

Draft minutes subject to approval

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2014

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

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

With no members of the public present, Cllr Fowler opened the meeting at 7.05pm.

1. **Apologies**
Cllr Leigh-Tyrer.
2. **Declarations of Interest.**
As recorded in the Register.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th March 2014.**
Amendments were made to Mr Howe's name in public time, Item 5 to amend the last word to latter and the title of the planning application in Item 9. With these amendments the minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by Cllr Fowler.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th March 2014.**
Items 7 & 9 were discussed briefly with no further news from DNPA available for the meeting.
5. **Standing Orders**
Councillors discussed the model standing orders for smaller Parish Councils and it was agreed that the favoured model was that prepared by Northumberland Association of Local Councils. The Clerk was asked to re-draft the model to customise it for Lydford Parish Council and circulate for discussion at the next meeting.
6. **Reports from outside bodies.**
None.
7. **Borough Councillors Report.**
No report.
8. **Finances.**
The Clerk circulated the end of year reconciliation and this was agreed by the Councillors.
The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:
£280.69 Mrs Luke for April 2014 including expenses
£57.60 Inland Revenue April 2014
The payments were approved.

9. Planning Applications.

0179/14 Proposed replace fence with gate to create vehicular access (part retrospective) at Hartswood, Lydford.

Councillors discussed the application and agreed to support it with the condition that consideration be given to the access surface to prevent mud and water runoff onto the Highway.

0002/14 Proposed construction of external stairway from living room to rear garden with associated works at The Old Garage, Lydford (amended plans).

Councillors discussed the amendment being alteration to window design, use of timber and infilling of a rear doorway to external WC and it was agreed to support the amended plans.

10. Correspondence.

The correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting. An email from Hepworth Workshops, with regard to the future of the Parish website, was discussed and agreed that the Clerk could mention this in the Parish Magazine after checking with Mr Hepworth that this was appropriate.

Cllr Fowler advised that she had received the notice of election for Dartmoor Commoners Council and would now place this on the notice board.

A letter from the Table Tennis Club had also been received with explanation and statement of their finances. Councillors agreed that a grant of £100 would be made towards the expense of replacing a table tennis table. Proposed Cllr Fowler Seconded Cllr Everett.

At this point, Mr Howe and another gentleman arrived at the meeting for public time. Cllr Fowler suspended the meeting for this to take place. Mr Howe introduced his assistant John and explained that John and his wife Joan, have been appointed as assistants at the Caravan and Camping Park. Discussion took place on the revised bus services and it was agreed that the services remained good for Lydford.

11. Agenda Items and Date of next meeting.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting (where the Chair makes a report, members of the public can speak and report on any matters) will be on the 13th May 2014 at 6.30pm. The Annual General Meeting will follow with agenda items for Election of Parish Council Chair, Vice Chair and for Standing Orders.

12. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

Cllr Skeaping spoke regarding the possible closure of swimming pools in Tavistock and Okehampton and invited discussion from Councillors on whether the Parish Council could write to WDBC objecting to this. Councillors discussed this and agreed that no actual factual statement had been made from WDBC. The Clerk was asked to make some enquires.

Refuse collections were discussed in view of the mess left on the highway. Councillors were reminded to report these instances directly to WDBC.

The Meeting was closed at 8pm.

Signed

Date