

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 785 Ordinary Meeting Held on Monday 31st March 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), Alexander, McSmythurs, Metherell, Mincher, Perkins, Yeo,
P. van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.35 pm

1. Members of the public open forum – No members present
2. Apologies for absence – Cllr Wilkinson, Absent - Cllrs Southcott, Mott (WDBC)
3. Dispensations & declarations of interest – Cllrs Alexander & Mincher Item 6 – both did not vote.
4. Minutes of previous meeting 784 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Yeo, seconded Cllr Metherell, motion carried
5. Cllr Mott (WDBC) provided a report that was emailed to all councillors.
6. Planning app. 0227/25/HHO – Householder application for proposed stationing of caravan as ancillary accommodation.

Thrushel View, Lewdown, EX20 4QP

Council decision – support – Proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Metherell, Cllr Perkins abstained motion carried

Planning app. 0779/25/HHO – Householder application for installation of en-suit window and construction of garden room with associated works.

4 Woods Field, Lewdown, EX20 4FB

Council decision – support – Proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Metherell, motion carried.

7. Reports from councillors – Cllr Mincher reported on outstanding issues relating to the Schoolhayes development, councillors were then informed that W.D.B.C. are working towards resolving those issues with the developer.

8. Finance –

8.1 Authorised - outstanding payments due included:

The Recreation Ground Trust (Lewdown Cricket Club) - grant	£ 215.00
P van Delft – clerk salary (Feb/Mar)	£ 549.80
HMRC – PAYE	£ 96.40
Vision ICT – Annual website hosting and support	£ 161.26
P van Delft – Clerk admin expenses	£ 72.17

Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Yeo, motion carried

8.2 R.F.O. reported a combined credit balance after authorized payments £20,503.01, Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, motion carried.

9. Play area – Planning application, lease update, play equipment – Cllr McSmythurs reported that the he was still waiting for feedback on the draft lease agreements between the Recreation Ground trust, the Parish council and The Baring Goud Trust. Cllr Yeo contacted the B.G.T. trustee on the urgency of the matter since the S106 money was time restricted and in need to attention. Cllr McSmythurs thanked Cllr Yeo for his intervention.

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10. Highways

10.1 Maintenance of mile-stones and boundary stones update. **Clerk to report to D.H. for maintenance work to be carried out.** Cllr Metherell reported that no action from D.H. for repair work on the Lobhill Cross to Lew Mill has not yet been carried out. **Clerk to follow up.**

10.2 Highways reports. Cllr Mincher also reported that a road sign was also damaged, **Cllr Mincher to report to D.H.**

11. Councillor vacancies for Coryton and Marystow – Interest in the Marystow vacancy has been expressed.

12. Correspondence – Message of appreciation for grant received from Citizens Advice.
Annual Payroll agreement, fee payable for the new financial year.
Parishioner – Road traffic accident v Road traffic collision – advice on clarification of terminology.

13. Invitation to attend a Mabrake meeting with Geoffrey Cox MP who will be chairing the meeting. It was resolved that the clerk to enquire when the meeting will take place and the agenda items. **Clerk to follow up.**

Meeting closed 8.45pm.

Date, place and time of next meeting - Annual Parish Meetings + Ordinary meeting
28th April at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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