

Draft minutes subject to approval

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2013

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

Also Present: 5 members of the public.

Absent: Cllr Moriarty & Cllr Rose, Borough Councillor.

The Chair, Cllr Fowler opened the meeting at 7pm and invited members of the public to speak. A Lady spoke regarding her wheelbarrow inner tube which has been recently slashed and advised that this has happened before and that she has written to the Parish Council requesting that the Community Police Officer be alerted. The Clerk clarified that this had been done.

Another Lady spoke regarding parking in Silver Street being inconsiderate and that emergency vehicles would not be able to get by. The Clerk was asked to report this again to the Community Police Officer and the Clerk suggested that she ask the Officer to attend October's Meeting if available to discuss with the Parish Council 1) parking and 2) the slashing of the wheelbarrow inner tube. This was agreed.

A Couple spoke to advise the Parish Council of their intention to apply for change of use on Lydford House Hotel. They advised that the Hotel was closing at the end of the month and that they propose to use the premises as a centre catering for the special educational and social needs of young women aged 16-24 years. Some Councillors asked questions as to capacity, admission policy, involvement of the Parish, local employment etc. It was clarified that a formal planning application for the proposed change of use is yet to be submitted to Dartmoor National Park Authority.

1. **Apologies**
Cllr Moriarty.
2. **Declarations of Interest.**
As recorded in the Register.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th July & 20th August 2013.**
The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by Cllr Fowler.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th July & 20th August 2013.**
None.
5. **Reports from outside bodies.**
None.

6. Borough Councillor's Report.

No report.

7. Finances.

The Clerk summarised the financial summary.

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:

£295.12 Mrs Luke salary & exps Sept 2013

£57.00 Inland Revenue Sept 2013

£86.00 Subscription to the SLCC

The payments were approved.

8. Planning Applications.

0421/13 Proposed two storey extension, Prescombe Farm, Lydford

Councillors discussed the application and it was agreed to support it.

0420/13 Proposed renewal of permission ref 0296/10 for the conversion of redundant building to holiday unit and works to highway to improve visibility, Lower Watervale Farm, Lydford

Councillors discussed the application and it was agreed to support it.

9. Correspondence.

Correspondence had been previously circulated. The Clerk read aloud an update on the Cycle Route 27 works in progress. Cllr Skeaping commented on the unnecessary expenditure likely to be incurred by the DCC's proposal to hold an opening ceremony.

10. Agenda Items and Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will be 15th October 2013 with the standard Agenda items.

11. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

Cllrs raised concerns on the works at the old petrol station opposite the Dartmoor Inn, with the front porch appearing to be very close to the main road. It was assumed that this would be a display area for farm shop goods and that pedestrians and cyclists approaching the shop from the village could be at risk. It was agreed to notify the Planning Officer of the concerns and request that they carry out a visit and report back to the Parish Council.

The Meeting was closed at 7.30pm.

Signed

Date