

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2024

at Lewdown Victory Hall commencing 7.30pm

Agenda No 771

Meeting opened 7.32

Present : Cllrs Andrews (chair) Southcott (vice chair) McSmythurs, Mincher, Metherell, Wilkinson, Yeo
Cllr Mott – (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk)

1. The chair welcomed all those present and promptly invited Cllr Mincher to make a statement; Cllr Mincher informed that he had for a limited period a thermal camera to help with the identification of energy heat loss from buildings, some readings have already been made identifying where heat loss is taking place. Energy savings can be made. Cllr Alexander will continue to take readings in the short term when requested. Results from the readings to be available at the next meeting.
2. Apologies for absence – Cllrs Alexander and Perkins
3. Members of the public open forum – 5 parishioners present - A request from a parishioner asking for action to make restricted parking on Stoney Lane in the vicinity of her property because medical services were not able to gain vehicle access to her neighbours' property. The police were asked to intervene so that the medical services could carry out their duties. The parishioner stated that if the Fire brigade were involved then parked vehicles in that area would seriously hinder their assistance. Cllrs Andrews, Southcott, Mincher and McSmythurs would look into the matter. A parishioner raised issues relating to planning app. 0255/24/ARM including water related issues, a possible contamination issue, security, lighting, noise abatement and phase two of the development site made no mention of waste water removal measures. The chair thanked the parishioner and would consider those issues when determining the application. A parishioner thanked the council for the prompt response to his correspondence relating to the pot-holes in Stoney Lane.
4. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Yeo relating to planning application 0065/24/FUL
5. Minutes of previous meeting 770 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, motion carried.
6. Planning app. Ref:- 0065/24/FUL – Demolition of existing dwelling & 1 x proposed new build dwelling to be constructed on same site including driveway and garage, including refurbishment of corrugated metal shed, gardens and orchard area (resubmission of 2013/23/FUL) Wheatley Cottage, Lewdown, EX20 4QW
Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Metherell, seconded Cllr Mincher, motion carried. Cllr Yeo asked to be excused from the decision process for this application and left the room.
Planning app. Ref:- 0255/24/ARM – Application for revised matters submission in respect of appearance, landscaping, layout & scale following outline consent 1666/20/OPA for the erection of 30 dwellings. Jethros Coach House, Lewdown, EX20 4DS
Council decision – Object – Proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Mincher, motion carried
Cllr Southcott abstained
7. Finance – Payments were authorised for the following;
Lewdown Cricket Club – Donation £215.00, Community Newslink – Donation £200.00,
Peter van Delft – admin sundries £64.83, Mat Electrics – Air Ambulance lights service £137.45,
Vison ICT – Annual website support £ 161.26. Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, motion carried.

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8. Outcome from meeting with South West Water at the Lewdown treatment works. Cllr Andrews reported that several council members attended the site meeting that was hosted by SWW representatives. It was reported that outflow data was not yet available for 2023, councillors were shown the existing reed beds that could be used for the filtration of water prior to final discharge. Concern was raised from councillors about storm tank storage but SWW informed that the existing capacity was sufficient. S.W.W did not address the questions that were raised by the council prior to the meeting, the clerk was asked to seek a response for those questions. Cllr Yeo thanked S.W.W. for the site visit.
9. Cross-roads development – No update for outstanding issues are available.
10. Defibrillator – Repair/renew – Cllrs Mincher and Southcott provided grant information that could help with the purchase of a replacement. The clerk to enquire further.

Items for the next meeting – WDBC housing survey response.

Meeting closed 9.17pm

Date, place and time of next meeting Monday 25th March, Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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