac ball court by installing a full "goal end". The N-S-E-W rocks will be moved out of the fenced area to make way for new equipment but will be utilised elsewhere in the village in future.

For about 3 weeks during October the play area will be fenced off during the works. Please ensure children to not attempt to enter fenced areas. Once completed we hope the play area will become a new attraction and that young people of all ages will find the equipment engaging.

Litter Pick

The bi-annual village litter pick will be on Sunday November 1st. We will be meeting at the Recreation Ground upper car park from 1.30 as usual. All equipment will be provided, so come along and join in.

Financial Audit

Perhaps less interesting, but no less important, is the confirmation that the financial records of the Parish Council have been audited by an external auditor and have been approved. This is an annual exercise to ensure that all the Parish Council finances are open, transparent and in line with regulations.

Parish Council funds are your funds. If you wish to have more information or have specific questions, please attend any Finance and General Purposes meeting to have raise any point you wish.

Parish Council Vacancy

At the time of writing, we now have 3 vacancies for Parish Councillor, so do please contact the Parish Clerk to find out more about this role. It only takes a few hours per week and is a direct way to participate and help in your community and is so rewarding. Why not come along to one of our meetings to hear how it works, or call our Clerk or any Councillor if you have questions.

Parish Council Meetings – Meeting Date Changes

Our next Finance & General Purposes meeting is on October 7th at 7 pm, and the next Full Council meeting is on October 21st at 7pm, both in the Blanchard Room at the Village Hall. Agendas are published online and reports are available from the Parish Clerk. All our meetings begin with a public participation session. That is open to any resident who wishes to raise an issue, express and opinion or ask a question. So please come along, it's your village.

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