

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO AMMENDMENT**

**LYDFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**Held in The Nicholls Hall  
Tuesday 15th June 2004**

**65-2004.Present:**

Mr S Powne (Chairman): Mrs R Baker: Mrs S Holland: Mr P Fletcher:  
Mrs L Cole: Mrs P Martyn (Vice-Chairman): Mrs K Boyd:  
Mr DG Evans (Clerk)  
Parishioners in attendance:  
Mrs M Harris Others in attendance: Cllr R Williamson (WDBC): PC G Callender

**66-2004. Apologies for absence:**

None

**67-2004. Parishioners and Visitors time:**

67.1 Cllr Williamson stated that the grant application from the Nicholls Hall for £3k had been accepted by WDBC. Mr Powne expressed his strong concerns over the general cleanliness of the public toilets and the area around the car park. He stated that complaints have been received regarding this and the smell from them. A parishioner recently witnessed the cleaning contractor and reported the following; Van pulled up, cleaner entered toilets came out with bag of rubbish, placed it outside on the car park, got into van and drove away. Total time spent "cleaning" the toilets was 2mins 40secs. Rubbish bag was not placed into rubbish bin. Mr Powne requested that Cllr Williamson put all his effort behind taking this problem to the highest level. The clerk was requested to write to the Chief Executive WDBC expressing the concerns of this council.

67.2 PC Callender reported that fifteen crimes had been reported in the year 2003/04 in Lydford, none of which were major. A recent case of reported indecent exposure was discussed, Mrs Holland requested that the school and neighbourhood watch wardens should be informed of this. PC Callender agreed. Mr Powne thanked PC Callender for his time and effort in the village.

**68-2004. Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th May2004 were signed, by the Chair, as a true and accurate record.

**69-2004.Matters arising:**

69.1 Public Conveniences - See 67.1

69.2 War Memorial - A vote of thanks was expressed to Mrs Martyn for the beautiful floral display she made and placed on the War memorial in commemoration of D Day.

69.3 Broadband - Mr Powne detailed the meeting held recently with Michael Dunn of BT and Piers Corfield of Broadband4Devon. The outcome of it being that BT will not, in the foreseeable future, upgrade the exchange in the village. As a consequence, Bluewire have expressed interest in holding an open day to enable parishioners the opportunity to see what alternatives can be offered and to air any concerns over wireless technology they may have. Mrs Baker was especially concerned over the dangers of wireless transmissions and stated that she has been approached by several parishioners who are equally concerned. It was agreed that the PC should continue to act as facilitator for this project as the proposals for e-government would be dependant on quicker download times than currently enjoyed.

69.4 Litter bin in car park - The clerk and Cllr Williamson were requested to expedite this matter with WDBC and to ascertain why Focsa are refusing to empty the other bin in the car park. Cllr Williamson agreed to ascertain the ownership of the car park and to put pressure on the owners to repair the damaged bin.

69.5 Internet access for villagers - Mrs Boyd and Mrs Holland stated that they would be raising this matter at the next meeting of the Nicholls Hall, however, they anticipated acceptance in principal of the scheme subject to no costs being incurred by the Nicholls Hall

#### **70-2004.To receive report from Councillors on respective outside bodies:**

70.1 DNPA - Mr Fletcher stated that he has attended a meeting on April 23rd. The authority is striving to increase bed nights, currently 88% are day visitors and only 12% stay overnight.

70.2 Police Authority - Mrs Holland will attend the next meeting scheduled for June 30th

70.3 Board of School Governors - The report from Mrs Barkell was circulated

70.4 Southern Link Committee - Next meeting June 24th

70.5 Nicholls Hall Committee -Next meeting Thursday 17th June

#### **71-2004.To receive Financial report:**

71.1 The clerk circulated balances as follows;

Current - £400.28

Flexi - £4,769.27

Petty cash - .48

71.2 The following payments were authorised:

D Evans Clerk - £217.56: D Evans SLCC subscription and postage £65.73:

Transfer of £500 from Flexi account to Current account.

71.3 Grant applications: An application from the Sports Field Committee for the purchase of a second marquee was discussed. It was agreed to award a grant of £150 towards the

cost of this purchase. The clerk was requested to advise the secretary of the Sports Field accordingly.

#### **72-2004. Correspondence;**

72.1 Conservation area appraisal - The clerk detailed the proposed appraisal to be carried out by DNPA.

72.2 NPower CFL scheme - It was agreed to apply for twenty sets of free bulbs to be distributed through the "drop in" scheme.

72.3 Home Guard seat at West Grange - A letter received from Mr Rippon in response to the letter sent on the 3rd June detailing the new grass cutting arrangements was discussed. It was unanimously agreed to respond, thanking Mr Rippon for his offer to cut the grass on the verge adjacent to his boundary on behalf of the Parish Council. The clerk was also requested to ascertain the progress on the issuing of the licence for the seat.

#### **73-2004. Planning applications:**

73.1 An application for a garden shed and veranda at the Mucky Duck received no objections.

73.2 Downtown farm - The clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to DNPA requesting that the objection recorded by this council be withdrawn.

#### **74-2004. Items raised at May meeting for inclusion on this agenda:**

74.1 It was agreed that the clerk would speak to Mr Marsh regarding the cutting back of the roadside hedge outside of Moorside.

74.2 Verge and hedge on the left hand side of the road driving from the A386 The members considered that the hedge is growing too far out into the road causing difficulties for pedestrians and busses. The clerk was requested to contact Colin Hicks for his attention and to request that the verges throughout the village are cut and tidied as they spoil the overall appearance of an otherwise well kept village.

74.3 Bridle path signs - The clerk reported that these have now been removed.

74.4 Painting of outside walls of properties inside the preservation area and the use of coloured roof tiles - The clerk detailed the conversation he has had with DNPA who state that unless the property is listed or is a new build they have no authority over this.

#### **75-2004. Items raised for inclusion on the July agenda:**

75.1 Councillor's areas of responsibility in the village

75.2 Proposal for the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of VE Day in 2005

75.3 Condition of lane by Lake Cottage (extension of Silver St)

75.4 Update on continued sewerage problems.

#### **76-2004 To agree the date of the next meeting:**

The date of Tuesday 20th July was agreed commencing at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 9.15pm.

DG Evans  
Clerk to the Parish Council  
2004

16 June

Signed as a true and accurate record.....Date.....  
(Mr S Powne - Chairman)