

LYDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7pm

Public Time

Six members of the public attended and were welcomed by the Clerk and invited to raise matters of public interest. There were no matters raised.

1. Election of Chairperson

The Clerk asked for nominations and seconders for the position of Chairperson. Nominated - L Fowler. Nominator - C Moriarty: Secunder - N Skeaping
There were no other nominated candidates and L Fowler was declared Chairperson by unanimous agreement.

2. Election of Vice-Chairperson

The Clerk asked for nominations and seconders for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Nominated - C Moriarty. Nominator - N Skeaping: Secunder - A MacIntyre
There were no other nominated candidates and C Moriarty was declared Vice-Chairperson by unanimous agreement.

All other councillors both those returning or new completed the Register of Interest form and the Clerk was asked to forward the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct to all councillors (A1).

Present - Cllrs Fowler, Moriarty, Skeaping, MacIntyre, Cook, Mills.

Also present T Redding Clerk to Lydford PC and Mrs C Mott (Ward Councillor for Bridestowe).

3. Apologies for absence

None.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th April 2015

The PC agreed unanimously that the minutes were accurate and they were signed by the Chairperson L Fowler.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes dated 14th April 2015

a. Defibrillators for Lydford Gorge

A request from the National Trust for Lydford PC to assist in the funding of two defibrillator machines for Lydford Gorge was discussed. The PC felt that although defibrillators may be of benefit, the proposal was for two machines to be placed in the gorge. It was felt that this was more a matter for the National Trust since they are the owners of the Gorge and the request was declined. The Clerk was asked to contact the NT representative, Mr A Shaw, with this decision (A2).

b. Mr Taylor potential future work

Previous correspondence with Mr Taylor confirmed that he had the necessary insurance cover to undertake further work for the PC. Suggestions for areas of work which could be undertaken by Mr Taylor were provided by the PC. It was decided that a schedule of work would be developed for ongoing work for Mr Taylor.

It was also noted that some drains remained blocked despite work undertaken by Highways Division. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways with regard to clearing a blocked drain outside Lismoyne, the entrance to the ancient spring and to report a hole in the tarmac close to Clearview (A3).

d. Tap Funding update

A note regarding the TAP funding application was provided by the Clerk. After a discussion with N Tigwell who is Clerk to the Southern Link Committee it emerged that there may be a resolution that TAP funding applications may only be discussed twice a year rather than at every meeting. Mr Tigwell agreed to inform the Clerk of the outcome of the discussion prior to the meeting in July.

e. Broadband

Cllr Skeaping had received a letter from Mr G Cox Conservative MP who confirmed that he was in support of rural superfast broadband and would be looking into the development of the service for the area.

The Clerk gave a report on her discussions with J Rumble (DNPA) who is the contact person for "Connecting Devon and Somerset". In the first phase the survey and construction work for the service is being carried out by BT OpenReach who are tasked with providing a 90% coverage in the UK. However rural area coverage is not considered to be cost-effective because of the lack of fibre optics and the distance of many properties on Dartmoor to the main network infrastructure. Lydford is not in the first series of survey work but may be in the second phase due to start survey work after 2017. Since rural communities are encouraged to be involved in the process the PC requested the Clerk to contact J Rumble to set up a meeting with BT OpenReach representative for the next PC meeting on the 9th June 2015 (A4).

6. Borough Councillors Report

The new Ward Councillors for Bridestowe are Mrs C Mott and Mr J Hockridge. Mrs Mott attended the AGM and provided contact details for future contact in order to attend future PC meetings.

7. Reports from Outside Bodies

a. Playground Committee (Mr T Williams)

The committee are currently awaiting the funds from the Lottery Award and noted that they are currently bidding for funding for the MUGA from Sport England under the Inspired Facilities Programme.

Mr Williams also requested a change to the review period for the Management Agreement with the PC. This review is currently set for five years and the request is that this period is increased to seven years to conform to requirements of the Sport England programme. The Council agreed to consider this under Item 13 Urgent Business.

8. Finances

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The Clerk provided a full set of accounts to the PC for the period 2014/15 which were accepted as accurate.

9. Bills for Payment

There were no bills for payment.

10. Grant Applications

There were no grant applications.

11. Planning Applications

Application 15/0021 for felling a Laburnum tree was supported.

12. Correspondence

- a) Defibrillators - PC decided not to support the request (See item 5a)
- b) Adjustment to Precept - for information only - accepted as read
- c) Planning application 15/0021 - Supported
- d) Planning consent (conditional 0096/15) - information only
- e) Came and Came - Insurance - the Clerk was asked to contact the insurers to ask for further information regarding what items are covered under the Schedule. The Clerk was asked to forward all relevant documents to Mr Cook (A5)
- f) TAP funding - see Item 5c
- g) Neighbourhood Plan for Okehampton and Hamlets - information only

13. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting

- a. Telephone exchange notices and OpenReach meeting.

The date of the next meeting will be 9th June 2015

2. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair

The PC voted on changing the review period for the Management Agreement for the Playground Committee from five years to seven years. The vote in favour was unanimous. The Clerk will amend the Management Agreement once Mr Williams has forwarded the original copy (A6).

The PC requested the Clerk to send a letter on behalf of the PC to Mary Barkwell to commend her long and appreciated service to Lydford Primary School (A7).

Signed _____ Clerk to the Council

Dated 2015

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Action Log 23rd May 2014

No.	Action	Date completed and Notes
1	All PC Councillors to be sent Standing Orders	sent 22/5/2015
2	Letter to A Shaw NT re defibrillators	sent 25/05/2015
3	Contact Highways re: blocked drains	called 26th May 2015, to follow up
4	Request for BT OpenReach to join next meeting 9th June re:superfast Broadband	email sent J Rumble 25/5/2015 response received re meeting on 14th July
5	Contact insurers Came and Comapny for schedule and forward to B Cook	email plus attachments sent 25/5/15 Insurance paid
6	Letter to Mary Barkwell Lydford Primary School	sent 25/5/2015