

# LYDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7pm

### Public Time

Three members of the public attended. Mr Gilpin from Lydford House Hotel asked about the potential for the purchase of a defibrillator for Lydford. There is a possibility of receiving funds from the British Heart Foundation but the PC would need to apply for the grant. There was a short discussion relating to siting, insurance, training and the fact that CPR was still the most effective action following a heart attack. The PC agreed to discuss this item further at the next PC meeting in January 2016.

### 1. Present

Cllrs Fowler, Moriarty, Skeaping, MacIntyre, Tainsh and Cook. Also present Mrs T Redding (Clerk)

### 2. Apologies

Cllr Mills gave apologies.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

None

### 4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015

The PC agreed that the minutes were accurate and they were signed by the Chair, Cllr L Fowler.

### 5. Matters arising from the Minutes dated 10th November 2015

- a. **Meeting with Highways on the 24th November 2015.** Some members of the PC met with M Doswell (Highways), the Local Road Safety Officer and Cllr Sanders (WDBC) with regard to the speed of traffic passing the primary school. At times the speed of vehicles passing the school is considered to be a danger to children being collected, dropped off and walking to and from school. Highways have declined to establish a 20mph zone in the village based on sound research which has found that having such a limit does not result in slowing of traffic and in areas that have such a speed limit there have been incidents of the public expecting speed to be slower than it actually was. There were also the need to consider cost effectiveness. A speed survey undertaken in Lydford by Mr Doswell did not provide evidence for excessive speed in cars passing the school. Research has also shown that the best speed restrictor was parked cars outside the school and at the side of the road. There was discussion at the meeting about the potential for lowering the high verge where cars drop off children to provide a gravel path to the school although this may not be possible due to slippage. There was agreement that parents should be discouraged from dropping off next to the drop down area which is for access for pushchairs/prams/wheelchairs. Cllr Skeaping wished to comment on the presence of Cllr Sanders from WDBC. He felt that the presence of Cllr Sanders was not helpful to the discussions and comments from Cllr Sanders was considered to be condescending to parents of school children as well as the PC. It was also noted that the Granite Way which encouraged cyclists to Lydford has resulted in an increased number of vulnerable road users in the village The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Doswell expressing disappointment in the decision not to consider a 20mph zone (A1). The PC agreed to write to the Head of The Dartmoor Federation of Schools to update him on the matter with copies to Mrs Earnshaw and Mrs Wells' (A2).

- b. **Public Toilets** - The Clerk has already contacted WDBC about the matter of the lights being left on continuously outside the public toilet and the fact that the toilet are still open. The Clerk agreed to contact WDBC again (A3).
- c. **Neighbourhood Plans** - Cllr Tainsh provided some information on the pro's and con's of going forward with a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish and indicated that to produce such a plan would be a lot of work although there would be funding available towards the cost. There was a discussion around whether current local plans and policies (Core Strategy) are adequate for the needs of Lydford but the key is to find out what residents would like to do. The PC decided to issue a note in the Parish Magazine (January/February) which will provide some information about Neighbourhood Plans and which will allow the parishioners to make a decision as to whether or not they wish to go forward with such a plan.

## 6. Reports from Outside Bodies

- a. **Councillors Training Day** - Cllr Cook provided feedback on the Councillors Training Day on the 19th December 2015 This provided information on the legal and statutory framework and powers for Parish Councils as well as information on finances and the setting of the Parish Precept.
- b. **Playground** - Mr Williams reported that the Bistro night raised a profit of £1000. There was a possibility of applying for more funds for the MUGA through the TAP funds.
- c. **Southern Link Meeting** - Cllr Fowler provided feedback on the meeting. There was a low attendance due to the weather but the main outcome was that TAP funding would be continued into 2016 with the same decision making process. The issues of lengthsman and the lack of input into maintaining roads and verges was still an area of uncertainty.
- d. **Nichols Hall Link Cllr** - Cllr Fowler agreed to undertake this role for a period of 12 months.

## 7. Borough Council Reports.

None.

## 8. Finances

The Clerk provided a short update on finances and requested that the playground funds be held under another account for matters of clarity, this was agreed. The finance spreadsheet was provided as a summary version and this was accepted by the PC. The Clerk also provided a proposed budget for 2016/17 and this was accepted by the PC. It was then agreed to apply for the same Precept amount as in previous years.

## 9. Bills for Payment

£250.42 Salary Clerk  
£55.20 HMRC  
£20.00 D Malley payroll services  
£115.00 S Taylor gardening services  
£4694 Caledonia Play - playground equipment

## 10. Grant Applications

The Playground Committee requested a sum of £500 towards the MUGA. The PC agreed to this amount and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Williams (A4).

## 11. Planning Applications

None

## 12. Correspondence

- 1) Information on Neighbourhood Plans (DALC) - was noted by the PC and discussed in Agenda item 5c.
- 2) Information from WDBC on the WDBC link councillor - Cllr D Hockridge is the nominated Link member for Lydford.
- 3) Letter regarding garden services - noted by the PC.

- 4) Devon Archives - letter regarding WW1 project. The PC decided that this information would be given to interested parishioners.
- 5) Scout information - noted by the PC.

**13. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting**

- a) Defibrillators

**The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 12th January 2016**

**15. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair**

None

The meeting closed at 20.48.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson                      Dated    2016

**Action List**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	Highways to contact	email sent to J Doswell expressing disappointment 19/12/15
2	Letter to Dartmoor Federation copies to Mrs Earnshaw and Mrs Wells	Letter sent 21/12/15
3	WDBC regarding toilets	WDBC contacted and toilets will be closed for winter and the light sorted out. 18/12/15