

Draft minutes subject to approval

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2014

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

Also Present: Mrs S Holland, Mrs S Powne, Mrs R Tainsh & Mr T Williams, members of the public. Ms D Moyse, WD Borough Councillor & Mr R Taylor, DNPA Ranger.

Absent: Cllr Fowler. Cllr L Rose, Borough Councillor.

Cllr Leigh-Tyrer opened the meeting at 7pm.

- 1. Apologies**
Cllr Fowler.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**
None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

Cllr Leigh-Tyrer suspended the meeting for public time and invited the public to address the Councillors.

Mrs Holland spoke with regard to Cllr Fowler's Annual Report given at the Annual Parish Council and complained that the minutes did not reflect what Cllr Fowler had actually said under Item 5 Paragraph One. Mrs Holland stated that in response to her question raised at the meeting, Cllr Fowler had replied "yes". Both the Clerk and other Councillors along with Mr Williams, recalled that Cllr Fowler had responded "in partnership with the Playground Committee who would continue to fundraise for this.

Mrs Holland then advised that she was in attendance on behalf of local residents who have voiced their concerns to her over the proposed Playground and the Parish Council's involvement and asked the Clerk if cheques had been written from the Parish Council Bank Account for the running costs of fundraising activities. The Clerk advised that the Playground Committee's fundraising monies and grants were held within the Parish Council Bank Account and itemised separately. Two cheques to date have been written by the Parish Council out of the Playground Funds to fund the running events. The Clerk stated that no Public Funds have been used on the project to date. Mrs Holland advised that the residents were complaining that they not being kept up to date with the project. The Clerk advised that Mr Williams had been asked to attend the meeting to give an update on the project, which would feed into the Minutes and to the Parish magazine thereby updating those interested with the progress.

Mr Williams was asked to give his report on the project under Item 6 on the Agenda.

Mr Taylor apologised for not attending the Annual Parish Meeting and gave a verbal report on the activities of the DNPA, forthcoming events, maintenance of public rights of way and budget cuts that may affect this in the future. Councillors asked Mr Taylor some questions on the use of horses on part of the Granite Way and of trees down at Gully Hole which Mr Taylor advised that he would be sorting out.

3. Co-Option of Parish Councillor.

The Clerk advised of an application received from Mrs Tainsh which had been previously circulated. Mrs Tainsh left the room for the discussion and vote. Cllr Moriarty proposed to co-opt Mrs Tainsh onto the Parish Council and this was seconded by Cllr Skeaping and agreed. Mrs Tainsh was welcomed back into the room and invited to sit the Councillors.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May 2013.

The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by Cllr Leigh-Tyrer.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May 2013.

It was noted that the Lydford House Planning Application had been withdrawn from DNPA.

6. Reports from outside bodies.

Mr Williams gave his report on the proposed Playground at Lydford Sports Field and handed the Clerk a printout of the financial summary of the last fundraising event. Mr Williams advised that whilst a loss of £74 had been made, £252 remains in stock for the next event. Mr Williams updated the Councillors with a £2000 Grant made from West Devon Borough Council and other Grant Applications being made at present. Mr Williams assured those present that a Committee would always remain in place to fundraise for running costs and carry out maintenance as and when required.

7. Borough Councillors Report.

Cllr Moyse gave a verbal report on DNPA plans, a recent meeting in Okehampton regarding the railway, the forthcoming Southern parishes Link Committee Meeting and the Boundary Review.

8. Finances.

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:
£278.95 Annual Insurance Premium Broker Network
£75.00 Internal Auditor Mr K Abraham
£281.25 Mrs Luke for June 2013 including expenses
£57.60 Inland Revenue June 2013
The payments were approved.

9. Planning Applications.

0269/14 Proposed alternations to approvals for change of use of petrol station to A1 general retail (0380/11) and extension to farm shop (0233/13) Moorside, Lydford. Councillors discussed the application and agreed to support it.

0279/14 Proposed creation of new roof over existing garage to provide storage and suitable structure for solar pv panels; construction storage shed and re-roofing of existing outbuilding at 3 Rose Cottages, Lydford. Councillors discussed the application and considered concerns raised by nearby neighbours. It was agreed to object to the application as the structure is not in keeping with the area.

10. Correspondence.

The correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

11. Agenda Items and Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will on 8th July 2014. The Clerk was asked to enquire when Mr Liversidge would start to cut the grass and clarify which areas he attends to.

12. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

Cllr Skeaping requested that the Clerk contact First Bus regarding the 7am stop at Hawthorn Park. The bus turns around by reversing into the entrance of Hawthorn Park and makes considerable noise in doing so. Cllr Skeaping suggested that the bus travel to the Castle Inn, turn in the car park entrance and collect passengers from that stop, then Silver Street etc. It was agreed that the Clerk would request this.

Cllr Skeaping also requested that a letter be sent to DCC Highways to request strongly a 20 MPH limit through the village and he read aloud a letter he had prepared. It was agreed that Clerk would send the letter, once the Chairperson had been made aware.

The Meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

Signed

Date