

Draft minutes subject to approval

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2011

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

Also Present: 9 members of the public and Cllr Marsh, DCC (see item 4a).

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

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

Cllr Holland welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited members of the public present to speak. The matter of reduced bus services was raised and a parishioner advised that there are leaflets available on the buses detailing revisions.

A parishioner complained about the gorse cutting on the A30 by the Highways Agency and that the litter was also being shredded as a result. Whilst not in the parish boundary, this litter is now strewn around on the A30 which is the gateway to our Parish. The parishioner asked that the Parish Council write to complain about this and question why there are funds to cut gorse but not fill in the many potholes on our highways. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Highways Agency.

A Councillor advised of a report from a parishioner not able to make the meeting, in that a tree has been cut down at Mill Cottage. It is understood that the tree was in a Tree Preservation Area and therefore permission should have been sought. The Clerk was asked to look into this with DNPA.

1. **Apologies**
Cllr Leigh-Tyrer.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Otherwise as recorded in the Register.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February 2011.**
The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February 2011.**
Item 12. It was noted that the grit bins have been re-filled. The Clerk advised that she had no reply on the knotweed enquiry raised with Highways and DNPA Ranger. Cllrs requested that the Clerk now write to Natural England.
 - a) Granite Way. (For clarification, Cllr Marsh's attendance was unknown until this point of the meeting). Cllr Marsh introduced herself and responded on the letter from the Clerk dated 18th February. Cllr March advised that the current policy for horses not allowed on the granite was impossible to enforce and that

DCC Policy would encourage multi-use if and when consultation went ahead. Cllr Marsh confirmed that use of horses on the Granite Way was a civil offence not criminal and again, DCC would not have the resources to enter into legal matters. Liability also would depend on the circumstances as with any liability claim. Cllr Marsh advised that DCC would prefer to see sensible agreement for a small number of riders rather than cause conflict. However, if the Parish Council was able to supply photographic evidence of the hunt on the Granite Way and dates that they usually do this, then an officer could monitor the use.

Cllr Marsh also advised that there is now a compulsory purchase order on the last section of land that is required to complete the cycle route and that soon this will be a continual route.

Councillors advised Cllr Marsh on the Schedule 14 Application, having been deferred on the 3rd March due to new evidence being submitted at the last minute. Councillors asked Cllr Marsh to look into the procedures being used and advise the Parish Council further.

Cllr Marsh advised that she is looking into the gorse cutting issue on the A30 as she has received other complaints. However she confirmed that the works were being done by the Highways Agency and not the DCC highways department.

Cllr Marsh summarised by advising that she would write to the Clerk to confirm the above information and would try to make the next meeting in April. Councillors thanked Cllr Marsh for attending and for the information received.

5. Reports from Outside Bodies

DNPA – No report.

Police – No report.

Southern Parishes Link Committee – The next meeting is scheduled for 17th March and Cllr Holland advised that she would be unable to attend.

Nicholls Hall – Cllr Boyd advised that there will be a street party in the hall to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Bring a plate and join in! Cllr Boyd confirmed that finances were sound and the jumble sale season has arrived.

6. Borough Councillors Report

No report.

7. Finances

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:

£265.72 Mrs Luke for salary and expenses February 2011

£57.09 Inland Revenue February 2011

The payments were approved.

8. Planning Applications

0079/11 Proposed extension (293sqm) to existing hay barn to provide further storage of hay at Hartwood Farm, Lydford. It was confirmed that this was an application for prior notification under agricultural use. The Clerk was asked to request the DNPA carry out a site visit as it has been reported that the current barn is being used as an open stable for horse. If correct, this could require a change of use application.

9. Correspondence

The remaining correspondence in addition to list:

Lydford School have confirmed that they have agreed to Federation Status and that this will commence in September 2011.

An email from WDBC was read out by the Clerk concerning reduced funding from DCC for the verge cutting currently contracted to WDBC on visibility splays. The reduction will result in 2 cuts per year, much reduced from 6 cuts last year. WDBC are urging DCC to reconsider this reduction in funds.

The Clerk was asked to chase highways on the services of the lengthsman who has not visited as scheduled (10th & 11th Feb).

10. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Items were discussed and agreed: Granite Way & Schedule 14 Application. The next meeting date was agreed to be changed as the Chair and Clerk are unable to attend. The meeting will be **a week earlier on 12th April 2011 at 7pm.**

11. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

None.

The Meeting was closed at 7.47 pm.

Signed

Date