

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20th April 2010

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

Also Present: 4 members of the public.

Absent: Cllr Boyd and Cllr McPhie.

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

Cllr Gannon invited members of the public to speak:

Mr Powne spoke:

Firstly he requested that the Parish Council consider purchasing a flag for the flagpole at a cost of £54.00.

Secondly he asked if the Parish Council would consider discussing some form of village party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 4th June 2012.

Thirdly he reported that Lamerton Hunt had been witnessed using the Cycle Track and that upon requesting them to leave, he was spoken to arrogantly and expressed his dissatisfaction over this attitude. They did not leave the track when asked.

Lastly, he expressed his great disgust over the WDBC Notice in the Tavistock Times by Catherine Bowen of WDBC. The Notice only reported on two counts and did not make any report of the rest of the complaints, which were not upheld.

Cllr Gannon opened the meeting at 7.05pm.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Boyd and McPhie..

2. Declarations of Interest

None. Otherwise Interests as recorded in the Register.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th March 2010.

The Clerk had received a letter from Catherine Bowen of WDBC regarding a complaint made over the minutes in relation to Lorraine Ellicott's update in public time. Catherine Bowen advised "I can confirm that the Standards Committee Investigation and Hearing only referred to specific complaints against an individual Councillor, as it does not have the remit to investigate general complaints against the Parish Council". This was discussed and agreed that the Minutes of 16th March would not be amended, as these were the words of Lorraine Ellicott. However it was agreed that Catherine Bowen's correction would be minuted in this set of minutes. The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

A further discussion took place on the letter from Catherine Bowen and the Councillors expressed their great dissatisfaction over the whole system of investigation and policies used by WDBC. The Notice in the Tavistock Times was discussed and agreed that the Clerk should ask Catherine Bowen why only the negatives were reported on and would she consider retracting the notice and giving a more in depth notice to include the complaints that were not upheld. Also to request again, the total costs incurred to carry out this complaint investigation through to Hearing. As a summary, the Parish felt that they lost a good Chairperson and a good Councillor.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

a) Granite Way. Again no response or update is available, the Clerk will chase again.

Mr Pownes report of the Lamerton Hunt on the Cycle Track was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to them to explain that a witness has come forward and reported the arrogant attitude and behaviour of the riders and also to advise that, at the present time, this use is illegal as horses are not allowed on the cycle track. This letter would also be copied to Devon County Council.

5. Reports from Outside Bodies

Southern Parish Links Meeting – Cllrs Cole and Moriarty attended the recent meeting held on 25th March and reported on the waste contract and the police report. The next meeting will be on 24th June.

Cllr Moriarty advised that the next DNPA meeting would be in 28th May 2010.

Cllr Holland gave a brief report on Nicholls Hall. They are still waiting for the works to commence on the exterior wall and are currently gaining quotes for the 5 year electrical testing. It is anticipated that the Bistro Evenings may start again soon.

6. Borough Councillors Report

Cllr McPhie had tendered her apologies but gave an email report to the Clerk on the delayed start of the new waste contract until August. There will be plenty of notice and information given to the public.

The closure of the toilets at night was discussed and noted that all toilets in West Devon appear to be closed at night. However the Councillors felt that this was unnecessary for Lydford and the Clerk was asked to request to WDBC that they remain open.

7. Finances

The Clerk circulated the accounts for the year ended 2009-2010. These were agreed and signed appropriately. The Clerk advised that the Internal Auditor was booked for end of May. The Clerk then circulated the April bills for payment and these were approved.

Mr Powne's suggestion of purchasing a flag was discussed and agreed that as the Parish Council own the flagpole, then it should purchase a flag at the agreed price of £54.00.

8. Planning Applications

Two planning applications were received whilst the Clerk was on holiday and therefore did make it onto the agenda in time for discussion.

0145/10 Proposed extension to provide a garden room at Heather, Lydford

0144/10 Proposed temporary agricultural dwelling at Raddon Farm, Lydford

It was agreed to circulate the plans between Councillors and give the Clerk delegated powers to report the response back to DNPA by the deadline given of 4th May.

9. Correspondence

The remaining correspondence was read out by the Clerk:

Notice of the DNPA Forum Meeting 28th May.

Parish Lengthsman Visits for the forthcoming year: 10, 11th June, 7, 8th October, 10, 11th February.

10. Agenda Items and Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Items were agreed as standard. Date of next meeting to be 18th May 2010 which be the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm and the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm.

12. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was discussed and agreed that the Councillors would start to consider ideas for celebration and fund raising for the occasion.

The Meeting was closed at 7.46 pm.

Signed

Date