

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 725

held on Monday 27th January 2020 at Lewdown Victory Hall

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

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

Meeting opened 7.30pm.

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies – Cllrs Perkins & Yeo
3. Members of the public – One member present raised the issue of parked vehicles facing the wrong way on the brow of the highway opposite the former Tuit Centre. Two accidents have occurred recently. The parked vehicles are causing an obstruction in a dangerous location. It was resolved that a councillor would contact the residents association informing them that owners of the offending vehicles were contravening two traffic acts. A period of two weeks would be given for the owners to review their parking options, if no change had taken place, the council would then consider other options.

4. Minutes of previous meeting 724 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and Signed by the chairman.

5. Dispensations & declarations of Interest - none

6. Planning – Ref: 3800/19/VAR – Variation of condition 4 of planning permission 2099/19/ARM
Site: Land at SX456 868
Address: Cross Roads Farm, Cross Roads, Lewdown, EX20 4DP
Council decision – No comment – Proposed Cllr Dunn, Seconded Cllr Andrews, one abstention

Planning – 3960/19/HHO - Householder application for erection of residential shed and log store for woodland management.

Site: Lee Cottage

Address: Coryton, Okehampton, EX20 4PE

Part Two council planning regulation was called by the chair, members of the public were requested to vacate the meeting, whilst council would consider the application and discuss the extenuating circumstances. Part Two closed.

Council decision – No comment – Proposed Cllr Vanstone, Seconded Cllr Crocker, one abstention.

7. Finance

7.1 R.F.O. Reported that after approved payments a combined credit balance of £12,842.59.

7.2 Approved payments for the following; Proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Metherell

Peter van Delft (clerk salary Dec – Jan) - £312.88

HMRC – PAYE - £ 32.40

Victory Hall – Hire of Hall (July – December) - £160.00

WDBC Invoice – Dog bins service (payment via D/D) - £287.04

7.3 Bank signatory update required for account, Former Cllr Newman to be removed and Cllr Harrop to be added. Proposed Cllr Wilkinson, seconded Cllr Dawe.

8. WDBC – Proposed new dog waste bin emptying service charges – The RFO raised his concern over significant increase in costs for the service. The council budgeted £591.30 however a proposal to

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charge £832 + vat for year 2020-21 and then for year 2021 – 22 £1248 + vat. It was resolved that the current service for emptying the bins twice weekly to once weekly for the year 2020-21. The WDBC notice was published on 17th January 2020, a final decision will be made on 18th February. The R.F.O expressed his disappointment with WDBC that this information was not made public before parish and town councils prepared their own budgets last autumn. Correspondence regarding this matter has been sent to Cllrs Mott and Southcott. Clerk to also write to WDBC.

9. Cllr Mott of WDBC reported that she received a complaint on the state of the footpath from the Cricket club to the school. Overgrown hedge and spreading grass. The problem was reported on the D.H. website No. W201300287. Cllr Mott reported that a proposal to increase the dog bin emptying service was being considered, WDBC needed to balance its books as it could no longer support the service that was running at a loss without increasing the cost of the service. Some instances of litter and waste had been reported, Cllr Mott suggested the WDBC website ([see page Report a Missed Domestic Waste Collection or Other issue](#)), would be the best method for contacting problems of waste matter and fly-tipping. Due to the Christmas break not much further news was available.
10. Cllr Reports – Cllr Harrop was writing to Devon Highways over the persistent flooding at Perry Spears near Coryton Station, tree roots growing in the drainage pipe were thought to be the problem and in need of being removed. Cllr Dunn reminded the council that he had also written contacted DH of this issue several times. Cllr Wilkinson raised the issue of the bus shelter at the former Royal Exchange had blown over and needed to be moved, Cllrs Harrop, Wilkinson and two parishioners would help to move.
Cllr Wilkinson informed council of the problem reading the security numbers to gain access to the defibrillator, poor light made the task difficult. It was resolved that a P.I.R. light may resolve the issue. The owner to the Blue Lion where it is location to be contacted and asked if a light could be installed at the councils expense. The motion was proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded Cllr Dunn in principle subject to clarification of costs for the installation. On behalf of all the council Cllr Harrop thanked Cllr Wilkinson for the help he provided a parishioner at a time when most needed. Cllr Crocker reported that significant amounts of litter/waste was dumped on the highway between Roadford and Thrushelton, Cllr Mott reported the problem. Cllr Dawe reported that the waste operatives were spilling waste when working on the collections, Clerk to report. A Pot hole near the Old Rectory was reported with D.H. by Cllr Harrop.

9.10pm, it was resolved to continue the meeting until all the business was finished or by 10.00pm which ever came sooner.

11. The Commissioner's 'Councillor Advocate Scheme' – Cllr Southcott provided a brief outline of scheme, participation was thought to be useful but some reservations with meeting place and of the effectiveness of scheme was raised. Cllr Southcott offered to attend a meeting and report back.
12. Safety and speeding near Lewtrenchard School – Cllr Southcott reported that the Wig-Wag lights maybe installed by mid February. Speed monitoring equipment had been installed by DH to register the speeds of passing vehicles near the school. The same equipment would be installed again after the Wig Wag lights were installed to see if any change in driver awareness of the new lights had been made. Bus passenger drop off areas were also of great safety concern, the current locations were considered to be hazardous. Cllr Dunn suggested that a letter highlighting the problem area's should be written to the Police and D.H, clerk to draft a letter.

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13. Ramps – Committee update, grant applications, fund raising etc – Cllr Perkins advised to the clerk that there was nothing new to report at this stage.
 - 13.1 Ramps – public bench repairs. – Cllr Wilkinson reported that a quote has been requested for the work.
 - 13.2 Ramps – land registration, Cllr Dunn raised the issue and suggested that this problem should now be addressed. It was resolved to obtain a search to see what had been registered with the land, the cost of the service was £35. It was resolved to approve, Proposed Cllr Vanstone, Seconded Cllr Andrews. Clerk to enquire and report back.
14. Southern/Super Links meetings - Cllr Andrews attended, Highways issues were mainly discussed
15. Correspondence – Lifton/parishes Grass cutting contract 2020 had been agreed with DCC
Thank you letters for donations were received from Thrushelton , Lewtrenchard, Coryton PCC's also thank you letters for donations were received from Citizens Advice & Lewdown Cricket Club
16. Stagecoach – consultation of proposed changes affecting the parishes services. Route 6 and 6A were under review. Clerk to write that a further reduction in service was intolerable, the current service was already a very limited service of 4 times a day any less would be detrimental.
17. Emergency Plan – It was resolved that an extraordinary meeting to be held on 24th February would help progress this forward.
18. Projector equipment – Cllr Southcott provided quotations for suitable equipment to aid councilors with planning applications. The best quote was £1034 including vat. Grants were available for this equipment, cllr Southcott to enquire.
19. Items for inclusion for next Ordinary meeting on 30th March, Disciplinary and Grievance policies – Adoption of NALC policies, DCC councillor participation for future meetings, Parish(s) meeting speaker.

Meeting closed 10.07pm.

Date, time and place of extraordinary meeting – 24th February – Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30PM