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Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20th July 2010

Present: Cllrs Gannon, Holland, Moriarty, Cole, & Brookes.

Also Present: 4 members of the public.

Absent: Cllrs Leigh-Tyrer & Boyd. Cllr McPhie, Borough Councillor.

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

Cllr Holland advised that she would chair the first section of the meeting as Vice Chairman and invited those present to address the Parish Council. Mrs Weller spoke on the Parish Council's request for copies of user evidence submitted with the application by SW Riders for change of use on a footpath. Mrs Weller handed Cllr Holland a blank form used to gain user evidence for information. Mrs Weller also asked if she could contact the Dartmoor Ranger directly regarding overgrown paths in Lydford and it was clarified that any member of the public can contact Dartmoor National Park and their Rangers on any matter.

Cllr Gannon opened the meeting at 7.05pm.

- 1. Apologies**
Cllr Leigh-Tyrer & Boyd.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**
None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

Cllr Holland stepped down from the Chair at this point and the Clerk requested nominations for Chairman.

- 3. Election of Chairman.**
There were no nominations made. Therefore Cllr Holland took the Chair in her role as Vice Chairman. It was agreed to place items 3 & 4 on September's Agenda..
- 4. Election of Vice Chairman..**
See above item..
- 5. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd June 2010**
The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.
- 6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd June 2010**
The Clerk advised that, still, no correspondence had been received on the Granite Way Consultation for Multi Use.

Cllr Holland advised that Mr Huggins had offered to refurbish the two Notice Boards currently outside the Hall and that in the meantime, the third Notice Board (currently in Mr Jones garage) would be erected as a temporary board whilst the works take place. The Clerk advised that she could not find any new Notice Boards for sale under £1000 and therefore it was agreed to take up Mr Huggins offer providing that the Parish Council were invoiced for materials used and a reasonable charge for his time.

It was noted that 2/3 more complaints have been reported to South West Water regarding sewerage smells in the Village. Cllr Holland advised that the tenants of the Castle Inn are awaiting a camera survey into their drains because they have experienced some problems and that the tenants would keep the Parish Council informed. It was noted that the weekend of the Flower Festival had coincided with spraying of fields which created a noticeable smell.

7 Reports from outside bodies.

There was no report for DNPA or Police. Cllrs Holland and Moriarty reported on the recent Southern Parish Link Committee Meeting. The Clerk was asked to find out if the Parish Council gets the email updates on the Rural Services Network. Cllr Holland advised that the external works on Nicholls Hall are underway and that the bookings were high for the summer months mostly with private functions.

8. Borough Councillors Report.

No report as not present.

9. Finances

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:

£17 Mr Liversidge for grass cutting

£287.37 Mrs Luke for salary and expenses

£57.09 Inland Revenue

£141.00 Audit Commission

The payments were approved and the cheques signed.

The Clerk had received a proposal form for completion to gain a quote for increased Fidelity Insurance. The form was completed and signed by two Councillors. It is anticipated that a quote will be available for the September meeting.

Reserve funds were discussed and agreed that the bulk of the reserves (£5k) should be labelled for the future need of a Parish Burial Ground.

10. Planning Applications

It was noted that the Garden Room at Heather had been granted.

0296/10 Proposed Conversion of redundant agricultural building at Lower Waterdale to holiday unit and works to highway to improve visibility. The application was discussed and noted that it is an application to renew extant permission granted in 2007. It was agreed that there were no objections.

0291/10 Proposed replacement garage at Springers, Lydford. The application was discussed and it was agreed that there was no objection.

0329/10 Proposed variation of condition 7 of planning permission 0357/09 to allow for permanent residential occupation of Barn A at Downtown Farm Barns, Downtown Farm, Lydford. The application was discussed and agreed that there was no objection.

11. Correspondence

The Clerk read through the Correspondence received.

Mrs Weller's letter regarding behaviour of Horse Riders (as minuted in April 2010) was discussed and agreed that regardless of these comments, horse riders are still not permitted to use the Granite Way.

The invitation from Dartmoor Tin Working Research Group was discussed and their offer of one complementary ticket to a celebratory supper and talks in September and extra tickets available at £15 per person. Cllrs Holland, Moriarty and Brookes advised that they wished to attend. It was agreed to accept the offer and that those Councillors themselves would meet the costs of the extra two tickets.

The letter from WDBC regarding the running costs of the Public Toilets was discussed and the Clerk advised that she was chasing Helen Dobby for some further financial information before possible alternatives can be discussed properly at September's meeting.

The Clerk advised of an email request under the Freedom of Information Act from "Nigel". The Clerk advised that a response had been sent.

12. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Items were discussed and agreed: Overgrowth at the Spring, Public Toilets, Election of Chairman and Vice, Fidelity Insurance. The next meeting would be held on 21st September 2010.

13. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

None.

The Meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed

Date