

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 782 Ordinary Meeting

Held on Monday 25th November 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, Yeo
Cllr Mott (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.30 pm

1. The chair welcomed all those present.
2. Apologies for absence – Cllrs McSmythurs, Wilkinson (Cllr Alexander left meeting 20.10)
3. Members of the public open forum – no members present.
4. Dispensations & declarations of interest – Cllr Alexander item 8.
5. Minutes of previous meeting 781 being a true reflection of that meeting were approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
6. Finance –
 - 6.1 Payments were authorized for the following outstanding invoices:

Dean Elliot – Grass cutting (Oct- Nov)	£ 60.00
P van Delft – Clerk duties (Oct-Nov)	£617.85
HMRC – PAYE	£113.40
Lewtrenchard PCC – Graveyard maintenance grant	£250.00
Marystow PCC – Graveyard maintenance grant	£250.00
Thrushelton PCC – Graveyard maintenance grant	£250.00

Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Metherell, all in favour.
 - 6.2 R.F.O. reported a combined credit balance of £23,165.54 after payments. Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour
 - 6.3 Grant applications – Coryton PCC requested a grant to help with the maintenance of the graveyard. Cllr Mincher proposed a grant of £250 in line with the other PCC's, motion seconded by Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
 - 6.3. Draft budget 2025-26 – The R.F.O. provided details of the anticipated costs for the following financial year. Cllr Alexander suggested increasing further the projected insurance premium and DALC fees as it was thought that these were a little low, R.F.O. to revise and resubmit a proposal at the next meeting.
7. Planning app. 3313/24/HHO – Householder application for erection of garage cabin and erection of glass canopy with associated works.
Warracott Orchard, Chillaton, PL16 0HE
Council decision – No comment – Proposed Cllr Mincher, seconded Cllr Perkins, Cllr Southcott abstained, remaining councillors were in favour.
Planning app. 3055/24/LBC – Listed building consent for installation of vertical slate tile cladding to a section of the south elevation.
The Old Vicarage, Chillaton, PL16 0JA
Council decision – Support – Cllr Metherell, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour.

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Planning app. 3387/24/HHO – Householder application for demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a 2 storey extension.

The Crest, Portgate, Lewdown, EX20 4PU

Council decision – Object – Proposed Cllr Perkins, seconded Cllr Mincher, all in favour.

Planning app. 3625/24/VAR – Application for variation of condition 5 (schedule of works) of planning consent 2021/24/LBC

Lewtrenchard Manor, Lewdown, EX20 4PN

Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Mincher, seconded Cllr Metherell, all in favour.

8. Play area – Planning application, lease update, play equipment – Cllr Perkins reported that Peter Thomas the new Baring Gould Trust agent had been contacted and is awaiting a response.

9. Council meeting dates for 2025 were reviewed and agreed.

10. Free tree offer – Placing and planting of the free tree, the clerk reported that a *Betula pendula* or *Betula pubescens* would be delivered shortly. Planting in the verge in the vicinity of the dead cherry tree at the junction opposite Stowford Cross. Clerk to ask permission from D.H.

11. No reports from Cllr Mott (WDBC) were available for this meeting.

12. Reports from councillors – Cllr Alexander reported that at the Milton Abbot G.P.C meeting, discussion took place regarding the hazard of parked vehicles on the highway from Chillaton to Tavistock at the corner by Chillaton Garage, several accidents and near misses had taken place, also the parked vehicles posed a hazard for the emergency vehicles needing to attend incidents. Cllr Alexander proposed that the council should support Milton Abbot in their endeavors to restrict parking on that particular stretch of highway since it is a danger and likely to cause a potential accident, motion seconded Cllr Perkins, all in favour. Clerk to write to the chair of M.A.G.P.C. and Cllr Neil Jory (WDBC) ward Cllr for Milton Abbot.

Cllr Perkins reported that flooding was a problem at Coryton Station junction, clerk to report to D.H.

Cllr Mincher reported that storage containers had now finally been removed at land adjacent to the Cross Roads housing estate however some building materials and equipment were still on site. Cllr Mincher also reported that recorded waste water flooding outages were now available on the Rivers Trust website <https://theriverstrust.org>. Cllr Mincher also reported that some of the lettering on the village milestones and boundary markers had become illegible, clerk to contact D.H. Cllr Yeo reported that defibrillator training was available at Lewtrenchard school on 28th November. Cllr Southcott reported that V.A.S. was in “Spy mode” to comply with highway regulations, a top speed of 98mph had been recorded. Motorcycle police has been present on a few occasions and will continue to monitor motorist’s speeds at random times.

13. Councillor vacancies for Coryton and Marystow - no interest this month.

14. S.S.L. protection & certification for the PC website. It was resolved that whilst S.S.L was appropriate for some parish councils it would not be of much benefit for the pc since it had no information on its website that could not be otherwise available elsewhere in the public domain.

15. Correspondence – Consultation on remote voting – Cllr Southcott informed that the proposal was of concern since “Part 2” at meetings could not guarantee that members of the public were not absent at that meeting, other aspects of the proposal were also of concern, Cllr Southcott recommended that councillors should take part in the consultation and comment on the proposals.

Meeting closed 9.20pm.

Date, place and time of next meeting 27th January 2025 at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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