

Draft Minutes subject to confirmation

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 17th November 2009

Present: Cllrs Gannon, Boyd, Holland, Cole, Moriarty & Brookes. 3 members of the public.

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

The Chair, Cllr Gannon welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited members of the public to speak. No one present wished to speak. Cllr Holland reported that she had been asked by a parishioner if there was an update on the gates and fencing at Mill Cottage. The Clerk was asked to request a verbal update from Dartmoor National Park Authority for the next meeting.

Cllr Gannon opened the meeting at 7pm.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

As recorded in the Register.

3. Co-Option of New Councillor.

Mr Leigh-Tyrer introduced himself and summarised his application for co-option. He then left the room whilst the co-option vote was dealt with. It was proposed to co-opt Mr Leigh-Tyrer onto the Parish Council. **Proposed** Cllr Holland **Seconded** Cllr Boyd. Mr Leigh-Tyrer re-entered the room and joined the meeting with voting rights withheld until the necessary forms have been registered with West Devon Borough Council.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th October 2009.

With one amendment to Item 5, the Southern Link meeting being due on 3rd December not November, the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr Gannon advised that she was working on arranging the Parish Plan Steering Group.

There was no current update on the Granite Way. The Clerk was asked to chase DCC regarding their proposed consultation regarding the use of horses on the Granite Way.

The Clerk had prepared and circulated some suggestions and improvements to the current Parish Council Website. It was agreed that all Councillors would read this through for a discussion at the December meeting.

The donation to CAB was discussed and the Clerk clarified that there had been no donation made within the current financial year. It was therefore agreed to donate the usual £50.00 to the CAB.

6. Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Moriarty advised she may attend the DNPA meeting on 27 November.

Cllr Holland gave an update on a recent speed check by PC Chapple (6 warnings: 4 @ 40-45 mph, 1 @ 45-50 mph and 1 @ 50+). PC Chapple has advised that the next speed check will involve an official camera and that if the official camera had been used that day – all 6 offenders would have lost their licences.

Cllr Holland advised that she cannot attend the next Southern Link Committee meeting on 3rd December. Cllrs Brookes and Moriarty advised that they may be able to attend.

Cllr Boyd gave an update on Nicholls Hall. The recent Bistro night had been a success and the next was scheduled for 28th November. The AGM will be held on 25th November.

7. Borough Councillors Report

No report.

8. Finances

a) Bills for Payment. It was agreed to pay the due bills plus £50 to the CAB. The Poppy Wreath donation was discussed at this point as per the letter received in correspondence. It was agreed to donate £40.00. The cheques were signed.

b) Parish Precept 2010/2011. The budget for the year 2010-2011 was discussed in detail. It was agreed to increase the Precept to £6300, an increase of £150 to cover the rising costs of postage, mileage, insurance and to enable the Parish Council to accrue funds for the costs of an election if required.

9. Planning Applications

There were no Planning Applications to discuss.

10. Correspondence

The summary had been previously circulated to the Councillors with a copy available at the meeting.

Cllr Gannon read through the summary and it was noted that the Parish Lengthman would next visit on 12 & 13 February 2010. This would be mentioned in Cllr Gannons report for the Parish Magazine in December and on the Parish Council Agenda for January to prepare a list of works required.

Additional correspondence had been received from a parishioner, copies of which had been circulated and discussed prior to the meeting. A response was formulated and agreed to be sent immediately.

An email from South West Water had been received and circulated to the Councillors regarding proposed works/improvements to the existing Lydford Sewage Works. In their email, it was suggested that they attend a Parish Council meeting to explain what is intended. This was discussed and it was agreed that South West Water should arrange their own public meeting in Nicholls Hall, possibly on a Saturday morning, to present their proposals to the public directly rather than going through the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to reply with the decision made and advise them how to book the Hall and that we will place notice of their meeting on the Parish Notice Board.

Cllr Gannon advised that she will attend the DAPC Meeting on December 7th.

11. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Items were agreed as follows: Website, SWW Meeting Update. Date of next meeting to be 15th December 2009.

12. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

The dressing of the Christmas Tree was discussed and it was agreed that all Councillors would attend at 2pm on Sunday 29th November to carry this out. Decorations were discussed to include themes Beating the Bounds and Ancient Spring.

The Meeting was closed at 8.22pm.

Signed

Date