

# LYDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

### Public Time

Three members of the public attended. All were welcomed by the Chair and then invited to raise matters of public interest. Mrs Pales of Bolt House raised a concern regarding the recent planning application 00875/2015 which is for the construction of a new dwelling on agricultural land close to Bolt House. The applicants had erroneously used the address of Bolt House in the application and Mrs Pales felt this had affected the sale of her house. Mrs Pales asked if Lydford PC would consider reviewing the application, although it was technically within Bridestowe Parish. The PC discussed the application and the agreed action is noted under Section 13 - Correspondence.

### 1. Present

Cllrs Fowler, Moriarty, Skeaping, MacIntyre, Cook, Tainsh and Mills. Also present Mrs T Redding (Clerk) and Cllr C Mott (WDBC).

### 2. Apologies

None

### 3. Declarations of Interest

None

### 4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015

The PC agreed unanimously that the minutes were accurate and they were signed by the Chairperson L Fowler.

### 5. Matters arising from the Minutes dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015

#### a. Insurance

The Clerk informed the PC that the playground equipment was now insured and the public liability was covered by the PC insurance.

With regards to the War Memorial the Clerk informed the PC that a response from Pascoes regarding its reconstruction value was still outstanding. The Clerk was asked to follow this up (A1).

It was agreed that the insurance on the rest of the village furniture owned by the PC would remain as currently covered and would be reviewed next year.

#### b. Website

The suggested text for the introductory page for the PC website, by Cllr Cook, has been placed on the website. Cllr MacIntyre provided some feedback on the

number of visitors to the website and facebook page. The facebook page currently has more visits. The PC thanked Cllr MacIntyre for the impressive looking website.

## **7. Reports from Outside Bodies**

### **a. Playground**

The playground officially opened on the 5th September and the event was well attended by the public and press (Tavy Times). The fence between the hedge and playground will be erected shortly and there will be a wheelchair ramp from the playground area to the verandah. Discussions are taking place regarding a mural to be painted by local children for the gable end of the pavilion. Fundraising efforts are now being focused on the MUGA and the outcome of a recent application to Sport England will be decided on 25th September. Fundraising and maintenance will continue. A set of rules are displayed at the site and it is stated that use of the playground during cricket matches will be at the public's own risk. Mr Williams was asked to check the public liability insurance for the cricket club and the Clerk to follow this up (A2).

## **8. Borough Council Reports.**

Cllr Mott spoke briefly about localities officers for Lydford and would provide further details for the next meeting.

## **9. Finances**

The Clerk provided a short update on finances. There was a suggestion that the full spreadsheet currently presented could be summarised. A summary version will be presented in future

## **10. Bills for Payment**

Cheques raised since July:

28/07/15 £29.00 Annual Payroll (D Malley)

04/08/15 £175.89 Salary Clerk

04/08/15 £137.81 HMRC

19/08/15 £7041 Caledonia Play initial payment for the playground equipment

24/08/15 £107.14 Insurance (playground)

08/09/15 £150 Audit fee

08/09/15 £390.09 Salary Clerk

08/09/15 £60 Signage for playground (Jag signs)

08/09/15 £96 Playground equipment (T Williams)

08/09/15 £45 Playground equipment (T Williams)

15/09/15 £223.92 Maunders playground equipment

## **11. Grant Applications**

There were no grant applications.

## **12. Planning Applications**

Application 0419/15 - Garage at the Tors, was considered and no objections were raised. The application was supported by the PC.

The Clerk was asked to send the decision of support to DNPA (A3).

### 13. Correspondence

- 1) Playground correspondence was received with thanks.
- 2) The updated website information was agreed.
- 3) Letter from H Ashbridge Acting Clerk of Milton Abbot PC regarding removal of the status of the Lyd and Lew Valley Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV) as a result of the adoption of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. Cllr Mott informed the PC that environmental assessments would still be undertaken under the Landscape Character Assessments. Cllr Mott also suggested that planning policy could be informed through the development of a Neighborhood Plan which is a statutory document with legal enforcement. A short discussion regarding the Parish Plan for Lydford followed and it was agreed that information would be sought from the DNPA and WDBC (A4). Regarding the changes to the AGLV the PC requested the Clerk to contact Mr Ashbridge to invite him to the next meeting to explain the issue in greater detail (A5).
- 4) The Fire Service is offering household visits for fire protection. The information would be provided to the parishioners via the magazine, website and notice board. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Sue Holland to arrange for a drop in event at the village hall if this was agreeable (A6).
- 5) Connecting Devon and Exmoor event - the PC decided that since CDS had already given a presentation to the PC at an earlier meeting sufficient information had already be obtained regarding broadband coverage.
- 6) Councillor training - 19th November 2015. The Clerk and one other Cllr would attend. The Clerk was asked to book two places for this event (A7).
- 7) The War Graves response regarding the memorial was noted. Although the WG do not own or maintain the memorial it may be possible to obtain a maintenance grant.
- 8) OCRA - Charity which provides sports and health activities in the community. The PC discussed this initiative again and decided it would be more suitable for the charity to approach Okehampton PC.
- 9) Revised TAP application. This will be submitted to the next Southern Link meeting at which the Clerk and a Cllr would attend.
- 10) Letter from Mrs Grieg regarding the speeds on the A386. This was discussed and Mrs Grieg kindly agreed to attend the next Southern Link meeting at which the TAP fund would be discussed.
- 11) Correspondence from Mrs Wray regarding the VAS signs in Mary Tavy.
- 12) Public Carpark signage Letter from St Austell Brewery - The land behind the pub is a public right of way and there may be access issues if this were to be considered as a car park for the pub. The bottlebank in the car park is used primarily by the pub. The Brewery agreed to request the Landlords to ask pub staff to use the area behind the pub for parking rather than the public car park to free up space for visitor parking. The Clerk was asked to contact WDBC to enquire about funding for signage for the public car park and to ask about upgrading the toilets (A8). The Clerk was also asked to and to contact the Brewery to request that they cut back the tree which is obscuring the car park sign outside the pub (A9).
- 13) A letter from Dr and Mr Midler regarding the planning application for erection of a dwelling next to Bolt House was discussed. After

