

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 781 Ordinary Meeting
Held on Monday 28th October 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, Metherell, Mincher, Perkins, Wilkinson, Yeo
P van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.30 pm

1. The chair welcomed all those present
2. Apologies for absence – Cllrs McSmythurs, Mott(WDBC)
3. Members of the public open forum – No one present
4. Dispensations & declarations of interest – Cllr Alexander Item 11
5. Minutes of previous meetings 773, 777 and 780 being a true reflection of those meetings were approved and signed by the chair. Minutes 773 & 777 Proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Perkins, all in favour. Minute 780 proposed by Cllr Southcott, seconded by Cllr Yeo, all in favour.
6. Finance –
 - 6.1 Payments were authorised for outstanding invoices that include:

Dean Elliot – Grass cutting (August)	£ 60.00
W.D.B.C. – Local election recharge fee	£ 90.35
Royal British Legion – wreath	£ 20.00

Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Perkins, all in favour.
 - 6.2 Grant applications – Applications were received from Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton PCC's. It was resolved to award £250.00 to each PCC. Proposed Cllr Metherell seconded Cllr Perkins, all were in favour.
7. New defibrillator(s) + location(s). Cllr Yeo suggested that since a defibrillator was now located at Lewtrenchard School was there a need for any more in the village since both ends of the village seemed to be covered. In light of the new defibrillator at the school it was suggested that additional defibrillator(s) could be reviewed again in the future.
Cllr Yeo would enquire if the school were doing any defibrillator training. Cllr Mincher suggested that if no training was available could the parish council arrange for a session at the hall. Cllr Southcott informed that he had difficulty with finding information on 'First Responders' but hoped to be able to provide some information for the next meeting.
8. Reports from Cllr Mott (WDBC) were sent via email.
9. Reports from councillors – Cllr Wilkinson reported that a parishioner contacted him regarding a thoughtless car owner parking the car in front of their property entrance when visiting the Lewdown Stores. Cllr Mincher suggested that placing a sign on the gates asking not to park in front of the entrance. Cllr Southcott informed that it is a public highway offence under the road traffic act to park in such circumstances. It was resolved that whilst the problem was not in the parish council's area of responsibility, it suggested that the stores owners could discuss the matter with the car owner.

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Cllr Alexander informed that a meeting had been arranged at Marystow Village Hall on 6th November with the main item to discuss the problems associated with parked vehicles obstructing and creating a dangerous hazard on the highway in the vicinity of Chillaton Junction opposite the former Chillaton Arms. The chair proposed to support measures that would resolve the existing problem, seconded by Cllr Metherell, all were in favour.

Cllr Mincher informed that he would like to undergo another 'Energy Efficiency' survey for interested homeowners by using a Thermal imaging camera, details to be provided at the next meeting.

Cllr Southcott informed that Government is consulting on introducing powers for local authority members to apply to the relevant authority for a dispensation to attend formal council meetings remotely and vote by proxy in certain circumstances. It was resolved to discuss the proposal at the next meeting. The link for information is <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-standards-and-conduct/remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting/consultation/subpage.2024-10-22.4587630148/>

Cllr Yeo informed that the Baring Gould 'Blue Plaque' unveiling at the Lewtrenchard Manor Hotel Gates held on 16th October was very well attended by people from all over the UK and close by Residents.

Cllr Andrews informed that he had reported several times to the PCSO the complaint of an articulated lorry parking in the vicinity of Reddicliffe. Cllr Andrews has not yet received a response.

10. Councillor vacancies for Coryton and Marystow – No enquiries.
11. Play area – Planning application, lease update, play equipment – held over until next meeting, however Cllr Perkins reported that George Greaves had been replaced by Peter Thomas as the agent act for the Lewtrenchard Baring Gould Trust.
12. Correspondence – Consultation on draft Devon/Torbay local Transport plan.
Free tree offer. It was resolved that a Silver Birch could be requested to replace the dead Cherry tree at Stowford Cross junction, proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Mincher, all in favour.

Meeting closed 8.24pm

Date, place and time of next meeting 25th November at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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