

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 794 Ordinary Meeting

Held on Monday 27th October 2025 at Lewdown Victory Hall

These minutes are provisional until they signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.
Meeting opened 7.32pm

Present:- Cllrs Yeo (Chair), Alexander, Andrews, Perkins, Southcott, Wilkinson

Cllr Mott (WDBC), P. van Delft (clerk).

1. Apologies for absence – Mc Smythurs, Mincher, Metherell.
2. New Councillors – Douglas Allison put himself forward for the seat of Coryton. A motion to Co-opt Mr Allinson was proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Andrews, all were in favour.
3. Members of the public open forum – Three members present, no issues raised.
4. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Yeo for item 7 (app2943/25/FUL) & Cllr Alexander for item 9.4
5. Minutes of previous meeting 793 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Southcott, all in favour
6. Cllr Mott (WDBC) provided a monthly report via email, discussion took place on the proposed unitary changes.
7. Planning app. 2994/25/ARC – Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 (windows/doors/timber boarding of planning consent 4139/21/LBC The Blue Lion, Lewdown, EX20 4DL

Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Southcott, all in favour.

Planning app. 2943/25/FUL – Demolition of existing dwelling & 1 x proposed new build dwelling To be constructed on same site, including driveway, & garage & refurbishment of existing stone workshop, reinstatement & refurbishment to corrugated metal shed, gardens & orchard area. Wheatley Cottage, Lewdown, EX20 4QW

Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, motion carried. Cllr Yeo left the building whilst deliberation took place for this application.

8. Finance –

8.1 Payments were authorised for Dean Elliott – Grass cutting £60.00, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Andrews, all in favour.

9. Play area updates

9.1 Lease agreement – The solicitor requested amendments to clause 7.1 and clause 15. Both clauses were reviewed, the amendments were considered acceptable. Motion proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Andrews, all were in favour.

9.2 Review of the play equipment quotes – Cllr Perkins had provided a detailed spreadsheet of the three companies that had submitted quotations. After due deliberation it was resolved to proceed with the preferred supplier ‘Caledonia’ using Robinia timber as the main material for the equipment, the current cost of equipment and installation is £36,247.50. Motion proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, all in favour.

9.3 Planning application – Cllr Perkins suggested that since the preferred supplier for the equipment had been chosen the planning application could now be submitted. Cllr Andrews proposed to proceed with the application, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, all in favour. Cllr Perkins and the clerk to submit the plans. Cllr Perkin informed that she had forwarded to Lewtrenchard School the proposed play equipment for comment and consultation.

9.4 Section 106 – no new information.

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10. Cllr reports – Cllr Wilkinson enquired if the ‘Neighbourhood Watch’ scheme was still active, Cllr Andrews informed that N.W. had not been active for quite a while, Cllr Southcott informed that the N.W. schemes was currently administered with the ‘Speedwatch’ schemes office. Cllr Yeo suggested that the highways salt boxes needed to be checked, the clerk informed that no salt boxes were on his register, Cllr Yeo suggested that this could be a task for the snow-warden. Cllr Yeo informed that Lewtrenchard Manor would be having an ‘open day’ on 15th November 10.30 – 13.30.
Cllr Yeo informed that there is defibrillator training to be held at Bratton Clovelly on 4th November in the evening.
Cllr Yeo also informed that some work to the drainage at the Crossroads development had taken place, Cllr Southcott mentioned that it appeared that that work had been done to specification. Cllr Andrews informed that the defibrillator located at Lewtrenchard school was not accessible without the access code, Cllr Andrews to enquire about accessibility with L.S.
Cllr Southcott informed that the Speedwatch team urgently needed additional volunteers to help with the monitoring, Cllr Southcott to place an advertisement in the Newslink.
11. Highways – Drainage damage at Lobhill. A meeting was held with DCC Cllr Grainger, Cllr Andrews and the clerk at the site of the drainage damage. Cllr Grainger had contacted Devon Highways to investigate the problem however overgrowth had restricted visibility, Cllr Andrews said he would trim the area that needed attention so that D.H. could see the magnitude of the problem.
12. Correspondence – New councillor training courses were available via DALC at Northlew, councillors interested in attending should contact the clerk for more details. The clerk informed that the maintenance company had serviced the landing lights earlier in the month, however one light bulb was faulty and was in need of replacement, the clerk informed that a replacement bulb was arranged for a cost of £485.05 + vat installed, replacement was due to take place on 29th October.
13. Meeting dates for 2026 – Dates were circulated for the councillors.

Meeting closed 8.32pm

Date, place and time of next meeting Monday 24th November, Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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