

Draft minutes subject to approval

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2013

Present: Cllrs Moriarty, Cox, Skeaping, Fowler & Evenett.

Also Present: Mrs S Holland, member of the public.

Absent: Cllrs Dicker & Leigh-Tyrer. Cllr L Rose, Borough Councillor.

Cllr Fowler welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Mrs Holland on being award a BEM. Cllr Fowler invited Mrs Holland to speak.

Mrs Holland spoke regarding the Public Enquiry being held the next day (for the upgrade to bridleway in Lydford) and asked that the Parish Council represent the objecting residents at the meeting.

Mrs Holland advised that the Parish Councillors could be cross examined at the meeting and therefore should be prepared. The Clerk disputed this being put to the Councillors the night before the Enquiry and asked Mrs Holland for an example of what possible cross examination may occur. Mrs Holland advised that in 2007 the Parish Council had recommended to DCC that the footpath not be upgraded; the DCC Officers report was incorrect and had not included these past comments made and that the residents of Lydford expected the Parish Council to represent them.

This was discussed and agreed that the purpose of the Enquiry was to give all residents, both for and against the application, to have their say and to ensure sure that all evidence is considered fairly by the Inspector. Cllr Fowler advised that if asked, she would reinstate the comments made by the Parish Council in the Minutes of November 2010.

Mrs Holland requested that the Parish Council Minutes be more detailed as the Sports Field Grant Application has been criticised on a local website and had more information been given this may not have been the case. Mrs Holland also requested that both draft and approved minutes be placed on the notice board and website and that more information be given for the Parish Magazine. It was agreed to re-visit the procedures and consider under Item 11.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th December 2012.

The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by Cllr Fowler.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th December 2012.

Item 9 The Clerk advised of Sustrans update, in that the necessary property is being purchased.

5. Reports from outside bodies.

No reports.

6. Borough Councillors Report.

No report.

7. Finances.

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:

£291.12 Mrs Luke for Jan 2013 including expenses

£57.00 Inland Revenue Jan 2013

The payments were approved.

a) Budget. Councillors finalised the Budget for 2013-2014 noting that a Burial Ground Grant Application was forthcoming from the Church.

b) Precept 2013-2014. The Precept was set at £6300, unchanged from last year and at a 1.36% decrease to the Band D council tax rate. Proposed Cllr Fowler Seconded Cllr Evernett.

Councillors discussed a letter from Lydford School requesting a Grant to replacement their Music Sound System. This was discussed and noted that the current system is dated and in poor repair. It was agreed to give a grant of £375 for a new Coomber System. Proposed Cllr Skeaping Seconded Cllr Moriarty. Fundraising through village activities was discussed for a similar purchase for use in Nicholls Hall and the Sports Field.

Reserve funds were discussed and the eventual need for a new Burial Ground. Cllr Fowler asked Mrs Holland to participate in providing information that there were approx only 108 plots remaining in the church yard.

8. Planning Applications.

An email from the Enforcement Officer at DNPA was noted with regard to Hartswood, Lydford.

9. Correspondence.

The correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

A letter of thanks was also received from the Sports Field Committee for their recent Grant.

10. Agenda Items and Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will be one week earlier than usual on 12th February 2013.

11. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

Administrative procedures were discussed with Cllr Fowler stating that she felt the Minutes were detailed enough and that anyone could raise question or come to the Meetings for more information. It was agreed to continue with draft minutes of the last meeting going on the notice board with the agenda and the approved minutes going on the website. The Clerk ran through her.

summary of the meeting for the Parish Magazine which was agreed by the Councillors with the addition of reminding parishioners of the approved minutes on the website and public time at the meetings.

The Meeting was closed at 7.51 pm.

Signed

Date