

LYDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 7pm

Public Time

Three members of the public attended. All were welcomed by the Chair and then invited to raise matters of public interest. There were no matters raised.

1. Present

Cllrs Fowler, Moriarty, Skeaping, MacIntyre, Cook, Tainsh and Mills. Also present Mrs T Redding (Clerk) and Cllr H Ashbridge (Milton Abbott PC)

2. Apologies

None

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2015

The PC agreed that the minutes were accurate and they were signed by the Chairperson L Fowler.

The Chair proposed that a report from Milton Abbott PC regarding Areas of Great Landscape Value (AGLV) be moved to Item 5. This was agreed by all Cllrs present.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes dated 8th September 2015

a. **Areas of Great Landscape Value** - Cllr Ashbridge provided information on the status of the designation of AGLV within the planning system. He noted that Cornwall AGLVs were still being considered in the environmental assessment of applications for wind turbines. In Cornwall currently 20% of land is covered by AGLV designation. However within the West Devon Borough Council Local Plan (Our Plan) the designation of AGLV has been removed since WDBC considered that the Landscape Character Assessments (LCA) would allow sufficient protection to the landscape. The National Planning Framework (NPPF) does not include reference to AGLV. Furthermore under this national framework AGLV are considered to be obsolete. In the local area the former AGLV covered the Lyd and Lew valleys.

Milton Abbot PC would like to invite other PC's to join in a conversation with WDBC to determine whether or not LCA offer the same protection to landscape value as did the AGLV. There is concern that outside the DNPA there is little or no statutory protection for areas considered to have great landscape value. This has raised the question as to how such landscapes are currently 'valued'. The PC agreed to discuss its' future involvement at the next meeting.

b. **Signage** - The Clerk reported that John Doswell (Highways) had been contacted regarding the cost of signage for the public car park at the entrance to the village. Once this information has been received the PC will seek some funding from WDBC.

c. **Planning** - Two Councillors attended a planning training course for held by WDBC. Cllr Cook reported on the course. The main information obtained was in regard to the Locality Officers. There will be a change in focus from officers being functional (i.e. responsible for one functional area such as litter etc.) to officers having a geographic

remit covering everything. Information was also provided on the planning system and the calculation of the annual Precept.

- d. **TAP Funding** - The Clerk reported that a confirmation letter had been received for the full amount requested. The Clerk was asked to take this forward by accepting the offer and contacting Highways (J Doswell) (A1), the Lydford Speed Watch group (A2) and Cllr Ashbridge from Milton Abbott combined PC (A3) which has experience of VAS systems. The Lydford Speed Watch group requested that the PC include in the parish magazine report, a request for more volunteers for the group (A4).

6. Reports from Outside Bodies

- a. **Playground** - Mr Williams reported that the application for the MUGA has been rejected by Sport England and although feedback for the application was positive the rejection rate was 4 out of 5 applications. The feedback also suggested that the application would have been seen more favourably had the MUGA been part of the local planning framework such as under a Parish or Neighbourhood Plan. The playground committee are committed to continue fundraising for the MUGA and another Bistro Night is planned for the end of the month. The playground project has now been officially signed off by the Lottery Fund and there is a possibility of applying for more funds from this source. In terms of maintenance, more mats have been ordered and a signpost and fence have been erected. The Clerk was asked to check if further signage is required by Highways (A5).
- b. There was some discussion about the possibility of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Lydford. The PC decided it would need more information before making any decisions and Councillors agreed to defer further discussion on this item to the next meeting.

7. Borough Council Reports.

None.

8. Finances

The Clerk provided a short update on finances. The finance spreadsheet was provided as a summary version and it was decided that budget setting would be discussed in December.

9. Bills for Payment

£223.92 Maunders playground equipment
£243.02 Salary Clerk
£55.00 HMRC
£16,429.00 Caledonia Play (Playground equipment- partial payment)

10. Grant Applications

There were no grant applications.

11. Planning Applications

Application 0419/15 - Garage at The Tors, has been accepted by DNPA.

12. Correspondence

- 1) G Cox (MP) - regarding a petition for more investment in rural roads in Devon. Mr Cox sent a copy of the petition form and the PC decided that to support this initiative several copies would be made available either from the Clerk or at Nicholls Hall on Tuesday and Friday whilst the post office was operating. The Clerk was asked to photocopy several sheets for the hall (A6). The Clerk was also asked to contact the DNPA to request a road plan with houses for Lydford (A7).

- 2) Information on North Devon boundary issues was noted.
- 3) Recycle Devon (RD) - the PC decided that a request would be sent for some leaflets from RD regarding reducing the amount of paper posted through the door and these would be made available to residents. The Clerk was asked to contact RD (A8) and to place leaflets at the village shop and Nicholls Hall (A9).
- 4) The DALC magazine was provided for information.
- 5) EnAct information on community planning was noted and will be considered in discussions on Neighbourhood Planning at the next meeting.
- 6) Snow Wardens - request for information. The Clerk was asked to respond with the information that Lydford does not have a snow warden (A10).
- 7) Wheels to Work information. The Clerk was asked to request a poster for this service (A11).
- 8) Information on community funding was noted.
- 9) Information on low carbon was noted.

13. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting

- a) AGLV
- b) Neighbourhood Plan

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 10th November 2015

15. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair

- (a) Lighting in the public car park - The Clerk was requested to contact WDBC to inform them that the light attached to the public toilets in the car park was on continuously and to request that the lighting be put on a timer (A12).
- (b) Traffic speeds though the village - this was raised as an issue especially with regard to children entering and leaving school and in areas where there is no pavement. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to request a meeting to discuss possible traffic calming methods (A13)

The meeting closed at 21.15.

Signed _____ Chairperson

Dated

2015

Action List

Action	Detail	Notes
1	Contact WDBC and Highways re TAP funding	Confirmation response sent to WDBC awaiting further advice. email sent to Highways
2	Contact Lydford Speedwatch re VAS signs	Will contact once meeting with H Ashbridge has taken place early November
3	Contact H Ashbridge re VAS signs	email sent requesting a meeting
4	Parish magazine request for volunteers for Lydford Speedwatch	Done
5	Contact Highways re signage required for the Playground	Phone call to J Doswell and email
6	G Cox petition to photocopy for Village Hall	Done - petition leaflets copied and will be placed in Nicholls Hall
7	Contact DNPA re road plan and house plan for Lydford	Planning at DNPA have been contacted by email
8	Recycle Devon request for leaflets	Done and leaflets being sent to Clerk
9	Recycle devon - ask the village shop if they could have some leaflets	Once leaflet arrive this will be done
10	Snow wardens - respond to request for information	email sent
11	Wheels to work - request a poster	email sent
12	WDBC - request light timer to be sorted out	email sent and response received
13	Highways - request a meeting re traffic calming measures	email sent to J Doswell

