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Minutes of the Meeting of Lydford Parish Council held online on Tuesday 12th January 2021, 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. Squires (Chair); Cllr. Skeaping; Cllr Tainsh; Cllr Cook; Cllr Blackmore; John Bright (Clerk); Cllr Sanders (Devon County Councillor); Cllrs Mott & Southcott (Borough Councillors) Liza Oxford (Census Engagement Officer).

Meeting commenced 7:00pm

1) Public Discussion:

There being no public present it was resolved to proceed directly to the agenda items.

2) Councillors received a presentation from Liza Oxford on the coming Census –

- The census date is 21st March 2021 (Sunday)
- The census will be conducted online as far as possible to minimise risk from Covid, although there will be a hard copy option available for anyone who wishes it.
- There will be a local and national publicity campaign to outline what is required, and how the data will be used.
- This information will be repeated on the first cards which are expected to be delivered to every household at the start of March, together with details of how the data can be entered online and how the alternative hard copy can be requested. A subsequent card will carry the login details for entering the required data.
- The census will ask whether anyone in the household is a military veteran. A question on gender and sexuality will also be included.

3) Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Grigg. Accepted.

4) Declarations of interest:

Nil

5) Minutes of previous meeting:

Approved as a true record. Proposed – Cllr Cook, Seconded – Cllr Squires. All in favour. The agreement to be noted on the published minutes.

6) Matters arising from previous meeting:

Nil

7) Reports from Outside Bodies

Nil

8) Report from Borough Councillors:

Nil

9) Speed through the village

Referring to the guidance received from the Community Officer at Devon CC Highways about varying the speed of vehicles passing the school (DTP34/05) Councillors felt unable to proceed further with any action on this topic during the Covid – related restrictions because of the requirement to collect speed data and evidence of community engagement. Cllr Sanders stated that he could arrange the collection of speed data through Devon Highways when restrictions are finally lifted.

10) Climate Emergency (Standing Item)

Nil

11) Public toilets (Standing Item)

Nil

12) Lydford Lengthsman

Councillors agreed to build a proposal for employing a lengthsman to carry out minor highway – related tasks in the village. Clerk to circulate initial thoughts and construct proposal for next meeting (**AP1**)

13) Condition of the footpath from Hawthorn Park to Station Road

Councillors were concerned about how slippery this tarmacked surface was becoming. After a brief discussion on the path's origins it was agreed that Cllr Cook would forward the exact location to Cllr Mott who would endeavour to identify whether WDBC were responsible for the upkeep of the path. (**AP2**)

14) Finances

Councillors resolved to approve the following payments:

i. J Bright	£307.52	January pay
ii. HMRC	£72.40	PAYE January
iii. J Bright	£14.39	Zoom subscription
iv. Coeval	£300.00	VAS installation (from Nov.)
v. J Bright	£12.36	Postage expenses
vi. J Bright	£7.22	Office supplies

Proposed – Cllr Blackmore, Seconded – Cllr Skeaping. All in favour.

15) Planning applications

Councillors agreed the responses to applications:

610/20 Penny Cottage – change of use from single dwelling to holiday accommodation with four self-contained rooms. Cllrs supported the application but asked that approval be granted on the condition that provision is made for visitors' parking at the rear of the Castle Inn rather than occupying space in the public car park adjoining the property, and that the condition granted in the 1986 application prohibiting parking at the front of the property be maintained.

614/20 Higher Beardon Farm – conversion of agricultural building to class D2 (Assembly & Leisure). Cllrs felt unable to support this application because of a lack of clarity and information in the application. Specifically the Council objected to the application on the grounds of the danger to road users; access to the venue is at a potentially dangerous place on the main A386 road. An increase in the volume of traffic using this junction would represent an unacceptable increase in the risk of a serious collision.

623/20 Barberry Cottage – demolition of the existing conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension. Councillors supported this application.

16) Other Business by permission of the Chair

The lanyard on the flagpole outside the Hall has broken, the flag having been rescued and placed in the Hall to keep dry. Councillors will look to replace the chord when lockdown restrictions have eased.

Cllr Tainsh reminded the Council that St Petroc’s church is open for services at 11.00am on Sundays and 10.00am on Wednesdays, and will remain open for private prayer for the remainder of those two days only. It will remain closed at other times to allow volunteers to maintain Covid – security.

Meeting closed 20:23

Next meeting Tuesday 9th February 2021, 19:00. This meeting to be held online.

Signed.....Position.....Date.....

Point	Action	Completed
AP1	Clerk to circulate and collate ideas and build proposal for the funding and employment of a lengthsman	
AP2	Cllr Cook to provide Cllr Mott with an accurate description of the location of the path discussed under item 13.	