

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 780 Ordinary Meeting
Held on Monday 30th September 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), Southcott (vice chair), Alexander, McSmythurs, Metherell, Perkins, Wilkinson, Cllr Yeo, Cllr Mott (WDBC), Peter van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.32 pm

1. The chair welcomed all those present.
2. Apologies for absence – Cllr Mincher
3. Members of the public open forum – Two members present. Complaints were received regarding the persistent parking of an articulated vehicle in the vicinity of Reddicliffs Mews were by its nature restricts visibility and access to the highway for the residents of the Mews. Also, the issue of road safety was raised since a couple of potential accidents could have arisen due to the restricted visibility. The chair informed that the vehicle could be reported on the basis of causing an obstruction and poor visibility at a nearby access onto the highway where by creating a road hazzard for residents living in nearby households. The chair to contact the local PCSO Kevin Williams.
4. Dispensations & declarations of interest – Cllr Alexander item 14.
5. Minutes of previous meeting 779 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Metherell, all in favour.
6. Planning app. 2625/24/FUL – Change of use (internal alterations only) to create holiday cottage.
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Council decision – Support – proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.

7. Cllr Mott (WDBC) reported that she circulated her report earlier in the month via email.
8. Finance –

8.1 Payments were authorised for outstanding invoices to include:

Dean Elliot – Grass cutting (August)	£120.00
Peter van Delft – clerk salary (Aug -Sept)	£527.25
HMRC – PAYE for clerk	£ 90.60
Clerk – Administration expenses	£ 57.84

Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, all in favour

8.2 VAT refund was submitted for the sum of £319.55

8.3 R.F.O. report a credit balance of £25,602.34 after approved payments, proposed Cllr Yeo, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, all in favour.

9. Grant policy – A motion for the adoption of grant policy and application form were proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, all were in favour.
10. New defibrillator location(s) consideration for new location (s). - It was resolved to ask the chair of Lewdown Victory Hall committee if under their Section 106 agreement there was funding available for a new defibrillator, also if it could be located at the hall. The chair to enquire.
Cllr Perkins suggested that the council may consider defibrillators for the four parish's if grants were available, the clerk to enquire. Cllr Alexander asked if there were any 'First Responders' in the village, Cllr Southcott was not aware of any F.Rs, he will enquire further with help from N.H.S.

Peter van Delft

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11. Defibrillator replacement – It was resolved that since the existing defibrillator had been updated and reinstated at the Blue Lion it was no longer necessary to replace it.
12. Reports from councillors – Cllr Wilkinson reported that the question of suggested public footpaths in the vicinity of the sewage works have now been identified and that no public footpaths were registered in that vicinity. Cllr Yeo reported that the Baring- Gould celebrations have been well attended through-out the year, the unveiling of a Blue plaque on 16th October will be held at Lewtrenchard Manor Hotel gates 4pm, more events will be held for the remainder of the year, see the Newlink, Oke-links and Lewdown Noticeboard for details. Cllr Southcott reported that he had been contacted by a parishioner who informed that a public footpath at Cholwell to Allerford was overgrown, this has been reported with D.H. Cllr Southcott suggested that the pc should be more proactive in the maintenance of the parish's public footpaths.
13. Councillor vacancies for Coryton and Marystow – no new applicants this month.
14. Play area – Planning application, lease update, play equipment. Cllr Alexander asked if the council wished him to leave the meeting for this item since he had a pecuniary interest however the council unanimously agreed that it was not necessary in this instance. Cllr McSmythurs reported that he was still waiting for information from the agent for the Baring Gould trust before any further progress can be made.
15. Correspondence –
 - Speed awareness, Police participation request. It was resolved that the chair would contact the local PCSO to look into the matter.
 - Request from parishioner – overgrown hedge on public footpath Cholwell to Allerford, the clerk informed that this has been registered with Devon Highways.
 - Parishioner flyer – Openreach Fibre broadband connectivity has been widely circulated.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Date, place and time of next meeting 28th October at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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