

Draft minutes subject to approval

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2014

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

Also Present: 2 members of the public.

Absent: Cllrs Moriarty & Skeaping. Cllr L Rose, Borough Councillor.

Cllr Fowler welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the members of the public to speak. Mr I Howe introduced himself as the new Manager of Lydford Caravan & Camping Park along with his wife, Hazel. Mr Rowe advised that they wished to support the Proposed Playground and asked that a donation box be provided for this. Councillors advised that the Clerk would ask Mr T Williams, Chair of the Playground Committee to drop in to see Mr Howe. Mr Howe reminded Councillors that he is happy to display posters and flyers for local events and that the on site shop for milk, bread etc.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Skeaping & Moriarty.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Leigh-Tyrer declared his interest in Planning Application 0123/14 just received, as he has carried out fencing and field work for the applicant. Cllr Cox also declared her interest in the same application as an immediate neighbour to the site. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th February 2014.

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th February 2014.

None.

5. Standing Orders

Cllr Fowler asked Councillors if they wished to adopt the Revised Model of Standing Orders presented at the last meeting or to further examine other Models available, especially those prepared for small parish councils. Councillors opted for the later.

6. Reports from outside bodies.

None.

7. Borough Councillors Report.

In Cllr Rose's continued absence, the Clerk advised of Cllr Moyse's update on an application just submitted to DNPA by Lydford House Hotel and the Farm Shop on the A386 which has been subject to visits from Officers of DNPA and

Building Regulations. Councillors agreed that they remain concerned over pedestrian access to the shop from the village.

8. Finances.

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:
£268.30 Mrs Luke for March 2014 including expenses
£57.60 Inland Revenue March 2014
The payments were approved.

9. Planning Applications.

0123/14 Proposed conversion of stone barn to holiday let and re-build shed at land adjacent to Lydford Primary School, Lydford. Councillors discussed the application and agreed that this was the most moderate scheme presented to date for the site. Access and lease to the school was discussed and Cllr Fowler proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Dicker and agreed (with two abstentions).

The Clerk advised of two applications just received for Skitt Wood (**Applications nos 0130/14 & 0131/14**). It was agreed to circulate these around the Councillors and advise the Clerk of the comment for DNPA by the 25 March.

10. Correspondence.

The correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting. The email from Mr Jordan was noted in that the residents of Lydford were invited to the short Service at the War Memorial in September.

The Clerk advised of an email from DCC regarding the change of Bus Contractor from Beacon Bus to Plymouth City Bus and that the new timetable will be emailed to the Parish Council shortly.

11. Agenda Items and Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will be on the 8th April 2014 with an agenda item for Standing Orders.

12. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

Cllr Leigh-Tyrer spoke on behalf of concerns raised from Cllr Skeaping over tourism in the West County. He has expressed concerns that the press coverage of floods and rainfall has discouraged people from booking B&B's and other holiday accommodation in the area. After discussion the Clerk was asked to write to Geoffrey Cox MP, Cllr Sanders and the Dartmoor Partnership to express concerns and ask if there are plans to promote the area after such recent weather.

The Meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

Signed

Date