November 2026

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Litter Pick
As advertised, 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 the equipment will be provided, hi-viz, bags, litter pickers and collection bags. The litter picks make a real difference, so come along and join in.

Proposed 20 MPH Zone
The Parish Council carried out a survey at the summer festival in June and also asked for further responses through the website throughout July and August. There was a wide range of responses, but there was a general consensus on the importance of focusing on the High Street, Wareham Road and the walking routes to both our local primary school and to the Manor via Foxhills Road.

That means that Eldons Drove is included since that is a popular walking route to the local school. It also includes Deans Drove which feeds the primary school and also joins up with Foxhills Road as the way to the Manor.

In order to minimise constant sign changes, all the residential roads enclosed by these roads are included. In reality these roads are around 20 MPH anyway because they are narrower roads and also have many parked cars. The resulting proposal will be on the website and will be submitted to Dorset Council for their review.

During our discussion it was recognised that other areas may qualify, but this is initial stage. In particular, we will need to see the full Dorset Council Highways plan for the Blaneys Corner. We know there will be housing developments on both sides of Wimborne Road with access roads into Wimborne Road as you approach Blaneys Corner and it is likely that this will become a much busier junction in future. No doubt the new developments will include children needing to get to school.

Replacement Gas pipelines
No doubt you will have noticed the work going on various roads in the village for the replacement of the aging gas pipe network. The older roads gas pipes are being relined with plastic pipes to address potential leaks and to extend the lifeline of the network by 50 years.

The contracted company are using a section of the upper car park on the Rec to temporarily unload the excavated soil. This is an area close the hedge and should not disrupt the parking unduly. The work is likely to extend into early next year.

Village Handyman
The various play parks throughout the village are subject to a weekly inspection, the bins in and around the Rec and the Astro and emptied each week, areas such as the car parks are checked for damage and wear and tear and much more. All of these tasks are carried out by the Village Handyman. Our village has had the same handman for over 20 years. That man is Terry and he has diligently worked away, probably in the background for most of us, handling all sorts of critical tasks on our behalf.

Unfortunately, Terry is not able to continue and has retired. He will be sorely missed and he is definitely not easy to replace. The Parish Council wishes Terry all the best for the future

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Parish Council Vacancy

At the time of writing, we still have 2 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

Our next Finance & General Purposes meeting is on November 11th 7 p.m. and the next Full Council meeting is on November 25th at 7p.m., 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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