

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

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Minute No 735 Extraordinary meeting held on Monday 22nd February 2021

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

1. Chairman welcomed councilors to the meeting
2. Apologies – Cllr Perkins, Cllr Mott (WDBC)
3. Members of the public – One member present
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest - none
5. Minutes of previous meeting 734 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Andrews
6. Speeding and Safety concerns on the C822
 - 6.a Signage – A review of current locations of existing signage and where, if required, new signage should be. Cllr Southcott provided a draft village plan proposing, speed limit and zoning plus warning signage. Proposals were welcomed by all the council, Cllr Ball suggested that on the village signs “Please drive carefully” would also be a beneficial inclusion. Repositioning of the village signs at some of the entrances were also proposed. Cllr Ball and the council thanked Cllr Southcott for the work done on the draft village plan.
 - 6.b Speed data – Review of current data available and when new survey should be undertaken. There was some speed checking prior to the beginning of government lockdown restrictions however data is also required to show what difference the Wig-Wag lights have made since their introduction, this will be resumed when full lockdown restrictions have been lifted. The latest government traffic policy DTP34/05 dates back to 2013, Cllr Ball is to confirm if this is still the current policy.
 - 6.c Properties with road frontages on the C822 – Comparisons with what other similar communities with 30mph speed zones have. Cllr Wilkinson produced a comparison summary table of other local towns & villages that have 30mph speed limits, only Sourton had a 40mph speed limit through their village. The summary table provided clear evidence that supported the councils request for the speed limit reduction. Cllr Ball and the council thanked Cllr Wilkinson for the valuable work done on collating the information. Cllr Ball will forward this to the Devon Highways. Meg Booth (head of Highways) agreed to look into a review of the D.H. road frontage policy so that it would also deal with issues relating to Lewdown village. Cllr Ball was asked to provide the current definition of the highways frontage.
 - 6.d Removal of white lines proposals – assessment of D.H. safety data. No data has been provided.
 - 6.e Removal of white lines near the Blue Lion. The road is at its narrowest at this point.
 - 6.f Draft village gateway improvements – This was covered in the draft proposal presented by Cllr Southcott.

Cllr Ball provided value information, these included the following; At a DCC meeting he confirmed his continued support for the councils request for a speed reduction and increased safety measures. Cllr Ball also confirmed that his meeting with the Head of Highways Meg Booth was

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also in full support of the parish councils concerns. The comparison evidence provided by Cllr Wilkinson was valuable plus a draft safety measures proposal by Cllr Southcott. There was a lot of work to be done by DCC, unfortunately those processes would mean that any funding for the changes could not be budgeted for in the year 2021-22. Approved alterations would therefore be considered for the budget in the year 2022-23. Cllr Southcott mentioned other trouble spots on the C822, these included blind spots at the junction at Lobhill cross, near the village hall, and Reddicliffs, photos to be sent to Cllr Ball. Cllr Crocker enquired if DCC was aware of current attendee numbers at Lewtrenchard School. Cllr Ball in conjunction with the police has data for accidents, relevant information will be forwarded onto the council.

- Councillor reports: Cllr Southcott thanked Cllr Wilkinson and a parishioner in helping to clean up the road verge. Also mentioned was the 'Road Warden Scheme' this initiative would require volunteers to help clean up the roads through the village. Complaints relating to the building work at the development opposite the school had been received, these have been relayed to WDBC. Cllr Wilkinson informed that the usable width of the pavement from the Victory Hall to the former Police station was reducing in width due to the outward growing of the existing hedgerow. Cllr Dawe asked that when the development was completed could a review of hedge location take place, the chair suggested an appraisal of the pavement, Cllr Wilkinson offered to do this. Cllr Vanstone reported that a main Western Power electric cable was a concern to the hedge cutter because of its low position, clerk to report. Cllr Vanstone also reported highway drainage problems near Thrushelton Church, to be reported on the D.H. website. Cllr Harrop reported that drainage problems in Stoney Lane were reported to S.W.W and were being looked into by them, Cllr Vanstone reported that the problem was still ongoing when severe weather took place. Cllr Perkins asked if she could have some help with the fund raising applications, Cllr Southcott agreed to help out. Cllr Andrews reported that salt/grit had been supplied by D.H and had been distributed in area's that reported a need of some bags. Storage of surplus bags are held with Cllr Metherell, contact the clerk for further distribution.
- Application Ref- 1642752 to name/number a new street at Crossroads, Lewdown. It was resolved to name the two roads 'Brentor View West' and 'Brentor View North', the proposal 'Bluebell Way' was thought inappropriate.

Items for inclusion at a future meeting to include, Commemorative VE Day plaque – cost and inscription. Emergency plan, BT Telephone Kiosk, the ramps, snow warden and new councilor, Covid secure meetings in the future.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Date & time of next scheduled meeting, 29th March 2021, 7.30pm, this will be a virtual meeting

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