

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 787 Ordinary Meeting Held on Monday 28th April 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), McSmythurs, Metherell, Mincher, Perkins, Wilkinson,
Yeo. Cllr Mott (WDBC), P. van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.46 pm

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Alexander
2. Members of the public open forum – none present
3. Declarations of Interest - none
4. Minutes of previous meeting 785 being a true reflection of that meeting were approved and signed by the chair. Motion proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Mincher, motion carried.
5. Cllr Mott (WDBC) provided a report via email, no questions raised.
6. Planning app. 0953/25/HHO Householder application for proposed 'Catio', an outside enclosure constructed from timber and wire mesh for cats measuring 6 metres (width) x 2 metres (depth) x 2.5 metres (height) to rear of dwellinghouse. 1 Kings Way, Lewdown, EX20 4DQ

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

Planning app. 0763/25/HHO Householder application for extension & conversion of existing garage/store. 2 Cross Roads, Lewdown, EX20 4DP

Council decision – object – Proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, motion carried

Planning app. 1199/25/HHO Householder application for installation of roof mounted photovoltaic panels with associated works. 4 Woods Field, Lewdown, EX20 4FB

Council decision – support – Cllr Mincher, seconded Cllr Perkins, motion carried.

7. Finance – 7.1 Payments were authorised for the following;

W.D.B.C. - Bin emptying service winter collections	£624.00
Caroline Harris - Payroll provider annual sub.	£177.00
D.A.L.C. Annual subscription	£334.62

Proposed Cllr Mincher, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, motion carried.

7.2 Credit from W.D.B.C re- bin emptying service overcharge £ 242.11

7.3 Bank detail update. Cllrs have not yet been contacted by the bank, R.F.O. to follow up
8. New Councillors - vacant seats for Coryton and Marystow – no interest yet.
9. Cllr Reports – Cllr Mincher reported no change at the Schoolhayes development, still awaiting a response from WDBC from his letter. Cllr Andrews reported that members of the council have been invited to visit Lewtrenchard Manor when it reopens.
10. Play area updates – Draft lease agreement, planning application. Cllr McSmythurs reported that the lawyers for S.B.G. have been instructed now that the heads and terms of agreement have been approved. Confirmation that the rent for the play area has been set at £1.00 (one pound) per annum. Cllr Perkins confirmed that she had contacted a Lawyer to act on behalf of the council to review the draft lease agreement when it is drawn up.
11. Highways – Cllr Metherell reported that no remedial work has yet been carried out at Lobhill Cross, also new damage has occurred at Thrushelford Bridge. Cllr Yeo reported that recent diversion

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signs erected in the vicinity of the “Y” junction have not been carefully considered and was thought that they have been positioned in a dangerous location.

12. Correspondence –

From Bere Ferres Parish Council – an email enquiring if L.G.P.C. had experienced similar levels of service from the W.D.B.C. planning department. These include little knowledge of the local area, a decline in site visits and inappropriate consideration of Parish Neighbourhood Plans.

From Milton Abbot Grouped Parish Council – in response to our parish council’s letter of 9th December their letter set out the phased schedule of highway safety work that their PC is currently working on including the purchase on new V.A.S. signs.

Clear Councils Insurance premium renewal – The R.F.O. reported that the renewal premium had increased from £574 per annum to £728 per annum. The R.F.O. contacted an alternative insurance provider and obtained a quotation for identical cover for the sum of £382.56 + £140 total £522.56. Councillors agreed that the increase from the existing insurance provider was excessive and thus asked the R.F.O. to proceed with the alternative insurance provider.

Date, place and time of next meeting Monday 19th May, Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm
This is the Annual Grouped meeting and will be followed by an ordinary meeting.

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