

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2015

Present: Cllrs Fowler, Moriarty, Skeaping, Dicker, Evenett, Tainsh

Also Present: Mrs T Redding, Clerk to the Parish Council

Cllr Fowler welcomed the councillors and opened the meeting.

1. Apologies

Cllr Leigh-Tyrer

2. Declarations of Interest.

None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February 2015.

The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by Cllr Fowler.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February 2015.

Blocked drains - It was noted that drains had been unblocked at the School but not elsewhere.

5. Reports from outside bodies

None

6. Borough Councillors Report

No report

7. Finances

A financial report was provided by the Clerk and the new format was accepted unanimously.

a. Grants

Lydford Sports Field. An email with accounts was received by the Clerk and this was reviewed by the Parish Council (PC). The PC decided that because of the Sport Field's current level of reserves, a grant would not be offered at this time. Once the new SF committee have a costed plan for grass cutting and some idea of their future fundraising capacity, then the PC will be happy to discuss the matter further. The clerk was asked to write to the SF committee to this effect (A1).

Treetops (early years group, Bridestowe). A response was received from Tree Tops with an annual financial report and a letter detailing the services available to Lydford residents. The PC discussed the merits of the services and decided that it would like to offer support but there were some outstanding queries that needed further information. The PC requested the Clerk to draft a letter to Treetops to invite a representative to the next Parish Council meeting for this purpose (A2).

8. Planning Applications.

With respect to planning application 0044/15 'modification of public access' Cllr Skeaping undertook a site visit and confirmed that the distance between access and

proposed school boundary were acceptable. The PC formerly approved the application.

9. Correspondence.

The correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Road safety - Mr Ellington sent a letter dated 17th February 2015 regarding the reinstatement of the solid white centre lines on the A386. The PC appreciated Mr Ellington's comments and accepted that the residents of Vale Down would like to see the white lines re-instated. The Clerk was asked to respond to Mr Ellington requesting that his document be sent to Mr Oxton from Devon Highways with the PC support for his request (A3).

TAP Fund application. The application in partnership with Dartmoor Forest PC was delivered in time by the Clerk for the current funding round. Although the quality of the application was considered to be good, the WDBC representative suggested that it be put in for the next funding round due to the diminished funds presently in the pot. This was agreed by the PC. The application value is approximately 50% of the total allocation for the next funding round and since decisions on what to fund is decided by other Parish Councils there is no guarantee of success. The placing of the signs was discussed with respect to the need for one on School Road in Lydford. It was decided to wait to see the outcome of the TAP application before considering further signs.

Nomination Papers for Local Elections - The Clerk has received a number of nomination papers for the upcoming Parish Council Election in May 2015. With a deadline for submission of papers on the 9th April the PC decided that a notice would be placed on the Parish Notice Board with details of where to get the papers (Parish Council Clerk - Mrs Redding) and the key dates (A4).

Letter - An email was received from Mr Trevelyan requesting information regarding the ownership of the land upon which the disused railway line between Princetown and Yelverton runs. The PC requested the Clerk to draft a letter of response indicating that the PC does not have such information and cannot help in this instance (A5).

Letter Friends of Lydford Primary School. A letter was received supporting the planning application for 0044/15 'Modification of the site entrance' to the current school playing field.

Action Log - Mr S Taylor has not responded to requests for information concerning his public liability insurance. The Clerk was asked to telephone Mr Taylor to this effect (A6).

Letter - Northlew School sent information regarding the joining of the school to the Federated Schools group. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter (A7).

10. Agenda Items and Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will on **Tuesday 14th April 2015.**

No additional agenda items

11. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

The Clerk was ask to write to DNPA requesting the removal of a wooden structure on the roof of 1 Rose Cottage (owner Mr F Russell). The PC believes that a planning application for this structure was rejected previously (A8).

The Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed

Date

ACTION LOG March 9th 2015

No.	Action	Notes
1	Letter to Sports Field Committee	email to L Ellicott. Also requested contact details
2	Letter to Treetops	sent by email and post
3	Forward letter from Mr Ellington to Mr Oxton	sent by post 20th March
4	Information regarding election on Parish Notice Board	done
5	Response to Mr Trevelyan	email sent
6	Phone call Mr Taylor	email recieved
7	Letter for acknowledgment to Northlew School	email sent to acknowledge letter
8	Letter to DNPA regarding Rose Cottage	On hold pending discussion