

Draft minutes subject to approval

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18th January 2011

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

Also Present: Mr R Taylor, DNPA Ranger and one member 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 Taylor spoke on his new role as DNPA Ranger for Lydford Parish amongst others. Management of public rights of way was discussed and in particular maintenance works required on Skitt Lane. Mr Taylor advised that he would be looking to undertake maintenance projects involving the local school and other groups.

1. **Apologies**
None.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Cole declared her interest in item 9. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th November 2010.**
The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th November 2010.**
 - a) The Clerk was asked to chase DCC, both Caroline Gatrell and Christine Marsh regarding consultation on the Granite Way and for update on the article in the Tavistock Times "Cycle path's missing link may soon be filled".
Use of horses on the Granite Way was discussed as reports have been made from local residents with some photographs being taken. The Police have been informed by residents concerned. The Clerk was asked to write to Lamerton Hunt again and ask them to advise all their riders that horses are not permitted to be ridden along the Granite Way.
5. **Housing Needs Survey**
The Councillors considered the advice and information received from John Packer, WDBC. It was agreed to wait until John reports back from his discussions with DNPA on clarifying their current policy before an informed decision can be made.
6. **Reports from Outside Bodies**
DNPA – No meeting attended.
Police – No report.

Southern Parishes Link Committee – No recent meeting, the next is scheduled for 17th March.

Nicholls Hall – A jumble sale is to be held for fundraising.

7. Borough Councillors Report

No report.

8. Finances

a) Budget 2011-2012.

The budget items were discussed and agreed. In particular, a request from WDBC for the Parish Council to contribute 30% of the running costs for the Public Toilets at £1560. After discussion it was agreed that an increase to the precept was unjustified for this purpose. The Clerk was asked to respond to WDBC with this decision and suggest that they consult with DNPA over the future running costs of the toilets, as in Lydford, the toilets are used mostly by tourists and are owned by DNPA leased to WDBC. Therefore some renegotiation could be made.

b) Precept 2011-2012. Taken from the Budget just agreed, it was agreed to set the Precept at £6300.00 (same as current year).

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:

£273.63 Mrs Luke for salary and expenses December 2010

£271.36 Mrs Luke for salary and expenses January 2011

£57.09 Inland Revenue December 2010

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The payments were approved.

9. Planning Applications

0580/10 Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with new dwelling at Sanctuary, Lydford. The application was discussed and agreed no objections.

10. Correspondence

The Clerk read through the Correspondence received with much having been dealt with through the meeting. The Clerk was asked to respond to local resident, Mr Haigh, on his letter concerning the maintenance along Skitt Lane. It was noted that the next Parish Lengthsman visit is 10th & 11th February 2011. The Clerk was asked to report Skitt Lane as discussed, the footpath at entrance to Hawthorn Park, blocked drains at Hawthorn Park and by Castle Reach, outside Lyd Barn.

Information had been received regarding how to organise a street party. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not be the organisers of a street party but noted that a committee would be set up within the village. The information will be passed onto them.

The Clerk was asked to chase up her previous report to Highways on the Japanese Knotweed growing at the abandoned garage on the main road (copy in the DNPA Ranger).

11. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Items were discussed and agreed: Elections, Housing Needs Survey, Granite Way. The next meeting would be held on 15th February 2011 at 7pm.

12. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

It was reported that, on Christmas Eve, a man was witnessed taking grit from the bin outside the Church on the hill, shovelling it into bags and loading into his vehicle. It was agreed mention this in the Village Magazine, to remind parishioners that DCC consider this a criminal offence and to reinstate that the grit left on the highway and in bins is for use on that section of Highway only.

The Meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed

Date