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Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2015

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

Also Present: Four members of the public and Mrs T Redding, Clerk to the Parish Council

Cllr Fowler welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the public to speak.

Public time

There was a question from a member of the public regarding the grants approved by the Council and it was requested that in the future it would be useful to have more detail in the Parish Council meeting minutes on what grants are for. The Council agreed to do this. There was a question on what would happen to the Parish Council grants for the Lydford Playground if it was not completed. The Council responded that in this case the money would be returned to the Council.

A report was given by L. Ellicott (Treasurer, Lydford Sports Field) regarding the sports field funding. Almost 60% of funds for the sports field comes from the Summer Fair and if this is cancelled due to the weather this constitutes large loss of income. This year funds were required to deal with a fallen tree and the mower requires repairs. The Sports Field Committee would be holding their AGM on the 11th February and would come back to the Council with details on running costs and details of the new management. Account details have been sent by email to the Parish Clerk. There was a request to the Council for a grant towards running costs and, after discussion, the Council agreed to defer the decision on the grant until the next Parish Council meeting on 9th March 2015.

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest.

None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2015.

The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by Cllr Fowler.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2015.

Public liability - The Clerk was asked to draft another letter to Mr Taylor requesting a response regarding the public liability insurance (A1).

Blocked drains - It was noted that after the Clerk had spoken to Highways Division following the Parish Council meeting on the 13th January 2015 the drains have now been unblocked.

Railway - There has been no response to the Clerks letter to Mr Akhtar regarding public consultation on the railway. The Clerk was asked to publish the full letter in the next Parish Magazine (A2).

TAP Funding - The Parish Council discussed the possibility of TAP Funding in relation to Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS). Cllr Fowler informed the meeting that al-

though the deadline was the 14th February there may be a possibility of collaboration with Mary Tavy PC and Dartmoor Forest PC. Cllr Fowler agreed to contact both organisations after their meetings on 10th February to discuss the possibility of putting in an application. The Clerk was asked to follow this up once Cllr Fowler had spoken to the other two organisations and submit an application if there was agreement with another PC to partner the application (A3).

A discussion on the need for a VAS followed. There was concern noted in correspondence from members of the public (Mr Ellington) that not all accidents on the A386 have been recorded and therefore the authorities may consider the road to be safer than is actually the case. It was decided that the information from the straw pole conducted by Mr Ellington would be added to the TAP submission if it goes ahead.

Lydford Parish Council Website – The Clerk was asked to follow up on the progress of the website (A4)

5. Reports from outside bodies

None

6. Borough Councillors Report

No report

7. Finances

No report this month. A report will be provided for the next meeting (A5)

a. Grants

Lydford School. A response was received from the Federated Schools Head regarding the request for a grant for more tablet computers for Lydford Primary School. Cllr Skeaping supported the application and noted that the school needs to be dynamic and competitive to remain sustainable and that all students should be able to have access to the technology.

The Council voted on how much to provide and agreed on £1000 towards the purchase of four tablet computers. The Clerk was asked to inform the Head of the Federated Schools and Headteacher of Lydford School (A6).

Lydford Sports Field. An email with accounts has been sent to the Clerk and it was decided that the Council would review the request again after the Sports Field AGM.

Tree Tops (early years group, Bridestowe). There has been no response to a request from the Clerk to provide more information. The Council decided to wait for a response before making a decision.

8. Planning Applications.

a. 15/003 Work to ash trees at Heatherlands, Lydford – The Council supported the application.

b. 15/008 Proposed tree work to Yew trees behind the building, The Coach House, Lydford. The Council supported the application

c. 0043/15 Proposal to clad the exterior facing of Clearview, Lydford. This is to rectify a damp issue with the external wall. The Council supported the application.

d. 0044/15 Proposal to modify access to the public highway and relocation of school playing field at School Road, Lydford. Cllr Leigh-Tyrer declared an interest and was not involved further in discussions.

The proposal is to move the school playing field boundary away from the road to allow for access to the land behind. Cllr Skeaping informed the Council that negotiations have taken place for the school to purchase the land for the playing field from the applicant. The applicant wishes to widen the entrance to the site and to keep an area between the playing field boundary and the road with a width of 12.30m. There was a discussion regarding the layout of the site and the Council asked the Clerk to contact Oliver Dorrell of DPNA requesting an extension of the response and a site

visit prior to the Council making a formal comment on the application. A letter will also be sent to the Chair of Governors and Headteacher at Lydford Primary School and to the Head of the Dartmoor Federation of Schools (A7).

9. Correspondence.

The correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Road safety - Cllr Fowler read out a response from DCC regarding the history of the double white lines on the A386. Other correspondence determined that the lines had disappeared about 5 years ago. A copy of the email from Mr N Oxtton (DCC) (dated 6/02/15) was sent by hand to Mr R Ellington as part response to his letter.

Mr Ellingtons letter from December 2014 was discussed again particularly with regard to the non-reporting of traffic accidents on the A386 which may give rise to a perception by the authorities that the road is safer than it actually is. The Clerk was asked to respond to Mr Ellington requesting that his document be sent to Mr Chapell for information (A8).

Public transport – there was some information provided regarding changes to the bus routes through Lydford. Cllr Evenett had information that the City Service 11/75 would continue on Sundays. However there may be changes to service 187 and consultation on the potential changes is currently open. The Clerk was asked to provide information to the Parish magazine by the 20th February (A9).

Rural Broadband - A Broadband workshop run by DPNA – this will be held on the 11th March at HQ Parke. The invitation was noted and the Clerk was asked to request whether the Website designer could attend should he wish to (A10).

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) – a donation was requested for the CAB in the area. The council agreed to a donation of £100. The Clerk was asked to respond to the CAB (A11).

PC Agendas by email – The Council decided that a paper based system would continue

Contract of Employment (Clerk) – this was accepted by the Council and signed by both parties.

Election information. The Election will be held in May 2015 and the Clerk was asked to provide information for the Parish Magazine (A12)

10. Agenda Items and Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will on **Monday 9th March 2015.**

11. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

None.

The Meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Signed

Date

