

Draft minutes subject to approval

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16th November 2010

Present: Cllrs Holland, Gannon, Brookes, Moriarty, Boyd, Cole & Leigh-Tyrer..

Also Present: Mr S Powne & Mr A Cox, 2 members of the public.

Absent: Cllr McPhie, Borough Councillor.

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

Cllr Holland invited the members of the public to speak. Mr Powne spoke on the condition of the highway from the Memorial Cross to the Dartmoor Inn and requested that the Parish Council report this to the relevant authority. The Clerk advised that she would email Highways with this concern. Mr Powne then requested that the Parish Council consider donation to a Street Party Committee for the Diamond Jubilee in 2012, in particular to cover any licence costs, when preparing the Parish Budget shortly. Cllr Moriarty reported that some residents have been complaining about the old post office/garage on the main road which is becoming an eyesore with neglect. It was noted that Japanese Knotweed was being allowed to grow on site. The Clerk was asked to report concerns to Highways and the landowner and suggest that the signage at least could be removed from site along with the Knotweed. The meeting then opened the meeting at 7.15pm

1. **Apologies**
None.
2. **Declarations of Interest.**
As recorded in the Register.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th October 2010.**
The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th October 2010.**
 - a) The Clerk advised that a response from Caroline Gattrell, DCC had been received which advised that no date has been set for the consultation of multi use on the Granite Way. When a date is set, the Parish Council will be advised. Councillors raised concerns over a recent article in the Tavistock Times on the “missing link soon to be filled” on the Granite Way and that the Parish Council has not been consulted at all on this application from DCC. The Clerk was asked to enquire with relevant Authorities why the Parish Council has not been involved in this.

5. Reports from outside Bodies

DNPA - Cllr Leigh-Tyrer confirmed that he would be attempting to make the next meeting on 26th November 2010 and would raise the matter of the future of Lydford Public Toilets.

Police – No report.

Southern Parishes Link Committee – Minutes of the last meeting were noted.

Nicholls Hall – No change from last month.

6. Borough Councillors Report

An email received from Cllr McPhie concerning Housing Needs Survey would be dealt with under correspondence.

7. Finances

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:

£40.00 Poppy Appeal

£17.00 Mr Liversidge for grass cutting

£283.98 Mrs Luke for salary and expenses

£57.09 Inland Revenue

£82.00 SLCC Subscription

The payments were approved.

a) Draft Budget 2011/2012.

The draft budget was discussed and agreed to bring a revised draft to the December meeting.

8. Planning Applications

a) To ratify response sent to Devon County Council on the Schedule 14 Application to Devon County Council: Upgrade of footpath nos 41, 49 & 10 (part), Lydford to Bridleway. The response was agreed “We would draw your attention to Devon County Council Committee report dated November 17th 2007 code no EEC/07/312/HQ Public rights of way Committee Definitive Map review 2004-2007 Parish of Lydford. Specifically, page 4 of 12 Paragraph 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7. Nothing has changed except the ownership of Mill Cottage. The Parish Council’s opinion remains the same. Health and Safety issues remain a serious concern to all users”. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council’s comment had been added to the application and that the application would be further dealt with by DCC in March 2011.

0549/10 Proposed construction of a micro-hydropower scheme, using water from the River Lyd, to generate green electricity at Beardon Farm, Lydford, Okehampton. This application was noted to have been received after the agenda had been prepared. The plans were looked at and discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to the application.

9. Correspondence

The Clerk read through the Correspondence received. Cllr Gannon declared her personal interest in an email from Mr May, Maze Surveyors. The email was discussed in relation to a request that the Parish Council support an up to date Housing Needs Survey from WDBC for Lydford. The Clerk advised that Cllr McPhie had also emailed supporting an up to date survey being carried out. However various concerns were raised as a result of the last Survey done and it was agreed that the Clerk would request a copy of a survey from WDBC and ask if the Parish Council can be involved in reviewing the questions

contained in the survey. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the December meeting to discuss a potential survey further. The Clerk was also asked to email Mr May and ask if his Statement of Community Involvement was available now or if it would be included in any planning application yet to be submitted. This action was agreed by six Councillors with the seventh abstaining.

A funding letter from TASS was discussed and it was agreed on this occasion not to contribute.

10. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Items were discussed and agreed: Draft Budget for 2011/2012, Housing Needs Survey, Granite Way. The next meeting would be held on 21st December 2010 at 7pm.

11. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

None.

The Meeting was closed at 8.17 pm.

Signed

Date