

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Held on Tuesday 25th November 2019 at Lewdown Victory Hall commencing at 7.30pm

These minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chairman at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Minutes No 724

Present - Cllrs Harrop (Chair), Andrews (Vice Chair), Crocker, Dawe, Dunn, Metherell, Perkins, Southcott, Vanstone, Wilkinson and Yeo
Cllr Mott (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk)

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies – none
3. Members of the public – Open forum - no members of the public present.
4. Minutes of previous meeting 723 being a true reflection of that meeting were approved and signed by the chair.
5. Dispensations & declarations of Interest - none
6. Planning – Ref: 3240/19/HHO – Householder application for alterations to ground floor internal layout, conversion of existing loft space to provide accommodation, alteration of existing hipped roof end to gable walls, addition of dormer windows and alterations and replacement of existing doors and windows.
Site: Higher Cholwell, Lewdown, EX20 4BX
Council decision – Support – proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Crocker, 1 abstained
Planning – Ref: 3241/19/OPA – Outline application with some matters reserved for erection of one 2 storey dwelling house and garage.
Site: Higher Cholwell, Lewdown, EX20 4BX
Council decision – Object – proposed Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Dawe, 1 abstained
See WDBC website for comments.
Planning – 3475/19/HHO – Householder application for erection of shed/garage.
(Resubmission of 2041/19/HHO).
Site: Cross Roads, Lewdown, EX20 4DR
Council decision – Object – Proposed Cllr Perkins, seconded Cllr Metherell, 3 abstained.
See WDBC website for comments.
7. Finance
 - 7.1 R.F.O. Report. A balance after approved payments showed a credit of £13,236.33
 - 7.2 . Approved payments below, Proposed Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Andrews.

Peter van Delft (clerk salary Oct – Nov)	- £347.44
HMRC – PAYE	- £ 41.00
Devon Communities Together – annual membership	- £ 50.00
Mat Electrics – Annual landing lights service	- £107.94
Dean Elliott – Grass cut	- £ 50.00
Coryton PCC – Donation	- £250.00
Lewtrenchard PCC – Donation	- £250.00

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Marystow PCC – Donation	- £250.00
Thrushelton PCC – Donation	- £250.00
Lewdown Cricket Club – Donation	- £215.00
Newslink – Donation -	- £150.00
Citizens advice – Donation	- £150.00

- 7.3 W.D.B.C. will recharge for the 2019 local election the sum of £89.04 to the pc.
- 7.4 Draft budget – a summary of predicted costs were considered. A predicted budget of £7386.72 was approved. Proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Dunn.
The Precept requirement for year 2020-21 is £7418, an increase of 2% over 2019-20. Proposed Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Yeo.
- 7.5 WDBC made a direct debit error for the dog bin emptying service. Payment will be collected in December
- 7.6 Citizens Advice – Donation request 2020-21 was made and approved in the 2020-21 budget
- 7.7 Wig Wag lights – Now payment has been made, council approved a contra payment of £713.45 to balance the account. The Wig Wag fund raising account is now closed.
8. Cllr Reports – Planning application Ref 123619 ‘Woods Acre’, Cllr Dawe informed council that the Woods family had previously an interest in the land. It was resolved to suggest that the name ‘Woods Field’ be used for the new development.
Cllr Yeo reported that the chevrons on the bend exiting Chilton towards Tavistock were in need of repair due to recent accidents at that location of the highway. Clerk to report to Highways
Cllr Perkins reported that a recent severe impact on the bridge numbered **LAN2406**, Marystow Lane – Lee Cottage had dislodged stone work on top of the bridge wall. Clerk to report.
Cllr Andrews reported that the road surface from Lew Mill – Lobhill Cross was in a very poor state of repair and in desperate need of resurfacing. Clerk to report.
9. Cllr Motts of WDBC – Reported that the new white recycling sacks had now been delivered to all households in the parishes. The ‘Supplementary Planning & Community Involvement document was now available for public consultation. See WDBC for more details.
10. Safety and speeding near Lewtrenchard School – Cllr Southcott was still looking for additional volunteers to help with the Speed-watch scheme, training would soon start for enlisted volunteers. Bus stop drop off area on the West bound direction would now be prioritised for review. Sub – committee members include Cllrs Southcott, Wilkinson and Yeo.
11. Recreation ground – Fund raising – the latest jumble sale raised £397.10. Cllr Perkins to look at a grant offer from Pocket Park fund. Co-op grant fund had now started. Crowd Funding to be considered as an additional source for funding. Sub-committee members are Cllrs Perkins, Dawe and Andrews. Cllr Dawe raised an alternative location for a play area behind the Victory Hall.
12. Recreation ground – Cllr Wilkinson cleaned up the public bench, several wooden slats were in need to replacement, Cllr Wilkinson to obtain quotes.
13. BT Telephone Kiosk – purchase/ removal – Lewdown. Cllr Mott identified that the Lewdown Kiosk was omitted on the ‘Notification of Removal list.

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14. Southern/Super Links – The November meeting will be attended by Cllr Harrop.
15. Correspondence – Springacre entrance – Council wrote a letter addressed to head of planning at WDBC identifying unresolved issues. Signed by the chairman.
Lewtrenchard PCC – An email was received advising of their grass cutting costs for the previous year
Coryton PCC – A letter and annual accounts was received, itemized were the grass cutting costs for the previous year.
North Tawton - Invitation to view their plans for the proposed new sports centre
16. Financial regulations – Adoption of replacement NALC policy signed by the chair, proposed by Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Andrews.
17. Lewdown YFC – tree planting project, the saplings were due for delivery this month.
18. Emergency Plan – Cllr Southcott and the clerk attended a training session arranged by Devon Communities Together, it was resolved to review the current plan and consider a draft plan provided by DCT. Committee to look at both plans.
19. Items for inclusion for next meeting;
Cllr Southcott suggested that the council may wish to consider the purchase of a projector and screen for the purpose of viewing planning applications and other documents, (the council had the benefit of using the WDBC projector for the meeting which proved very useful). Grants from WDBC and Dalc to be sought. Estimated cost could be £650 + vat. If council did purchase the equipment, other organizations/ parish councils would be able to use it for a fee subject to availability.

Meeting closed 21.41pm.

Date, time and place of next meeting – 27th January 2020 – Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30PM

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