

Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2013

Present: Cllrs Moriarty, Skeaping, Fowler & Evenett.

Also Present: 9 members of the public.

Absent: Cllrs Dicker, Cox & Leigh-Tyrer. Cllr L Rose, Borough Councillor.

Cllr Fowler invited the public to speak.

A gentleman questioned the Parish Council regarding a planning application 0549/10 for the construction of a micro-hydropower scheme, using water from the River Lyd, to generate green electricity at Beardon. He advised that he had expected the applicant to be at the meeting. His questions were with regard to its wattage and benefit to the Parish. Cllr Skeaping advised the gentleman to contact the applicant directly with his questions.

A resident reported of congested parking at the school particularly when meetings are held. She advised that a recent incident had caused major problems when the bus and large 4x4 vehicles could not pass. Cllr Fowler advised that this would be discussed as to whether the Parish Council would send a letter to the school.

Mr Williams presented a proposal for a playground at Lydford Sports Field and advised that he envisaged a Committee to drive forward grant applications and to carry out ongoing inspections on the completed project. He advised that he is looking for general support for the principle from the Parish Council and someone to liaise with the playground committee. Mr Williams advised that the Committee so far, felt that the project would be best placed under the umbrella of the Parish Council for obtaining planning permission, applying for grants and to run the playground for the future in terms of insurance, annual maintenance, inspection fees etc. Mr Brookes advised how a Deed of Dedication could be drawn up to overcome any concerns of actual ownership of the site. It was requested and agreed by Councillors, that the Agenda Item 9a be brought forward in the meeting.

- 1. Apologies**
Cllr Cox.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**
None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.
- 3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2013.**
The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by Cllr Fowler.
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th December 2012.**
None.

9. Correspondence.

a) Proposed playground at Lydford Sports Field.

Cllr Fowler gave Councillors permission to question the proposers of the scheme. Questions and answers included location, drainage, access track, costs, ownership, repair, ground works, sustainability, planning, after hours use, fencing & fundraising. Cllr Fowler advised that no decision be made that evening due to 3 Councillors being absent and requested more information on the proposed ownership of the site. Cllr Fowler advised that this would be an ongoing Agenda item for further discussions to take place.

5. Reports from Outside Bodies.

None.

6. Borough Councillors Report.

It was noted that the Borough Councillor would be absent for some time due to illness in the family.

7. Finances.

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment:

£273.04 Mrs Luke for Mar 2013 including expenses

£57.00 Inland Revenue Mar 2013

£1507.00 Lydford PCC

£100.00 Bridestowe Scout Group

The payments were approved.

8. Planning Applications.

Application 0118/13 was discussed, alterations to existing access at The Croft, School Road. The application was discussed and it was agreed to support it.

9. Correspondence.

The correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting. The letter from SWW was discussed and the Clerk was asked to chase English Heritage for their response on the subject of maintaining the walls.

10. Agenda Items and Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will be on 16th April 2013. Agenda items to include the Proposed playground at Lydford Sports Field & Dog Bins.

11. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

The Clerk was asked to report a sunken manhole cover at the bottom of the footpath leading out of Hawthorn Park and also a couple of others on the road to the Hall.

The Clerk was asked to clarify the Parish Council's powers in relation to payment towards the upkeep of the Burial Ground. It was agreed that this clarification would also be put in the report for the Village Magazine.

The Meeting was closed at 8pm.

Signed

Date