

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

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

Minute No 731

Ordinary meeting held on Monday 28th September 2020

Present: Cllrs A.Harrop (Chair) T. Andrews (Vice chair), T. Dawe, G. Metherell, T. Southcott, O. Vanstone, G.Yeo, B. Wilkinson, Cllr K. Ball (DCC), Cllr C. Mott (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk)

Meeting opened 7.30pm

1. Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.
2. Apologies – Cllrs S. Crocker & N.Perkins
3. Cllr Kevin Ball of DCC reported on the latest Covid 19 issues in the county. Highways maintenance whilst challenging is still coping well, it has managed to prepare its strategy for the effects of winter weather on its highways. Cllr Ball reminded council that use of the highways website was the most effective and efficient way of dealing with potholes and issues relating to its highways. Speed limit through Lewdown and problems relating to speeding vehicles were discussed, the chair reminded Cllr Ball of this long standing issue and the real possibility of a serious accident occurring should a review of the current speed limit not take place. The chair asked Cllr Ball what the rationale was for determining the speed limit through the village. Cllr Ball was reminded that many more houses were being built in the village resulting in greater use of the C822 also more children may attend Lewtrenchard Primary School. Cllr Ball considered that the issue of the speed limit could be reviewed with the Highways Engineer, Cllrs Andrews, Dawe, Southcott, Yeo and Wilkinson also identified safety issues relating to speeding, school drop off and pick-up times and its effects on the C822. In light of the proactive stance that the pc had taken Cllr Ball suggested that he would set up a virtual meeting with the highways engineer and the parish council, date and time to be advised.
4. Members of the public open forum – One parishioner apologised for the current appearance of his land, this was due to issues with the planning dept. Also raised were the two T.P.O planning applications and why they were requested. A tree surgeon would be on site to oversee work.
5. Dispensations & declarations of Interest - None
6. Planning – Ref: 2763/20/HRN – Application for hedgerow removal, notice to remove 25m of hedgerow to improve access.
Address –Ireland Farm, Coryton, EX20 4PG
Council decision – Support, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Andrews, unanimous decision
Planning – Ref: 2649/20/HHO – Householder application for proposed garage (resubmission of consent 0970/20/HHO)
Address – Sunnyside Bungalow, Lewdown, EX20 4BX
Council decision – Support, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Vanstone, unanimous decision
7. Minutes of previous meeting 730 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Andrews, unanimous decision.
8. Finance.
 - 8.1 Report from R.F.O showed a combined credit balance of £19,117.46 after approval of payments

Peter van Delft

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- 8.2 Payments were authorised, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Dawe, unanimous decision
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| Dean Elliott – Grass cuts at the ramps Cuts 7,8 | £100.00 |
| P. van Delft – Clerk salary – August- Sept | £379.44 |
| HMRC – Paye clerk | £ 9.00 |
| A. Harrop – Repayment for Zoom subs.+ thankyou gift | £ 53.78 |
| Devon Communities Together annual subscription | £ 24.00 |
- 8.3 Dog and litter bin charge increase from April 2021 and its implications on the 2021 precept. Clerk mentioned that the 266% increase by WDBC for the service would come into effect April 2021. Cllr Mott mentioned that the service had not increased for 8 years. Cllr Yeo requested a detailed cost analysis for the next meeting.
- 8.4 Clerk pay agreement award from April 2020-21 – It was resolved to approve the award, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, unanimous decision.
- 8.5 Clerk ‘Budgeting’ training courses cost £30.00. It was resolved to allow the clerk to attend the budgeting course. Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Andrews, unanimous decision.
- 8.6 Okehampton District Community Transport group – Donation request. It was resolved that the clerk request a more detailed analysis of the services they provide Lewdown Grouped parishes.
- 9 Councillor vacancy for Marystow Parish - It was resolved that notices should go up on the noticeboard, the pc website and the Lewdown Residents Association facebook page, clerk to action.
- 10 Cllr Mott provided a detailed report via the clerk which was distributed to all councillors.
- 11 Councillor reports: Cllr Southcott reported that the cost of the Emergency Plan booklet for parishioners could cost £194.35 for 376 households, the chair suggested that a print run of 450 copies should be quoted for. Cllr Southcott to enquire further. Cllr Southcott mentioned that he would attend the DALC agm. Cllr Yeo reported that Fir trees by the Ramps needed some pruning, Cllr Yeo and Wilkinson to attend to the work. Cllr Wilkinson reported that quotes for the removal of the trees infected with Ash Dieback would cost £95.00. Cllr Wilkinson also reported that some trees on the Tavistock road also showed similar signs of the disease. Cllr Harrop asked councillors to consider possible uses for the adoption of the telephone Kiosk near the ramps. Cllr Metherell wanted to know why the order of agenda items listings had changed. Clerk to respond.
- 12 Highways – Cllr Southcott reported that outstanding work on reported potholes had been completed, however the finger sign at Tubs cross still remained outstanding.
- 13 Lighting for defibrillator – Cllr Southcott reported that a suitable light could be purchased and installed for around £40.00. Light is to be approved by the proprietor of the Blue Lion.
- 14 Planning for the future – Public consultation on the governments white paper document. It was resolved that individual councillors could respond to the proposal.

Items for inclusion at a future meeting to include, the Ramps land registration, Emergency Plan, Commemorative VE Day plaque, telephone kiosk, dog waste bins service cost, 2021-22 budget.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Date & time of next scheduled meeting, 30th November 2020, 7.30pm, this will be a virtual meeting

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