

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minutes No 772 of ordinary meeting held on 25th March at Lewdown Victory Hall

These minutes are provisional until they signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.

Present : Cllrs Andrews (Chair), Southcott (Vice chair), Alexander, Mc Smythurs, Mincher, Metherell, Perkins, Cllr Yeo, Peter van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.31pm

1. The Chair welcomed all those present
2. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Wilkinson & Cllr Mott (WDBC)
3. Members of the public open forum – Seven members were present – Concern was raised with regard to planning application 4164/23/OPA, this included drainage from site and the impact on neighbouring properties, ecological survey inconsistencies, not in keeping with surround area, also the travel and employment statement. The chair thanked those attending for all their comments and said that those concerns would be considered when determining the application.
4. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Southcott item 9.1
5. Minutes of previous meeting 771 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Metherell, motion carried.
6. Cllr Mott (WDBC) report – A monthly report had been circulated to all councillors.
7. Housing survey WDBC response. Cllr McSmythurs asked for the item to be held over to the next meeting.
8. Planning app. Ref:- 0439/24/HHO – Householder application for proposed extension to existing property.

The Bungalow, Road from Huddispitt Cross to Cross Roads, EX20 4DR

Council decision - Support – proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Metherell, motion carried.

Planning app. Ref:- 0704/24/FUL – Erection of an agricultural storage building and formation of an agricultural access track (retrospective).

Higher Widdacombe Farm, Lewdown, EX20 4EA

Council decision – support – proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Metherell, motion carried.

Planning app. Ref:- 4164/23/OPA – Proposed development of 13 No light industrial units with new access road, parking and external works.

Land at SX458 868, Lewdown.

Council decision – Object – proposed Cllr Mincher, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, motion carried.

Planning app. Ref:- 0820/24/FUL – Application to extend the garden of Thrushel View
Thrushel View, Lewdown, EX20 4QP

Council decision – proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Mincher, motion carried.

9. 9.1 Finance – Payments were authorised for the following;

Cllr Southcott – Refund for VAS equipment parts £180.92

Peter van Delft – Salary (Feb- March) £527.25

HMRC – Clerk paye £90.60

Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Mincher, motion carried, Cllr Southcott did not vote.

9.2 Caroline Harris – The contract with the Annual payroll provider was renewed, proposed Cllr Yeo, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, motion carried.

9.3 R.F.O. reported a credit balance after payments £19,883.95 proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, motion carried.

Peter van Delft

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10. New Councillors - vacant seats for Coryton and Marystow, no new councillors.
11. Cllr Reports – Cllr Alexander reported that the highway from Lewtrenchard to Bratton Clovelly has many pot holes and much of the highway is in poor condition. Cllr Yeo reported that the resurfacing work at Sourton Cross was a great improvement.
12. Play area update – Cllr McSmythurs reported that he held a conversation with a planning officer, subject to the actual planning application it was thought that WDBC was supportive of a proposal. Cllr Perkins obtained 3 quotations, Dragon Play, Caledonia Play and Sovereign. Caledonia Play is a local company and has supplied equipment at the Lydford play area. After considered deliberation Cllr Mincher proposed to use Caledonia Play, seconded Cllr Metherell motion carried. Cllrs Perkins and McSmythurs can now proceed further with the draft planning application. The clerk reminded councillors of the time limitation for Section 106 money to use for the scheme.
13. Energy efficiency – Cllrs Mincher and Alexander undertook several house surveys unfortunately the warm weather conditions made the exercise a little more challenging than had it been cooler, from the readings taken at some properties some simple heat-saving measures could be taken so significant savings can be made.
14. Correspondence – Lamerton P.C. Questionnaire – The chair reported that he conversed with LPC and informed that LGPC did not have a Neighbourhood plan. Website security – a Parishioner informed that the website had a contradiction regarding security, the clerk would look into the matter. Message of appreciation for donations received from the Lewdown Residents Association. A card and messages of appreciation was received from a parishioner for the work done by the councillors for the temporary signs erected to help keep clear a small section of Stoney Lane. Cllr McSmythurs reported that he held a conversation with the parishioner regarding the parking problem in Stoney Lane, the advice he received was for the parishioner to contact the local police directly who will look into the matter further. Correspondence was received from a concerned parishioner regarding the council statement on its website, the clerk will action the change required.
15. Defibrillator replacement update – The clerk to be provided details of the equipment that is required so that a quotation and possible grants can be obtained.

9.20pm The meeting went into Part 2 – members of the public were asked to exit the meeting proposed Cllr McSmythurs seconded Cllr Alexander, motion carried.

16. Clerk employment contract update - It was resolved to support the amended contract that reflects the clerks current duties. Proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Alexander, motion carried.

Meeting closed 9.22pm

Date, place and time of next meeting Monday 29th April, Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm
This is the Annual 4 parish's meeting and will be followed by an ordinary meeting, tea and refreshments will be available.

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