

Draft Minutes subject to confirmation

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16th March 2010

Present: Cllrs Gannon, Holland, Cole, Moriarty, Boyd, Leigh-Tyrer & Brookes.

Also Present: Mr & Mrs Denyer, Lydford Caravan & Camping Park, Ms Ellicott and 12 other members of the public.

The Minutes of the Meeting were taken by the Clerk, Mrs Luke.

Cllr Gannon invited members of the public to speak:

Mr Denyer spoke, (having sent an email to the Clerk), regarding reference to the Caravan Park in the February Minutes and clarified the following points: That they have not and are unable increase the capacity of the camp site at this time, with no plans to do so, they have simply and with full approval enhanced the quality of the current pitches and facilities that they offer. They do not and have never allowed a drop in service for the discharge of chemical waste. Modern camping toilet chemicals now contain nothing environmentally damaging and are now labelled as “green”.

Brenda Weller was introduced to the Parish Council as representative for the SW Riders. She would email her contact details to the Clerk.

A lady spoke regarding signs that have been erected at Lake Cottage by DNPA advising that the Footpath 41 is only for persons on foot and expressed concern that land owners were taking this literally in that they could no longer access their land with a vehicle. She had queried this with the DNPA but asked the Parish Council to clarify with DNPA whether landowners could still access their land with vehicles and modify their signs to be more specific.

Ms Lorraine Ellicott, former Parish Council Chair, reported the outcome of the Standard Board Complaint against her, made by complainant Mr Hughes. The investigation had been ongoing for the last year. The Committee had not upheld the complaints against her or the Parish Council apart from a verbal comment directed at Mr Hughes by Ms Ellicott for which had already been apologised for. The Parish Council were exonerated on all counts.

Concerns were raised over possible development on the School Playing Field and whether the Housing Survey held at WDBC would be up to date. Cllr Gannon advised that if and when a planning application is submitted – that is the time for all residents and the Parish Council to have their say.

Cllr Gannon opened the meeting at 7.20pm.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Leigh-Tyrer declared his interest in the Planning Application on the Agenda. Otherwise Interests as recorded in the Register.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th February 2010.

The Caravan and Camping Park was discussed and it was agreed that rather than amend the February Minutes, that the Minutes of this March Meeting – record the facts presented by Mr & Mrs Denyer. Amendment required to Cllr Leigh-Tyrer's surname. Cllr Gannon requested that it be amended that she knows Mr May personally instead of "a personal friend". With these amendments, the Minutes were accepted as accurate and signed by the Chair. **Proposed Cllr Holland Seconded Cllr Leigh-Tyrer.**

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

It was noted that Devon County Council are still yet to advise on when a Consultation will take place regarding use of horses on the Granite Way. The Clerk was asked to chase this.

5. Reports from Outside Bodies

Southern Parish Links Meeting – Cllrs Cole and Moriarty are due to attend the next meeting.

Cllr Moriarty advised that the next DNPA meeting would be in June 2010.

Cllr Boyd reported on Nicholls Hall and that all is well. Exterior repairs are to commence shortly. There is a Produce Market being held on Easter Saturday.

Cllr Moriarty advised that she and Cllr Holland attended a meeting of Devon and Cornwall Police in Okehampton where a tazar display took place.

6. Borough Councillors Report

Cllr McPhie reported on the new Waste Contract for 2010-2011 with the same contractor as 2009-2010. Black sacks for general waste would be collected fortnightly; recycling and food waste would remain on a weekly collection but would now include plastics. There was a discussion on the types of recycling. Cllr Holland queried the costs to DCC for the process of tendering when the contract was awarded to the same contractor again. Cllr McPhie advised that the tendering is a legal and compulsory process for the local authority. Cllr Holland then asked Cllr McPhie to find out the costs to WDBC for the Standards Investigation against Mrs Ellicott in terms of real cost and officer hours and how this has possibly affected the Council Tax rise of 2.59%.

7. Finances

The Clerk circulated a finance summary and read out the cheques for signing which were agreed. The Clerk advised that the alternative Internal Auditor Mr Abraham would charge £60. This was agreed.

8. Planning Applications

Proposed creation of an agricultural vehicular access at Land at Hartswood, Lydford.

The application was discussed at length and it was agreed that whilst the Parish Council had no objection to a new access, it did have concerns over the location, steepness of gradient, the verge that gets very overgrown and drainage. The Parish Council would be interested in hearing Highways Comments.

An application for prior notification had also been received for the erection of agricultural building to house cattle at Brambleham Farm and this was circulated at the meeting. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council support this.

9. Correspondence

The correspondence previously circulated was discussed.

Cllr Gannon read aloud an email received that day from Mr Watson at DNPA regarding the gates at Mill Cottage. The email clarified that DNPA would now be taking down the gates. This was briefly discussed and noted.

10. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Items were agreed as standard. Date of next meeting to be 20th April 2010.

12. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

None.

The Meeting was closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed

Date