

Draft Minutes subject to confirmation

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd February 2010

Present: Cllrs Gannon, Holland, Cole, Moriarty, Boyd, Leigh-Taylor & Brookes. 10 members of the public. Mr T Hunt of South West Water and two colleagues.

Apologies: Cllr McPhie.

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

South West Water

The guest speakers from South West Water were invited to speak regarding improvements to the existing Sewerage Works in Lydford. The three gentlemen spoke in turn regarding the improvements that have been carried out recently and future improvements that may be needed after a period of monitoring has taken place. A question and answer session then followed with general concerns of smells, electricity failures and capacity. In particular, the main concern voiced by those persons present was of the campsite discharging chemical waste to the sewerage works, the increased capacity at the site and a drop in service for passing travellers wishing to dispose of their waste – both items that could be stretching and possibly exceeding the current capacity of the sewerage works. South West Water advised that their relevant department would open an investigation into the campsite and keep the Parish Council informed.

General Public Session

Other members of the public expressed their dismay at the gates still in place at Mill Cottage and it was noted that the previous enforcement date had been passed. Access issues were also raised. It was agreed by the Councillors that the Clerk should send an email to Dartmoor National Park Authority asking for an update on the matter.

Cllr Gannon opened the meeting at 7.05pm.

- 1. Apologies**
Cllr Mcphie.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Gannon declared a personal interest in Item 10 on the Agenda regarding an email correspondence recently received. Otherwise Interests as recorded in the Register.
- 3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th January 2010.**
The Minutes were accepted as accurate and signed by the Chair. **Proposed** Cllr Holland **Seconded** Cllr Moriarty.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

It was noted that Devon County Council are still yet to advise on when a Consultation will take place regarding use of horses on the Granite Way.

5. Reports from Outside Bodies

Southern Parish Links Meeting - Cllr Holland reported that the next meeting is on 25th March and that Cllrs Brookes and Moriarty agreed to attend this meeting.

Cllr Moriarty advised that the next DNPA meeting would be in June 2010.

Cllr Boyd reported on Nicholls Hall and that all is well. Exterior repairs are to commence shortly.

Devon and Cornwall Police have advised of a public drop in session at Okehampton in March. Several Councillors expressed an interest in attending.

6. Borough Councillors Report

In Cllr McPhie's absence, Ms Moyses advised that the Council Tax was likely to increase by 2.59%.

7. South West Water Meeting 23rd February 2010

It was clarified that South West Water would update the Parish Council on their investigations into the campsite discharge.

8. Finances

The Clerk circulated a finance summary and read out the cheques for signing which were agreed. The Clerk advised that a new Internal Auditor was required and suggested Mr Abraham as he is widely used in West Devon for this purpose. It was agreed to gain a price from Mr Abraham.

9. Planning Applications

None.

10. Correspondence

The correspondence previously circulated was discussed and it was noted that the Parish Lengthman had carried out our list of requests. It was agreed that the Library Service questionnaire would be completed by Cllr Moriarty as a regular user of the mobile service to Lydford.

The Clerk reported on extra correspondence received, being:

Devon County Council Highways have provided copies of village maps requesting that ideal locations for grit bins be marked on. These were circulated to those present and it was requested that they be returned to the Clerk so that one map can be prepared and returned to DCC. Cllrs discussed the existing grit bins and salt bags that are delivered to the village and concerns that it has been witnessed, on one occasion, grit being loaded from a grit bin into a horse box and taken away. Also that salt bags disappear as soon as they have been delivered. It was noted that DCC delivered a harsh warning in January that prosecution would take place in such instances and all residents

should be aware that the grit and salt bags are to be used on the highway and pavements only in the village and not removed for use on private land.

West Devon Borough Council have issued questionnaires on Bus Services, to be returned at the end of April. These were handed to Cllr Holland who agreed to pass around to those regular users of the bus service.

Cllr Gannon advised of an email from Mr May of Maze Surveyors in Exeter requesting a meeting with her regarding the School Playing Field. It is wished to discuss possible housing development on part of the site. Cllr Gannon reminded the Councillors present of her declaration of interest on this matter in that Mr May is a personal friend and therefore she will not be involved in any meeting or discussions on this matter. This was discussed and agreed that if a meeting was still required with the Parish Council, then the remaining 6 Councillors would attend but it to be made clear that the Parish Council will not be indicating whether they would support any development until a Planning Application is submitted and public consultation has been carried out.

11. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Items were agreed as follows: If required, update from meeting with Mr May. Date of next meeting to be 17th March 2010.

12. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

None.

The Meeting was closed at 7.35pm.

Signed

Date