

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 779 Ordinary Meeting
Held on Monday 19th August 2024 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), Alexander, McSmythurs, Metherell, Perkins, Yeo, Wilkinson,
Cllr Mott (WDBC), Peter van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.30 pm

1. The chair welcomed all those present.
2. Apologies for absence – Cllrs Mincher & Southcott.
3. Members of the public open forum – no members present
4. New defibrillator location(s) – consideration for new location (s) – item held over for next meeting
5. Defibrillator replacement – update including grant availability. Replacement parts for the existing defibrillator at the Blue Lion have now been supplied and fitted. An additional defibrillator will be discussed at the next meeting.
6. Dispensations & declarations of interest – None
7. Minutes of previous meeting 778 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Yeo, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
8. Reports from Cllr Mott (WDBC) – this was emailed to all councillors prior to the meeting.
9. Finance –
 - 9.1 Payment was authorized for outstanding invoice to Dean Elliot – Grass cutting £120.00
 - 9.2 Bank signatory update – All changes have now been confirmed.
 - 9.3 Insurance review of parish council assets – The R.F.O. reported that he had now received written confirmation that council assets housed in councillors property are also covered under the existing policy.
10. Draft Grant policy – A grant policy and application form was considered and thought appropriate, clerk to provide the policy and application form for approval at the next meeting.
11. Reports from councillors – Cllr Wilkinson reported that nettles and brambles were now overhanging the pavement from the recreation ground to the school and suggested that this should be attended to prior to the beginning of the new school term. It was resolved that the chair would contact the land owner for permission to maintain the hedgerow. Cllr Alexander reported that the footpath entrance behind the sewage works was sealed off, however he was unsure if that footpath was part of the national footpath network. Cllr Mott suggested that use of the parish map would identify its existence or not, Cllr Wilkinson offered to look into the matter.
12. Councillor vacancies for Coryton and Marystow – no new councillors yet.
13. Play area – Planning application, lease update, play equipment. Cllr McSmythurs reported that he had been in touch with the land agent and was able to confirm that both the Recreation Ground Committee and the Baring Gould Trust were in agreement with a new lease, the terms and heads of agreement will be provided by the land agent. The planning application fee is £146.50 after a 50% reduction from W.D.B.C, a motion to approve the fee was proposed by Cllr Perkins, seconded by Cllr Metherell all were in favour. Application and fee to be submitted electronically.
Cllr McSmythurs reported that there was potentially some confusion over the sum of S106 money that could be apportioned to the play area and that he was seeking confirmation of the committed

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sum. Cllr Mott confirmed that the play area could be called “The Ramps”, and that she would forward new S106 application forms, Cllr Mott also confirmed that only one application form would be accepted. The clerk to forward the last application form.

14. Correspondence – New Fibre broadband network– Openreach are consulting local residents for interest in their service, if interested people should ask for an information pack from Openreach.
15. Emergency Plan – review of plan, storage of equipment – held over.

Meeting closed 8.36pm

Date, place and time of next meeting 30th September, at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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