

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

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Minute No 734 Ordinary meeting held on Monday 25th January 2021

Present: Cllrs Harrop (Chair), Andrews (vice chair), Crocker, Dawe, Metherell, Southcott, Vanstone, Wilkinson, Yeo. P. van Delft (clerk)

1. Chairman's welcomed councilors to the first meeting of 2021
2. Apologies – Cllr Perkins, Cllr Mott (WDBC), Cllr Ball (DCC)
3. Members of the public – One member
4. Speeding and Safety concerns on the C822 – A parishioner wished to know what progress the council was making since the virtual meeting with highways in November. The parishioner also stated that a pedestrian hit by a vehicle at 40mph has a 90% chance of very serious injury or death but at 30mph this is reduced to 20% chance of serious injury or death. Cllr Ball who was unavailable to attend did forward an explanation for the slow progress that this issue has taken to resolve. After much deliberation it was resolved to action several points in readiness of an extraordinary meeting to be held on 22nd February, Proposed Cllr Harrop, seconded Cllr Southcott. Action points include :-
 - a. Signing review – Speed-limiting measures Action D.H.
 - b. Further speed data – A review of when the next survey will be undertaken, this must be after the current lockdown restrictions have been lifted – PC to obtain agreement with D.H
 - c. Plan to identify frontages on the highway – Action:- Cllr Southcott to identify properties throughout Lewdown. D.H to provide a definition of a road frontage for a village. Action:- councillors to identify other villages with similar speed limit
 - d. Possible removal of centre line at narrower section near the Blue Lion – P.C concerns over safety should this take place. D.H. to provide data that suggests this would make this a safer environment on the highway. Action:- D.H.
 - e. Village gateway improvements - Cllrs Southcott, Wilkinson and Yeo have created a draft plan this to be circulated prior to the next meeting. Action:- Cllr Southcott
 - f. Lining review - D.H. to provide a draft plan and data that supports this safety measure.
5. Dispensations & declarations of Interest
6. Minutes of previous meeting 733 was signed by the chair being a true reflection of that meeting. Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Andrews.
7. Finance.
 - 7.1 Report from R.F.O. showed a combined credit balance of £18,624.16 after approval of proposed payment of invoices. Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Andrews.
 - 7.2 It was resolved to authorise payment of the following invoices totaling £412.19

P. van Delft – Clerk salary (Dec- Jan)	£395.20
HMRC – Paye clerk	£ 2.60
Mr A. Harrop – Zoom meeting	£ 14.39
- Proposed – Cllr Wilkinson, seconded Cllr Dawe.
8. BT Telephone Kiosk purchase agreement – Cllr Southcott raised several concerns with the

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- purchase agreement. After much deliberation it was resolved to defer the purchase until a full review of the agreement and its contractual information had been provided. The W.I. expressed an interest in managing the Kiosk for the purpose of a lending library, also if it was possible to relocate the Kiosk to an alternative location. Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Dawe.
9. Councillor vacancy for Marystow Parish – position not filled yet.
 10. Cllr Mott – WDBC reports – No reports
 11. Councillor reports: Cllr Wilkinson reported he had a meeting with a tree surgeon regarding the fallen ash tree at the Ramps, they concluded that the tree should not be removed, no other trees showed visible signs of disease. Cllr Wilkinson also reported that excess stones and ground waste had been removed from the highway between Lewtrenchard Church and Lew Mill. Cllr Southcott reminded members who were on the 3 week general waste collection trials to complete the on-line survey. Cllr Harrop and Southcott received a report of a problem of foul water in the Stoney Croft road. A problem of aging S.W.W. pipework in the main sewer was the cause of the problem. It was suggested that clean wipes etc were now getting caught on rusty parts of the pipe-work thus a buildup of wipes etc was causing the pipe to get blocked. Cllr Crocker commented that the problem would only get worse because of all the additional homes due to be built. Clerk to write a letter. Cllr Southcott to write a report of the problem in the Newslink.
 12. Emergency Plan – Draft Emergency plan booklet– Cllr Crocker suggested that a note providing the reasons for the production of the plan is inserted inside the booklet. Cllr Southcott to make amendments to back page. It was resolved to approve the draft E.P with amendments, proposed Cllr Yeo, and seconded Cllr Wilkinson. It was resolved to approve the quote of £210 for the production of the booklet. Proposed Cllr Dawe, seconded Cllr Yeo.
 13. The Ramps – No fund raising has taken place. The clerk confirmed that the land at the Ramps is registered as a ‘Village Green’ with D.CC. Cllr Perkins to provide details of the proposed play equipment before a planning application is made.
 14. Snow Warden vacancy response to advertisement - It was too early to analyse because adverts were only recently posted. Cllr Harrop suggested that the role could be an “organisational role” rather than an individual role.
 15. Highways – Cllr Dawe reported that there were several deficiencies between Lewtrenchard Church and Lew Mill, Cllr Southcott to inspect and report to highways. Cllr Southcott reported that the closed road near Coryton Station was now listed on Google Maps, improved road signage for diversions due to the road closure was now in place, road repairs due to be completed by the end of March. Cllr Southcott reported that the C822 highway clean up had progressed a little further however more work was still required to complete the job. Cllr Southcott to write to Steve Brockman.
 16. Correspondence – Parishioner planning concerns with Land east of West Headson, Council noted the contents of the correspondence. Letters of appreciation from Lewdown Cricket Club, Lewtrenchard PCC, Marystow PCC, Thrushelton PCC, Citizens Advice, for donations received. Cllr Edmonds (WDBC) provided details of the 2021 grass cutting contract for the West Devon Drive.

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17. Offer from Lewdown Cricket Club for a game of cricket after the restrictions are lifted. Council agreed that it would be a good opportunity to participate, fund raising possibilities were not yet discussed.
18. Census 2021 – Information pack from the clerk should interested parties wish to help with the census.

Meeting closed 21.38pm

Items for inclusion at a future meeting to include, Commemorative VE Day plaque – cost and inscription. Distribution of Emergency plan booklet.

Date of extraordinary meeting 22nd February, 7.30pm, this will be a virtual meeting.

Date & time of next scheduled meeting, 29th March, 7.30pm, this will be a virtual meeting

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