

Draft Minutes subject to confirmation

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 15th December 2009

Present: Cllrs Gannon, Holland, Cole, Moriarty, Leigh-Taylor, Brookes & 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Boyd and McPhie.

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. A local resident spoke regarding a comment made in the Parish Magazine regarding the signs he had put up regarding dog fouling. He requested that his offence be minuted, in that he was accused of being impolite in his signs. He went on to say that Dog Fouling is an offence and he does not agree that he should say please or thank you to try and prevent it.

Another parishioner raised Skit Lane, Lydford, in that the water is tearing up the lane as it is not being diverted into the drain provided by Highways. Cllr Gannon advised the parishioner that the Parish Council would contact Highways regarding this.

A Parishioner raised issue with the bridge by the cycle track being overridden with leaves, mud and that it has not been cleared since the hedges had been cut. Cllr Gannon advised the parishioner that the Parish Council would contact Highways regarding this.

Cllr Gannon opened the meeting at 7.10pm.

1. **Apologies**
Cllrs Boyd and Mcphie.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
As recorded in the Register.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th November 2009.**
Item 6 Paragraph One. Cllr Moriarty questioned the accuracy of the last sentence and Cllr Holland advised that these were the words of PC Chapple. However it was agreed that the sentence should be capped in inverted comers commencing at “if official cameras had been used ...”. With this amendment the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair. **Proposed** Cllr Moriarty **Seconded** Cllr Cole.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr Gannon advised that she had been unable to arrange a steering group meeting and proposed that the results gathered in the surveys be published. This was discussed and sadness expressed over the seemed lack of interest from the parishioners. It was therefore agreed that the results should be made available in the draw in the meeting room with copies being held by the Chair and the Clerk.

The Granite Way was discussed and the response from DCC read aloud by the Clerk which explained that the Parish Council would be notified when an evaluation was due for the Granite Way. Other joint use paths were discussed.

The suggested Parish Website improvements were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should approach Hepworth Workshops in the first instance, as the current provider, to quote on the proposed improvements/amendments and report further at the next meeting.

5. Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Leigh-Taylor reported on this attendance at the DNPA Forum meeting which covered the Dartmoor Hill Project, Access and Recreation Updates, Cycle Paths and the Parks priorities.

Cllr Moriarty advised there had been no recent Police Liaison Meeting.

Cllrs Moriarty and Brookes reported on their attendance at the last Southern Links Committee Meeting and gave a verbal update covering a crime rates report and Waste Management. The next meeting was noted to be 25 March 2010.

Cllr Gannon reported on her attendance at a recent DAPC meeting and reported that the same Chair and Vice had been elected. The name of the organisation was reported due to change to Devon Association of Local Councils and any suggested logos were welcomed. It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 22 March 2010.

The Boundary Review was discussed and noted that there was still opportunity to make representations. Cllr Gannon requested that if any Councillor wanted to make further comment, to email the Clerk to form a response.

Cllr Holland reported that the last Bistro Night at Nicholls Hall was another success raising £191 towards Help the Heroes. All were welcomed to the Hall on Christmas Eve after the Service for an hour and a glass of mulled wine.

6. Borough Councillors Report

No report.

7. Finances

a) Bills for Payment. It was agreed to pay the due bills and the cheques were signed.

8. Planning Applications

a) 13486/2009 TAV Formation of Sand School, Raddon Barton, Lydford

The application was discussed and it was agreed no comments.

b) 0545/09 Proposed formation of new agricultural access at land at Lydford (SX 521853)

The application was discussed at length and it was agreed to reply with no objection however to request that the splay to the east (right hand side of gate) be lengthened to gain more visibility and that the level of the gateway be higher than the existing road to ensure surface water run off.

9. Correspondence

1) Letter from SWW was discussed. It was agreed that a site visit by Councillors was not appropriate as the matter would concern local residents. The Clerk was therefore requested to write back and ask that they attend a Parish Council meeting in either January or February that would commence at 6.30pm and be advertised to the locals on the Notice Board and Website.

2) A letter from a Parishioner regarding ongoing complaints was discussed along with advice received from the Borough Solicitor at WDBC. A response would be sent in accordance with the advice given.

3) The letter from DNPA regarding the gates at Mill Cottage was discussed and it was noted that a planning application should be forthcoming. The Clerk was asked to email DNPA to request that the Parish Council is kept updated.

4) Letter from the CCD was discussed and the Clerk was asked to respond regarding the Parish Plan and the decision to publish information to date earlier in this meeting.

5) An email requesting information on local history was discussed and Cllrs expressed names of local residents that may be able and willing to assist with the enquiry. The Clerk was asked to respond to the email and ask for a contact address and permission that this could be circulated to those local residents and to also ask if the person authorises their contact details and their enquiry to be put in the Parish Magazine.

10. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Items were agreed as follows: Website, SWW Meeting Update and Parish Lengthsman. Date of next meeting to be 19th January 2010.

11. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

None.

The Meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

Signed

Date