

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 791 Ordinary Meeting Held on Monday 28th July 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 Yeo (Chair), Alexander, Andrews, Metherell, Mincher, Perkins, Southcott, Wilkinson
Cllr Mott (WDBC) P. van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.30pm

1. Apologies for absence - Cllr McSmythurs
2. Members of the public open forum - none present
3. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Southcott Item 6 planning ref 1751/25/FUL
4. Minutes of previous meeting 789 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair, proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Metherell, motion carried.
5. Cllr Mott (WDBC) provided an update on the current proposed changes to local government reorganisation, she informed that she had QR cards that provided a link to the WDBC website and the Local reorganisation questionnaire, also details of proposals for the 3 new unitary authorities, final proposals to be submitted by 28th November. Cllr Mott also provides regular updates on Dartmoor National Park that maybe of general interest.
6. Planning app. 1751/25/FUL – Retrospective sheds/outbuilding within domestic curtilage.
6 Woods Field Lewdown, EX20 4FB

Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Mincher, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, motion carried
Planning app. 0813/25/HHO – Householder application for proposed studio on the drive.

Hillside, Warracott, Chillaton, PL16 0HE

Council decision – No comment – Proposed Cllr Mincher, seconded Cllr Perkins, motion carried.

7. Finance –

7.1 Payments were authorised for the following;

P van Delft – Clerk salary (June – July)	£549.80
HMRC – Paye	£130.78
Cllr Wilkinson – Refund for equipment purchased	£ 15.98

Motion proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Mincher, carried

7.2 R.F.O. reported a credit balance after payments of £22,855.72, proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Southcott, motion carried

8. New Councillors - vacant seats for Coryton and Marystow – No applications received, advert to go in the Newslink and the local facebook pages. **Clerk action.**
9. Cllr Reports – Cllr Alexander had received several complaints regarding parking on a dangerous bend on the main highway through Chillaton village from Lewdown to Tavistock. Clerk to write again to Milton Abbot grouped parish council. – **Clerk action + express concern to D.C.C.**
Cllr Mincher reported that the developer at Schoolhayes had filled in the ditch and was now levelled off, it appeared that the situation is now worse than previous. Cllr Mott confirmed that remedial work on the site had to be completed by the end of summer 2025. Cllr Wilkinson reported that Lewtrenchard Manor Hotel was now open. All the trees on the Lewtrenchard Manor estate were now covered by a TPO order.

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10. Play area updates
 - 10.1 Draft lease agreement – review of second draft. Cllr Southcott projected all the items of concern raised by Cllr McSmythurs, after full deliberation of each item, it was resolved to ask Cllr McSmythurs to report back to Ashfords Solicitors requesting them to review the items raised, proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Perkins, motion carried.
The clerk reminded councillors that official legal advice would still be advisable once all the draft detail had been agreed. **Clerk to enquire from DALC suitable solicitors**
 - 10.2 Planning application – Cllr Southcott informed that the planning application would need to be submitted using the Development Management email account and not to use the WDBC porthole.
 - 10.3 Review of the play equipment quotes – Cllr Perkins to obtain fresh quotes. Cllr Perkins also informed of a need to identify risks in consideration of Health and Safety, in particular the adjacent cricket pitch when it is in use. Some safety equipment may need to be purchased. See item 12 for a request for a member of the L.R.F.C. to be a party to the design of safety measures. It was resolved that this request would be beneficial to both parties.
 - 10.4 Provisional timing schedule for the scheme. Some discussion took place suggesting that the scheme may need to be completed in two stages, it is currently dependant of receipt S106 money, and existing parish council funds. Cllr Perkins informed that should the project take place in two stages then this might affect potential Lottery funding.
 - 10.5 Section 106 – update. **Clerk to enquire from WDBC the timescale and the drawdown process.**
11. Highways – Cllr Yeo informed that the Bratton road was now open again after having much needed repairs.
12. Correspondence – Soupa Troopers – grant request. It was resolved that the Soupa Troopers group should apply using the parish councils grant process, it also advised to apply using the WDBC grant process.
A letter was received from the Lewdown Recreation Field Committee requesting that a member of that committee is involved in the design of any proposed safety measures.

Meeting closed 9.18pm.

Date, place and time of next meeting Monday 18th August, Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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