

Draft minutes subject to approval

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20th November 2012

Present: Cllrs Moriarty, Dicker, Cox, Skeaping, Leigh-Tyrer, Fowler & Evenett.

Also Present: Mr P Brookes (Chair of the Lydford Sports Field Committee), Mrs L Ellicott (Treasurer of the Lydford Sports Field Committee), Mr S Powne & Mrs S Holland. Cllr L Rose (WD Borough Councillor).

Cllr Fowler invited the public to speak.

Mr Brookes spoke regarding the letter sent to the Parish Council requesting contribution to their running costs. He explained that an annual contribution could secure the future running of the Sports Field and Pavilion. He pointed out that the Field had been accepted under the National Fields in Trust Scheme and is therefore now the “Queen Elizabeth II Lydford Sports Field”. A questionnaire has been published and will be circulate to the residents of Lydford, placed on the notice board and on the Parish Website if permitted. Mr Powne supported Mr Brookes’ comments and spoke of the varied use by many residents i.e. dog walking and children playing generally. Mrs Holland advised that the Sports Field was owned by the village and therefore the Parish Council should be contributing to its running costs. Councillors asked questions and it was clarified that the Field was registered with Land Registry with the custodian being the Charity Commission, but held for the village of Lydford.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th October 2012.

An amendment was agreed to Item 9 insert the word “some” before “members”. With the amendment, the minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by Cllr Fowler.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th October 2012.

Item 9 Correspondence from Mr Ellington & Mrs Greig was discussed in relation to Cllr Skeaping’s comment. Cllr Skeaping reinstated his comments in that this was his personal feeling on the quality of the document and did not represent the view of the Parish Council. Cllr Leigh-Tyrer echoed this. A response was agreed to Mrs Greig as a question had been raised in her letter.

5. Reports from outside bodies.

No reports.

6. Borough Councillors Report.

Cllr Rose advised that a resident had complained of congested parking in Silver Street. She also offered assistance to the Sports Field Committee with possible grants for capital projects.

7. Finances.

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:

£280.40 Mrs Luke for Nov 2012 including expenses

£57.00 Inland Revenue Nov 2012

£40.00 RBL Poppy Appeal

£300.00 Pascoe & Son (It was noted that the estimate for repainting the lettering on the War Memorial had been received after the October meeting. Therefore it was verbally agreed by 5 out of 7 Councillors at the end of October and the works instructed in time for Remembrance Day).

The payments were approved.

Councillors discussed the draft Budget for 2013-2014 considering the request or a grant from the Sports Field Committee within the current year. After discussion it was proposed to pay a grant of £600.00 towards the running costs of the Field. The Committee present were informed of the decision and advised that the Parish Council cannot set an annual contribution. They would need to apply each year should they require any further funding.

8. Planning Applications.

None.

9. Correspondence.

The correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was agreed to encourage use of the Mobile Library to retain its services. The Clerk was asked to request some posters to display throughout the Village.

Councillors spoke of their dismay at the letter from Beacon Buses with regard to the timetable for use with Pensioners Bus Pass. The Clerk was asked to write to DCC with regard to this.

The Clerk advised that she had queried ownership of the grass triangle at entrance to Hawthorn Park with a view to the Jubilee Committee placing their bench there. Highways had responded enclosing an application form for the necessary licence. It was agreed that the Clerk would submit the application and noted that exact location of the bench would be agreed with an authorised Officer of Devon County Council.

10. Agenda Items and Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will be 18th December 2012 with the Agenda items to include Budget & Precept 2013-2014.

11. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

Cllr Moriarty advised that a parishioner had noticed that a gateway had been created at Hartswood, Lydford possibly without permission. The Clerk advised that she would look into this with DNPA.

Parking in Silver Street was discussed and it was agreed that residents should be taking the neighbourly approach to resolve this as the Parish Council has no authority to take any action.

The Meeting was closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed

Date