Lydford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2013

Present: Cllrs Moriarty, Dicker, Cox, Leigh-Tyrer & Fowler.

Absent: Cllrs Evenett & Skeaping.

Also present: 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Evenett and Skeaping.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None. Otherwise as declared in the Register.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th March 2013.

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th March 2013.

Cllr Fowler referred to an item raised in public time and apologised for not further discussing the matter of parking outside the primary school. This was discussed and agreed that the Clerk would send a polite letter to the Head Mistress requesting that, during meetings, when several cars extra cars are being parked, the brow of the hill opposite Hillside is kept clear to avoid congestion.

5. Reports from outside bodies.

None.

6. Borough Councillor's Report.

Cllr Fowler asked Ms Moyse for any relevant information to the Parish. Ms Moyse advised of an Electoral Review being carried out for West Devon and that the Clerk would be advised of this in due course.

7. Finances.

The Clerk advised of the cheques for payment: £271.98 Mrs Luke for Apr 2013 salary including expenses £57.00 Inland Revenue Mar 2013 £13.38 A Hepworth for the website £83.97 Devon Association of Local Councils Subscription The payments were approved.

8. Planning Applications.

None.

9. Proposed playground at Lydford Sports Field.

Cllr Fowler opened the discussion on the proposal that was presented to the Parish Council last month and invited those members of the public present to join the discussion. Further information had been provided on the proposed Management Agreement that the Official Custodian for Charities/Lydford Sports Field would agree to enter with the Parish Council. Councillors asked further questions of Mr Williams (present) covering the current Sports Field Committee, Insurance, Finance, Ownership, Planning Permission, Drainage and Ground Works, Grant Providers & no of children in the Parish. The Clerk clarified again (on the advice of the Auditor) that if the Parish Council did agree to be the umbrella body for the project, then a formal long term lease would be required between the Official Custodian and the Parish Council and not a Management Agreement. Ms Moyse advised that the Parish Council must sure of its commitment, if they agree to take on the project, as accountable for the use of public money. Cllr Fowler advised all those present that the Parish Council would hold a Part Two Meeting after this meeting, to further discuss the legal and financial implications involved with the Proposal.

10. Dog Fouling.

Fouling was discussed due to the increasing number of verbal complaints being made. It was agreed to purchase three dog bins at approx £85 each and join the West Devon Scheme for its weekly collection service at approx £1.50 per week per bin. Proposed Cllr Moriarty Seconded Cllr Leigh-Tyrer. It was agreed that the exact location of the bins would be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Correspondence.

The Correspondence had been previously circulated. Cllr Moriarty advised of Cllr Evenett's request that the Clerk write to First Bus to enquire why the no 86 services had been changed to once per hour from Tavistock to Derriford. It was agreed that the Clerk would write. The Clerk advised of extra correspondence from the Bridestowe Scout Group, thanking the Parish Council for their grant and giving information regarding the specialist equipment to be purchased.

12. Agenda Items and Date of next Meeting.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting will be on 21st May 2013 at 6.30pm with the Annual General Meeting commencing immediately after. Agenda items to include Dog Bins.

13. Urgent additional business by leave of the Chair.

The Clerk was asked to report a leaking water pipe opposite Greystones to SWW.

The Meeting was closed at 8.12pm.

Signed Cllr Fowler

Date 21 May 2013