

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Monday 29th April 2024

Minute No 774 of Ordinary Meeting held 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, Yeo, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Mott (WDBC), Peter van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 8.00pm

1. The chair welcomed all those present.
2. Apologies for absence – Cllr Perkins
3. Members of the public open forum – none present
4. Declarations of Interest - none
5. Minutes of previous meeting 772 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Metherell, motion carried.
6. Cllr Mott (WDBC) informed that a new report for May would be forthcoming shortly.
7. Housing survey – WDBC response to questions. Cllr McSmythurs reported that he had conversed with Cllr Mott on the issue in light of the response from WDBC. Cllr McSmythurs felt that the response he received did not demonstrate due process. Cllr McSmythurs would write formally with his concerns to WDBC.
8. Planning app. Ref:- 0355/24/FUL – Application for new agricultural entrance.

Land at SX 474 873, Lewdown

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

Planning app. Ref:- 0998/24/FUL- Proposed use of cabin as a holiday let.

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Council decision – support, proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, motion carried.

9. Finance – Payments were authorised for the following;

W.D.B.C. - Bin emptying service winter collections	£381.89
Caroline Harris - Payroll provider annual sub.	£170.00
D.A.L.C. Annual subscription	£318.79
Clear Insurance Management – Annual premium	£574.88

Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, motion carried.

10. New Councillors - vacant seats for Coryton and Marystow – Cllr Southcott suggested that an advertisement is placed again in the Newslink. Clerk to action.
11. Cllr Reports – Cllr Southcott reported that the Speedwatch team will be returning for checking on 3rd May, new members to help are welcome to join. The new VAS equipment to secure the camera on the remaining two poles will be installed shortly. Cllr Metherell reported that several cars are now regularly parked on the kerbside and also on the grass verge at the Downs, the chair to action. Cllrs Metherell and Yeo reported that a large building appearing to be a garage has been erected on land below the “Y” in Lewdown, a question of planning permission has been raised with Cllr Mott.
12. Play area updates – Approval for the wording of the draft lease agreement. Cllr McSmythurs reported that basis for agreement has been reached for the terms of a lease with the agent of the Baring Gould Trust and the Recreation Ground Trust, a summary of the main points will be

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circulated to the council members prior to the next meeting, these will include the length of time for the lease, the annual fee payable, the area of the playground and access + car parking for the patrons.

The planning application with W.D.B.C. has now been completed and ready for submission. It was resolved to proceed with the submission as soon as possible to avoid further delay, proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Alexander, motion carried.

13. Website privacy policy statement – update. The clerk informed that he had been in touch with the website provider.
14. Correspondence – Lewdown Cricket Club donation appreciation letter, South West Water response to questions. Cllr Alexander informed that the answer to question 20 was inaccurate, the clerk will respond to the correspondence for an explanation. A request for a white line in Stoney Lane to help with the parking issues, Cllr Southcott to enquire with Devon Highways.
15. Defibrillator – replacement update – It was resolved that Cllr Mincher will obtain quotations for a suitable replacement. The clerk asked the chair if the current location was best suited for the village and suggested if the Victory Hall may be better positioned. It was also suggested that if the location was supported by the V.H. Committee the new defibrillator may need a separate electricity supply, the installation cost would be at the expense of the council and that a contribution towards the electrical usage would also be made by the council. The clerk to obtain Community grants from DCC and WDBC if available.
16. Lewdown Recreation ground – Queen jubilee seat – It was resolved that the seat is to be located near to proposed play area, agreement with the L.R.T. to be obtained first.
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Meeting closed – 9.15pm

Date, place and time of next meeting Monday 20th May, Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm
This is the Annual Grouped meeting and will be followed by an ordinary meeting.

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