

# Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

## Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

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Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Minutes No 720

### Ordinary Meeting

Present Cllrs Andrews (Vice chair), Crocker, Dawe, Dunn, Metherell, Perkins, Southcott, Vanstone, Yeo.  
Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr C. Mott (WDBC) P van Delft (clerk)

Meeting opened 7.36pm

1. Chairman's welcome by Cllr Andrews
  2. Apologies – Cllr Harrop
  3. Members of the public – Open forum – No members present
  4. Minutes of previous meeting 719 being a true reflection of that meeting were approved and signed by the acting chairman.
  5. Dispensations & declarations of Interest
  6. Planning - Reference 2016/19/HHO  
Proposal – Householder application for proposed extension in place of existing garage, new detached garage in garden and rendering to brick elevations and replacement timber windows to upgrade and improve the appearance of the dwelling.  
At – Trewinnard House, Chillaton, PL16 0JB  
Council decision; Support – Prop. Cllr Perkins, Seconded. Cllr Wilkinson
- Planning - Reference 2041/19/HHO  
Householder application for proposed Shed and garage for storage of implements and cars.  
At – The Bungalow, Cross Roads, Lewdown, EX20 4DR  
Council decision; Object – Prop. Cllr Dunn, Seconded. Cllr Wilkinson
- Planning - Reference 2099/19/ARM  
Application for approval of reserved matters (appearance landscaping and layout) following outline approval 0035/16/OPA (residential development for 14 No dwellings with associated access road and parking.  
At – Land at Sx 456/868, Cross roads farm, Cross roads, Lewdown, EX20 4DP  
Council decision; Object – Prop. Cllr Perkins, Seconded Cllr Dawe.

For details of the objections view the W.D.B.C. planning website.

7. Finance – 7.1. Report from RFO showed a combined credit balance including deposited grant from WDBC for the Wig Wag lights of £1850 of £11,654.65  
A VAT refund application had been made for the sum of £1352.64  
The period for public consultation to view the annual accounts had now elapsed.  
A Direct debit had now been set up with I.C.O annual subscription, an annual saving of £5.

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7.2. Payments authorised for the following: prop Cllr Vanstone, second. Cllr Crocker	
Leonie Hampton – Repayment of groceries for fund raising bake off	£18.90
Triangle Training – Defibrillator and basic first aid training	£ 80.00
Vision ICT – Additional information of accounts on website	£ 12.00
D.A.L.C. – Good councilor book for new councilors	£ 3.49
D.A.L.C. – Training for chairmanship course including vice chair	£ 72.00
Dean Elliott & Son – Grass cutting Invoices April May & June	£200.00
Peter van Delft - Administration & postage expenses	£ 8.99
Peter van Delft – clerk salary (June – July)	£354.04
HMRC – paye – clerk salary	£ 34.40
Lewdown Village Hall - Hall rental	£ 125.00

8. Councillor reports – Cllr Perkins informed that future fund raising expenses would be only accepted by the chair and fund raising committee prior to the fund raising itself. Motion was proposed by Cllr Vanstone, seconded by Cllr Crocker, supported.
- Cllr Vanstone informed that a large dead branch was extruding from a hedge and posed a danger to road users in the area of Comebow Barton. Cllr Dawe thought he knew of the landowner and would be in contact.
- Cllr Wilkinson raised the issue that on the Lewdown stretch of the West Devon Highway the pavements, verges and kerbs were becoming overgrown, impairing drainage and in need of attention. Cllr Southcott informed that there was a program of inspection and maintenance where and when required. Cllr Dunn informed that the drain in the pavement by Cooper Store had still not been cleared. Cllr Metherell informed that grass and hedge cutting along the highways could commence from 1st September. Consideration for including the extra work to be included in the following years contract or to request a quote for the additional work directly to the contractor. Cllr Southcott informed that there was possibly a grant available for such work via Devon Enhancement Scheme, from D.H. **Action – Clerk**. Cllr Wilkinson informed that one Ash tree had “Die back” at the Ramps. Also some other trees around the village also showed signs of infection. Infected trees must be felled at owners expense. Cllr Wilkinson to action infected trees at the Ramps, also Stoney Lane identified with problem trees.
- Cllr Dawe informed that there were still many potholes on the A30 that needed attention. Cllr Andrews would register problem areas with D.H.
9. Report from Cllr Mott WDBC – A proposal to remove Council tax support grant from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 for the pc has been published. A questionnaire has been developed to find out what the views of parishioners are; eg recycling, wellbeing, housing etc. For more details look at the home page of the pc website or look at the WDBC website. Election costs will be published in time for the council to calculate its impact on the precept request. There is training available on Standards and Governance for clerks and a councilor on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Wye Cross junction, hedge planting on the open green space has been agreed with Devon Highways.
10. Rural Skips – Enquiry if available to the parishes, WDBC do not offer a similar scheme.

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11. Lewtrenchard Primary School, wig wag lights – Committee report and progress. Cllr Southcott and committee had a progressive meeting with the school. The school had undergone a survey regarding the problem of speeding vehicles, with a 50% response, the overwhelming majority thought there was a problem of safety and most were aware of the problem. Grant from WDBC had been received for the sum of £1850. Cllr Ball had suggested that the pc apply for a Locality grant worth £500 for the lights, an application form had been completed. Council supported the application, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Wilkinson. Clerk to administer. Cllr Perkins enquired if a warning sign “School” could also be painted on the highway to warn road users. Cllr Southcott to enquire. Cllr Dunn reminded the committee that “The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents RoSPA could be useful. View their website [www.rospa.com](http://www.rospa.com) Further fundraising – Lewtrenchard W.I have offered to support the initiative to help with fundraising, this would be done at the “Afternoon tea” to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> August. It was also resolved that awareness of any fundraising would be promoted in the Newslink and Lewdown Facebook page.
12. BT. Telephone Kiosk in Lewdown Village – Cllr Andrews offered to clean the kiosk.
13. Recreation ground – Funding and progress update. Cllr Perkins informed that the last fundraiser, providing refreshments to the Tavistock Wheelers (cyclists) at the Victory Hall, it had raised £111.00 after expenses. Other cycle groups would be contacted if such a service would be of interest.
14. Southern Links meeting – Review of meeting. Main point of interest was the removal of paper documents of planning applications in the various parishes. WDBC acknowledged that a problem had been identified and would look into the issues raised. For more details of the meeting minutes visit; [LinkAdmin@westdevon.gov.uk](mailto:LinkAdmin@westdevon.gov.uk) – The next Southern Links meeting is 19<sup>th</sup> September.
15. H & S risk assessments – Committee report and update. Held over to next meeting
16. Correspondence - None
17. Japanese Knotweed – Eradication of infected areas and costs, Cllr Wilkinson informed that residents could “report it” on the WDBC website of affected areas. The “Ramps” had currently some areas that needed treatment.
18. Emergency Plan – Committee report and progress, held over to next meeting.
19. Items for discussion on next agenda to include – Inclusion of expense items for draft budget, Council document update and adoption, risk assessment, emergency plan, fund raising, phone box removal, verge clearing and maintenance, Ash die back infected trees in the Parishes

Meeting closed 9.50pm

Date, time and place of next meeting, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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