

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council
Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton
Minute No 783 Ordinary Meeting
Held on Monday 27th January 2025 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, Wilkinson,
Cllr Mott (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.32 pm

1. Members of the public open forum – one member of the public present. The parishioner provided information relating to planning application 3546/24/ARM.
2. Apologies for absence – Cllr McSmythurs
3. Dispensations & declarations of interest – Cllr Alexander Item 8 – he did not vote on application 3546/24/ARM and left the meeting whilst it was considered. Cllr Southcott item 6.4 – he did not vote on this item.
4. Minutes of previous meeting 782 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour.
5. Cllr Mott (WDBC) provided a report in January via email, the February report to follow soon.
6. Finance –
 - 6.1 Warm Hubs Localities grant application was submitted by the Clerk/RFO in December and was approved that month by WDBC, both Cllrs Mott and Southcott supported the application
 - 6.2 Payments were authorised for following:

P van Delft – Clerk duties (Dec-Jan)	£549.80
HMRC – PAYE	£ 96.40
Coryton PCC – Graveyard maintenance grant	£250.00
Soupa Troupers –((WDBC. Warm Hubs Grant) Cash withdrawal)	£200.00

Motion proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour
 - 6.3 R.F.O. reported a combined credit balance after payments of £22,308.03, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour
 - 6.4 Grant applications – Processing and determination including:-

Lewdown Residents Association (Newslink) £300 approved, proposed Cllr Metherell, seconded Cllr Wilkinson all in favour.

Citizens Advice £100 approved, proposed Cllr Perkins, seconded Alexander, all in favour.
 - 6.5 Draft budget + Precept 2025-26 – The budget and precept request of £10,110 was approved, motion proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Perkins, all in favour
7. Reports from councillors – Cllr Southcott reported that the ‘Digital Switch Over’ was nearing and that the message of getting prepared should be sent out to residents, a working party to be set up. Cllr Andrews reported that the Victory Hall Committee considered the installation of broadband, it was considered and thought that users would be able to use their own 5G providers to access the internet. Cllr Metherell reported that some road signs had gone missing/removed, Cllr Alexander also reported that some road signs had gone missing/removed in the neighbouring parish, it was resolved to inform Devon Highways. Cllr Yeo reported that the east bound ‘Wig-Wag’ lights were not working, Cllr Southcott to resolve the problem. Cllr Wilkinson reported that the road at Coryton Station was flooded again, problem to be reported to D.H.

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Richard Alexander, Andrew McSmythurs: George Metherell: Paul Mincher, Nicola Perkins: Brian Wilkinson: Graham Yeo:

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8. Planning app.3546/24/ARM – Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval reference 1277/20/OPA relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for plot 4 of the development.
Address – Slaughterhouse, Lewdown.
Council decision – support – proposed Cllr Wilkinson, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour
Planning app. 4125/24/FUL – Proposed calf rearing polytunnel
Address – Ford Farm, Coryton, EX20 4PG
Council decision – support – proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour
Planning app. 0164/25/ARC – Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 (roof Slates) to planning consent 0031/24/LBC
Address – The Old Vicarage, Chillaton, PL16 0JA
Council decision - - support – proposed Cllr Wilkinson, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
9. Highways – Maintenance of mile stones and boundary stones update. Cllr Andrews provided details of two milestones in need of attention by Devon Highways
10. Play area – Planning application, lease update, play equipment – Cllr McSmythurs reported via email that a planning application would be submitted soon.
11. Free tree – Placing and planting of the free tree – The clerk reported that he collected the tree from the Devon Wildlife Trust at Meeth, Hatherleigh, also included were stakes, tree guard and tree tie. Planting of tree to replace dead cherry tree at Stowford Cross.
12. Councillor vacancies for Coryton and Marystow – no interest yet.
13. Dog bins waste emptying service. Cllr Wilkinson reported that the bin at the Forgotten Garden had not been emptied for some time and that he had personally emptied the bin on several occasions, Cllr Andrews also reported that other dog bins missed their usual emptying service. W.D.B.C. to be Contacted.
14. Correspondence – Letter to Milton Abbot Grouped Parish Council. The clerk informed that the letter had been sent to the clerk of M.A.G.P.C. and their ward councillor but no acknowledgement had been received.
Correspondence from Mabrake – An invitation of a proposed meeting with Geoffery Cox was received, after much discussion, since no councillors were able to attend the meeting, the clerk to write back informing Mabrake that there is no change of their decision from 30th January 2017.
15. Road traffic accidents in the vicinity of Lewtrenchard Primary school – Cllr Yeo informed that a serious accident took place on the West Devon Highway in the vicinity of Lewtrenchard Primary School involving a mother of children attending the school and a passing van travelling eastbound. The mother was taken to hospital. The incident was reported with the police. Councillors were concerned that again another accident had taken place in the vicinity of the school and that measures by Devon Highways for improving the safety of road and school users in that area could have avoided the accident.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Date, place and time of next meeting 24th February 2025 at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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