

Draft minutes subject to approval

# Lydford Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012

**Present:** Cllrs Moriarty, Leigh-Tyrer, Evenett, Fowler, Cox, Dicker, & Skeaping.

**Also Present:** 2 members of the public.

**Absent:** Cllr Rose, Borough Councillor.

The Minutes of the Meeting were taken by the Clerk, Mrs Luke.

Cllr Moriarty welcomed everyone and asked if the members of the public would like to address the Councillors. The two members of the public introduced themselves on behalf of their company Trand Ltd, they explained that they are exploring the possibility of an development of affordable housing/shared ownership in Lydford to meet the need established in a housing survey dated 2005 for 6 units. After their address, Councillors questioned whether the need is accurate information some 7 years on and the procedures of a housing association prioritising local people. Cllr Moriarty advised the gentlemen that the Parish Council would discuss this in the meeting and respond with their comments.

The meeting opened at 7.15pm.

1. **Apologies**  
None.
2. **Declarations of Interest.**  
As recorded in the Register.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**  
The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**  
None.
5. **Reports from outside bodies.**  
Nicholls Hall – Cllr Dicker reported that the hall continues to do very well.
6. **Borough Councillors Report.**  
Not available.

**7. Finances.**

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:  
£283.46 Mrs Luke for salary and expenses February 2012  
£40.60 Inland Revenue January 2012

The payments were approved.

It was agreed to pay the grant to the Diamond Jubilee Committee when it is required.

**8. Planning Applications.**

**0013/12 Proposed installation of a 3.6kw solar photo voltaic system on a timber ground mount at Lydford Gorge, Lydford.** Councillors discussed the details provided and it was agreed to submit a neutral view/no objection to DNPA.

**9. Correspondence.**

Correspondence was discussed which had been previously circulated between the Councillors in particular:

A letter received from DCC regarding the Modification Order for the Bridleway No 52 & Footpath 10 Lydford. The letter asks if the Parish Council wishes to withdraw their objections. It was agreed that the Parish Council's objections would remain in place along with many others, so that the matter will be referred to the Secretary of State for determination.

An email from the DNPA Ranger regarding Bridleway 2b in the centre of the village was noted. He requests that all users refrain from using this route to allow the ground to recover and will monitor this on a regular basis.

An email (copied to the Parish Council from a local resident to Sustrans) regarding a missing link in Cycle Route 27 was noted and the Clerk was asked to email Sustrans asking to be kept updated of any further developments.

Councillors then discussed the presence of Trand Ltd at the beginning of the meeting and it was clarified by the Clerk that this was unexpected but she was aware that other parishes are also being considered by the same development company. Councillors discussed concerns over having another housing survey carried out when the present format of the survey does not explain the criteria people must meet to gain a placement in affordable housing. Concerns were mentioned that the procedures used by housing associations to fill the houses and that priority may not always be given to local people if there is another person or family with a higher housing need on the register. Also there are concerns that such a row of houses would not be in keeping with the village. At this point, Councillors are not aware of what land is being considered by Trand Ltd and that location concerns can only be commented on if and when a planning application arrives. It was agreed to respond that, at present, the Parish Council does not wish to support a housing needs survey and feels that affordable housing in Lydford is not currently a priority given the financial climate which is making it very difficult for young people to gain a mortgage even with shared ownership. At this time, the Parish Council is not aware of any parishioner who is in need of (and qualifies for) affordable housing.

**10. Agenda Items and Date of next meeting.**

The date of the next meeting will be 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

**11. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.**

Cllr Moriarty reported that the “no horse riding” signs have been removed from the Granite Way again. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Ranger.

The Meeting was closed at 7.55 pm.

Signed

Date