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Notice is given of an extraordinary meeting of the **Lyme Regis Town Council** to be held at the **Guildhall, Bridge Street, Lyme Regis** on Wednesday 27 March 2024 commencing at 7pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:

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21.03.24

*The open and transparent proceedings of Full Council and committee meetings will be audio recorded and recordings will be held for one year by the town council.*

*If members of the public make a representation to the meeting, they will be deemed to have consented to being audio recorded.*

*If members of the public have any queries regarding audio recording of meetings, please contact the town clerk.*

Members are reminded that in reaching decisions they should take into consideration the town council's decision to declare a climate emergency and ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030 and beyond.

**AGENDA**

**1. Public Forum**

Twenty minutes will be made available for public comment and response in relation to items on this agenda

*Individuals will be permitted a maximum of three minutes each to address the committee*

**2. Apologies**

To receive and record any apologies and reasons for absence

### **3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members are reminded that if they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on their register of interests relating to any item on the agenda they are prevented from participating in any discussion or voting on that matter at the meeting and to do so would amount to a criminal offence. Similarly if you are or become aware of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter under consideration at this meeting which is not on your register of interests or is in the process of being added to your register you must disclose such interest at this meeting and register it within 28 days.

### **4. Dispensations**

To note the grant of dispensations made by the town clerk in relation to the business of this meeting

### **5. Special Motion**

To allow the members to consider a special motion to dispose of the resolution, 'to confirm the in-principle decision to remove the gazebo in the Langmoor Gardens and to leave the existing seating in situ for the time being with a suggestion to improve it in future if the budget allows', which was approved by the Full Council on 7 February 2024

### **6. Car Park Audit Report**

To inform members of the results of internal auditor's report on the car park cash variances, to approve management responses to the internal audit report, and to consider whether to pursue further investigation in to the matter

*That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded while members consider this item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960*

### **7. Exempt Business**

*To move that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business in view of the likely disclosure of confidential matters about information relating to an individual, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.*

#### **a) Agenda item 6 – Car Park Audit Report**

**Committee:** Extraordinary Full Council

**Date:** 27 March 2024

**Title:** Special Motion

### **Purpose of Report**

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### **Recommendation**

Members consider the special motion to dispose of the resolution, 'to confirm the in-principle decision to remove the gazebo in the Langmoor Gardens and to leave the existing seating in situ for the time being with a suggestion to improve it in future if the budget allows', which was approved by the Full Council on 7 February 2024

### **Background**

1. On 21 June 2023, the council's Town Management and Highway's Committee considered a report on the future of the gazebo. The report commented on the poor condition of the structure, anti-social behaviour, and its use by homeless people.
2. On 26 July 2023, the Full Council approved the recommendation from that committee which was, 'to remove the gazebo in the gardens in principle, subject to funding in the 2024-25 budget'.
3. On 23 January 2023, a report informed the Town Management and Highways Committee the gazebo could be removed by the external works team and didn't require a budget, sought confirmation of the council's previous in principle decision to remove the gazebo and provided options on a possible replacement.
4. On 7 February 2024, the Full Council approved the recommendation from the 23 January 2024 Town Management and Highways Committee which was, 'to confirm the in-principle decision to remove the gazebo in the Langmoor Gardens and leave the existing seating in situ for the time being with a suggestion to improve it in future if the budget allows.'
5. On 8 March 2024, the Full Council received an online petition urging a reconsideration of its resolution of 7 February 2024; at that point in time the signature had over 1,300 signatures.

### **Policy Considerations**

6. When a resolution is made by the Full Council, that decision stands for six months unless a special motion, known as a rescission motion, is called for.
7. The process for a special motion is detailed in paragraph 7(a) of the council's standing orders. For ease of reference, this is detailed below:

'A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least six councillors to be given to the proper officer in accordance with standing order 9(b), or by a motion moved in pursuance of the recommendation of a committee or a sub-committee.'
8. Standing order 7(b) goes on to state, 'When a motion moved pursuant to standing order 7(a) has been disposed of, no similar motion may be moved for a further six months.'

9. Further, paragraph 9b of the council's standing orders states:

'No motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its wording to the proper officer at least 10 clear days before the meeting. Clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting.'

10. To assist the smooth running of council business, the town clerk will normally allow councillor motions to be submitted within three clear working days of agenda dispatch, i.e., the Monday before agenda dispatch the following Friday. However, because of the sensitivity of this issue, the town clerk has advised the mayor the council should operate in accordance with standing orders to mitigate against challenge.

## **Report**

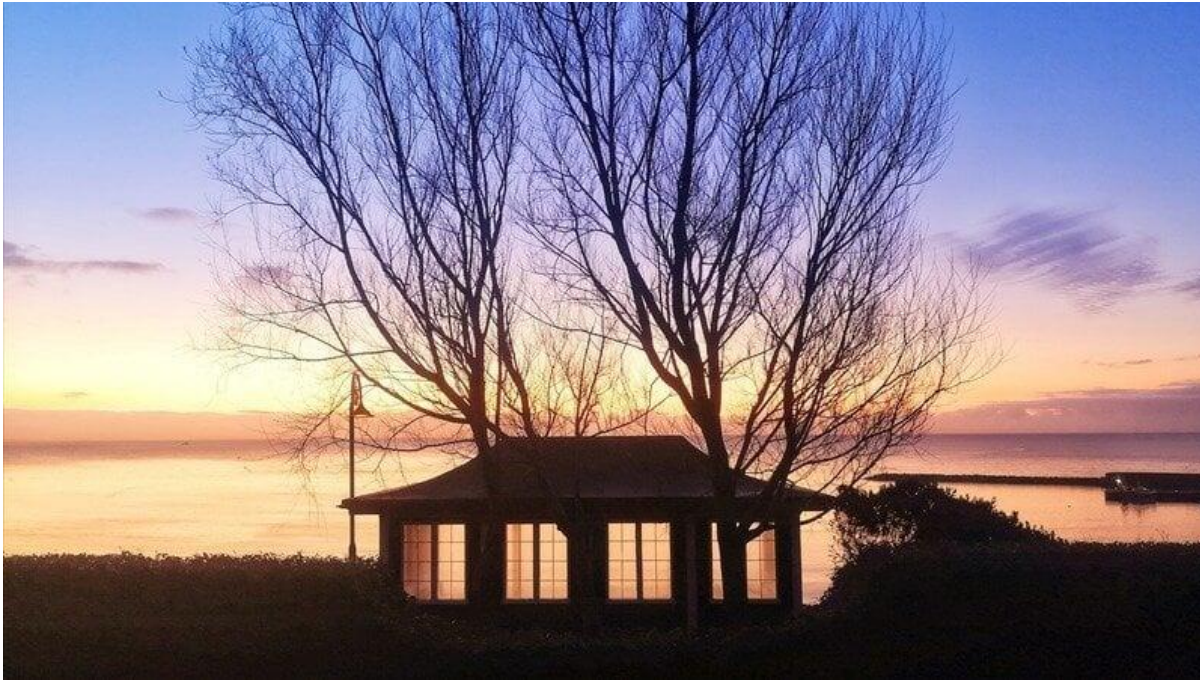
11. In response to the Full Council decision to demolish the gazebo in Langmoor Gardens an online petition was started urging the council to reconsider its decision. On 21 March 2024, the online petition had 1,594 signatures.

12. A copy of the front page of the petition is attached for information, **appendix 5A**.

13. In response to the level of public support for retaining the gazebo, the mayor sought support for a special motion. By 12noon Tuesday 12 March 2024, the mayor had received the support of eight councillors and the rescission motion was served on the town clerk (the proper officer), **appendix 5B**.

John Wright  
Town clerk  
March 2024

# Prevent the Demolition of the Chinese Pavilion in Langmoor Gardens, Lyme Regis



Started  
7 March 2024

## Why this petition matters

Started by [Janette Edmonds](#)

The Chinese Pavilion in Langmoor Gardens, Lyme Regis, a beloved local landmark and the only shelter offering sweeping views of the majestic Jurassic Coast, is under imminent threat.

The Lyme Regis Town Council has voted to demolish this cherished structure where residents and tourists alike pause to rest and appreciate the awe-inspiring ancient landscape.

This decision has left our community devastated. Not only does it rob us of a treasured piece of our town's character, but it also threatens tourism - an essential component of our local economy.

We urge you to reconsider this decision that will have far-reaching implications for both our cultural heritage and economic vitality. And for those of us who want to just stop a-while and admire the view.

Please sign this petition to save the Chinese Pavilion in Langmoor Gardens from demolition.

Signatures: 1,594  
Next Goal: 2,500

**1,594**

**2,500**

Signatures

Next Goal

**275 people** signed this week



In accordance with standing order 7a, we, the persons named below, wish to put forward a special motion to allow the council to consider disposing of a motion recommended by the Town Management and Highways Committee on 3 January 2024 and resolved by the Full Council on 7 February 2024, as follows:

***23/71/TMH – Gazebo in the Gardens***

*to confirm the in-principle decision to remove the gazebo in the Langmoor Gardens and to leave the existing seating in situ for the time being with a suggestion to improve it in future if the budget allows.*

This special motion has been supported by the persons named below:

Cllr Caroline Aldridge  
Cllr Belinda Bawden  
Cllr Stuart Cockerell  
Cllr Michaela Ellis  
Cllr Philip Evans  
Cllr Philip May  
Cllr David Ruffle  
Cllr David Sarson

**Dated 12 March 2024**