

# Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

## Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

### Minutes of ordinary meeting held at Lewdown Victory Hall

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Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

#### **No 715**

Present: Cllrs: C. Dunn (Chair), A. Harrop (Vice Chair), T. Andrews, T. Dawe, G. Metherell, O. Vanstone, N. Perkins, G. Yeo, B. Wilkinson, C. Jones: Cllr Mott (WDBC): Peter van Delft (Clerk)

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

1. Chairs welcome
2. Apologies - Cllr P. Newman
3. Declarations of interest – Cllr Dawe, with item 6, Planning app. 4040/18/HHO.
4. Members of the public open forum – Two members present. A parishioner wished to let it be known of the shabby state of the parish's main highway in particular the verge near the cricket field. The other Parishioner wished it be known that another serious accident occurred near the junction at Lewtrenchard primary school. All the blue light services were in attendance including the Air Ambulance and suggested that the particular junction was waiting for a tragedy to happen. A request that the council urgently look into this matter with particular attention on having the speed limit reduced. Cllr Dunn provided a detailed explanation of what the council had tried to do, but, with-out success including meetings with highways, police etc. The parishioner was asked to formally write to the Parish council so that the PC could make further requests for the lowering of speed. Chairman to write to Devon Highways again.
5. Minutes of meeting 714, 26<sup>th</sup> November were signed by the chairman being a true reflection of that meeting.
6. Planning app. Ref.3955/18/FUL – Extension to ancillary residential accommodation.  
At Lee Byre, Coryton, Okehampton, EX20 4PE  
Council decision - object  
Planning app. Ref.0095/19/ARC – Approval of details reserved by conditions 5 & 6 LBC  
Of listed building consent 1847/18/LBC  
At Wonnacott Farm, Lewdown EX20 4QU  
Council decision - support  
Planning app. Ref.4040/18/HHO – Application for a proposed extension.  
At Manworthy Cottage, Lobhill Cross, EX20 4PJ  
Council decision - support  
Planning app. Ref.0160/19/FUL- Erection of dwelling in residential garden with assoc. works.  
At Lobhill Cottage, Lewdown, EX20 4DS  
Council decision – support
7. Playground update including information on the land surrounding/adjacent to the Victory Hall. Cllr Metherell went to the V.H. meeting and reported that they were not happy for the use of the car park to be used for patrons of a playground as it may cause problems when the hall could be in use. Other options for entry to the land behind the Hall were considered, with an option to contact the Cricket club for the use of its entrance and driveway, improvements to the drive maybe required.

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Cllr Perkins, had put together a 'Communities Together Fund' grant application but commented that the incorrect form was downloaded from the WDBC website, Cllr Mott was informed.

A replacement application would now be made. Cllr Perkins let it be known that the CTF would pay retrospectively thus therefore requiring funds to be available at the time of purchase. Cllr Mott suggested to apply for the grant most urgently before the deadline.

Cllr Dawe asked what were the annual costs of maintaining & insuring the playground/ equipment.

8. Finance. 8.1 The R.F.O. report showed a combined credit in the bank account of £8334.20

8.2 TSB – Further forms were received to make the account accessible via the internet.

8.3 Payments were approved for Mr P. Van Delft – clerk (salary Nov – Dec)	£329.60
Lewdown Victory Hall – Hall hire (July- Dec)	£125.00
Citizens Advice – Donation	£150.00

8.4 Asset register, it was resolved that VAT would be included with any council purchases, this was a result of the recent addition of the Air Ambulance Landing Lights to the register.

9. Councillor Reports. Cllr Harrop reported that it was important to continue to register pot holes on the Devon Highways website so that D.H. are aware of the continuing problem.

Cllr Metherell reported that the issues at the 'Y' junction near Lewtrenchard were still of great concern. Parking was thought to be dangerous for postman and deliveries, logs placed on the triangular parcel of land at the 'Y' and a serious pot hole on the side of the highway. Also drainage issues were continuing to be a problem and of concern with the impending colder conditions.

Cllr Perkins reported that a railway sleeper had been placed vertically on the side of the highway near the former station, this was thought to be on the boundary with Milton Abbot.

10. Cllr Mott WDBC gave a brief synopsis of;

10.1 Initiative for the creation of a local community bank,

10.2 Changes in the planning process for parish councillors

10.3 The impending Parish and Borough elections.

Cllr Mott suggested that these items should go on the agenda under 'correspondence'.

11. Defibrillator training – It was considered to enquire if any other organisations had training planned, if not it was resolved to arrange a suitable date at the Victory hall. The printing of promotional leaflets were offered by a parishioner.

12. Air Ambulance landing site – Official opening, The chairman of the Cricket club had replied that it would be pleased to hold an event at its premises for the occasion. It was thought that the May bank holiday would be a suitable time. Fundraisers, Toby Russell of DAA and the public to be invited. Contact the chair of cricket club to arrange the date. Clerk action.

13. Emergency Plan – the remaining roles for key contacts were provided by Cllrs Harrop &, Perkins. Discussion took place on the suitable locations for emergency accommodation, primary assembly points, those and other outstanding issues would be addressed by the emergency plan committee who will meet when arranged by Cllr Harrop.

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14. Lewtrenchard Primary School – highways update. – Highways had recently replied to council questions of suitable wig-wag signs, cost of supply and installation. L.P.S. would start fund raising and it was thought that other organisations would also help in raising £3000 for the lights. It was resolved that council would apply for a grant of £3000 (match funded) from the ‘Communities Together’ Fund. A total cost of approximately £6000 is anticipated.
15. Correspondence – Letters of appreciation for the donations were received from Coryton, Marystow, Lewtrenchard and Thrushelton PCC’s. Devon Highways promotional message for their website [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org), this is the largest source for local road works in the U.K. Lifton Parish Council circulated a copy agreement for the cutting of the grass verges along the West Devon Drive for 2019. There are no costs for this verge grass cutting through the Lewdown Parish.
16. Items to be included for the next meeting. No new items were provided.
17. Date, place and time of next ordinary meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Lewdown Victory Hall, Lewdown at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 10.25pm

Peter van Delft – Clerk to Lewdown Grouped Parish Council