

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 784 Ordinary Meeting
Held on Monday 24th February 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), Metherell, Mincher, Yeo, Wilkinson,
P. van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.32 pm

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Alexander, McSmythurs, Perkins, Cllr Mott(WDBC).
2. Dispensations & declarations of interest – Cllr Southcott - item 6.1
3. Minutes of previous meeting 783 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour.
5. Reports from Cllr Mott (WDBC) – sent via email to councillors.
6. Finance –

6.1 Payments authorized: Victory Hall Committee – Hall hire for year 2024 £300.00
Lewdown Residents Association – Newslink grant £300.00
Citizens Advice – grant £100.00

Proposed Cllr Mincher, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour.

6.2 Grant applications – Processing and determination:–

The Recreation Ground Trust (Lewdown Cricket Club) was approved for £215.00, proposed Cllr Mincher, seconded Cllr Metherell, all in favour

7. Reports from councillors – Cllr Mincher circulated a letter signed by 17 residents living at Crossroads Lewdown regarding the Viburnum SW Ltd development addressed to Cllr Cheadle of WDBC concerning the inaction of the WDBC planning department for a number of outstanding issues relating to the development. Cllr Mincher reported that Lewdown Sewage works was still discharging significant levels of foul water, possibly broken system to blame. On the same subject Cllr Southcott reported that he wrote to SW.W. enquiring when the treatment works would have the Reed beds reinstated, he was informed that no plans or money were available for the installation. Cllr Southcott reported that Speedwatch would be resuming again shortly but the team were still looking for volunteers to help. Cllr Wilkinson reported that visibility reflectors were needed on the Lobhill Cross – Lew Mill, Cllr Metherell suggested that this would still not resolve highway concerns.

8. Planning app. Ref 0433/25/LBC - Listed building consent for removal of existing cement based render from section of south elevation & reinstatement with insulating lime render, The Old Vicarage, Chillaton, PL16 OJA

Council decision – Support, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Andrews, all in favour.

9. Highways

9.1 Maintenance of mile-stones and boundary stones update. Cllr Andrews and Yeo provided more milestones and boundary stones in need of maintenance.

9.2 Highways reports. Cllr Perkins reported 16 potholes (or multiples), Cllr Yeo reported that the Eastbound WigWag was still not functioning, highways are awaiting for spare parts, Cllr Southcott to follow up. Cllr Metherell reported a safety problem on the Lobhill Cross – Lew Mill road, Clerk to write a letter to be addressed to Cllr Samuel of D.C.C. and Devon Highways.

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10. Play area – Planning application, lease update, play equipment – Cllr Metherell reported that another two trustees were required to make up the minimum of four trust Recreation Ground Trust members so that the committee could function, a secretary and treasurer has been found for the committee.
11. Free tree – Planting of the tree – Cllr Mincher offered to plant the tree in the designated place.
12. Councillor vacancies for Coryton and Marystow – no new interest
13. Dog bins waste emptying service. The WDBC service has now been resolved
14. Mabrake – Update on meeting with Geoffrey Cox MP – A minute of the Mabrake meeting held on 31st January was circulated to all council members. Cllr Mincher had written to Mabrake but has not yet received a response.
15. Correspondence – Letters and email of thanks for grants received from Thrushelton, Marystow, Coryton, and Lewtrenchard PCC's, also a thank you letter from the Soupa Troupers for assisting in the successful Warm Hubs grant application.

Date, place and time of next meeting, 31st March 2025 at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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