

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2014

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

Also present: 15 members of the public.

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Election of Chairperson.

The Clerk requested nominations for Chairman. Cllr Leigh-Tyrer proposed Cllr Fowler and this was seconded by Cllr Skeaping. Cllr Fowler accepted and took the Chair.

Cllr Fowler advised that the agenda would be followed to Item 6 and then take Item 11 Planning Applications.

2. Election of Vice Chairperson.

Cllr Moriarty nominated Cllr Leigh-Tyrer and this was seconded by Cllr Skeaping and agreed.

3. Apologies

None.

4. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Leigh-Tyrer declared his interest in application 0218/14 Lydford House as he has worked for the applicant previously.

5. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th April 2014.

Item 10 amend the spelling of Cllr Evenett, with the amendment; the minutes were approved as accurate and signed by Cllr Fowler.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th April 2014.

None.

11. Planning Applications

0218/14 Proposed change of use of hotel with cycle hire and cafe to boarding school with cycle hire and cafe, Lydford House, Lydford.

Cllr Skeaping advised that whilst he has some sympathy for the applicants and agrees with the need for special provision, there remains huge concerns over security, the cafe and cycle hire provision, proximity of the A386, public transport, suitability of property, loss of hotel and missed opportunities, funding, future use if change of use granted, traffic, increased lighting and lack of consultation. Cllr Dicker agreed with Cllr Skeaping and wished Lydford to retain its tourism.

Cllr Fowler proposed that the Parish Council object to the application for the following reasons:

The number of day pupils is unspecified and therefore increased traffic levels cannot be predicted.

The Application is a departure from DNPA Policy.

The proposed boarding school description does not adequately define the nature of the residents.

The Application is not in the best interests of the proposed young children/young adults as they cannot be served in a small community where there are few appropriate social inclusion opportunities.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Evenett and agreed (one abstention).

Other planning matters were then noted:

The additional information for Skitt Woods and subsequent permission notice, the amended plans to Hartswood, the proposed tree works at Townend House, refusal of holiday let application on land adjacent to Lydford School and an appeal lodged by Bridge House Lodge.

7. Standing Orders.

The draft had been circulated to the Councillors and it was proposed to adopt the draft. This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to circulate the revised Orders.

8. Reports from outside bodies

It was agreed to invite the Chair of the Playground Committee to report at the June Meeting.

9. Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Moyse updated the Parish Council on recent events at West Devon and advised that she would speak on the Boundary Review at the June Meeting.

10. Finances

The Clerk circulated the accounts summary and the cheques for payment were agreed as follows:

£428.71 Castle Inn – fundraising costs from Playground Funds

£268.30 Mrs Luke – Clerk salary and expenses

£57.60 Inland Revenue – PAYE/NI

£95.80 Peter Tavy Inn – fundraising costs from Playground Funds

12. Correspondence.

The correspondence had been previously circulated. A thank you letter from the Table Tennis Club was noted.

13. Agenda Items and Date of next meeting.

The standard agenda items were agreed for the meeting on 10th June 2014.

14. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

Cllrs requested the Clerk chase for update from DNPA on the roof at Rose Cottage.

The Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Signed

Date