

Lifton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting at Lifton Community Primary School, 26th September 2019

These minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chairman at the next meeting of the parish council

Present: Cllr C Edmonds (Chairman), Cllr Moore, Cllr Measey, Cllr Willing, Cllr Sutton-Woodhouse, Cllr Glen, Cllr Sparrow, Cllr Elworthy and Cllr Parsons

1. Apologies: Cllr Elias

2. Minutes: The minutes of the PC meeting 29th August 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Dispensations and Declarations of Interest: None

4. Visiting speaker: None – PCSO Greenwood sent her apologies, as due to a change in shift pattern, she was unable to attend on this occasion. An invitation to attend a future PC meeting has been sent to her by the Clerk.

5. Public Participation/Borough Cllr. Update

Borough Councillor Update:

WDBC's new improved recycling service will commence on 2nd December with each household being issued with a new reusable sack. A range of new items will be recycled including yoghurt pots, meat trays, household printer cartridges and aluminium foil etc., however black plastic will not be included. There will be a press release and lots of information available about the new service.

WDBC has a climate change emergency committee which will look at working practices in West Devon; a report is expected in December 2019. The PC will be kept updated.

6. General items

6.1 Highways Update

6.1.1 The Clerk reported the Highways Officer's (HO) response to all highway's issues raised in the PC meeting held on 29th August 2019. Vegetation had been removed around the large sign on the A388 as requested and a letter had been sent to a resident (owner of the property) asking for the hedge to be cut on the side road before the junction at Liftondown Cross.

Highways will not be undertaking a review of the signage towards and on Heale Bridge. The signs have recently been replaced where required and the rest have been there for a number of years; the HO reported that it is down to the driver of a vehicle which is wider than a normal car to look out for the warning signs.

The HO looked at the layby markings opposite the village shop and although worn, they were still visible. There is no traffic order on this lay-by so the lines are not mandatory. The whole village was remarked in 2016/17. DCC try to do two parishes per County Council area so it's unlikely Lifton will be done again next year. The PC expressed thanks to the HO for his timely responses to the issues raised and were grateful for their good working relationship.

Councillors reported that the sign at the bottom of Whitely Hill (Colemans Cross) is getting very worn and also a Liftondown road sign had been knocked down westbound on the Holsworthy Road/A388 (on the verge). **Action: Clerk to report these two issues to Highways.**

Councillors asked whether the illuminated 30mph speed signs (one each side of the road) on the A388 westbound (further up from Wellington Place by the telegraph pole) could be reinstated. There used to be illuminated 30mph warning signs at this location which have now been removed. As this is a long straight stretch of road, these signs acted as a better reminder to drivers to slow down. **Action: Clerk to make this request to Highways.**

6.1.2 The Clerk reported that the Parsonage Court road closure for resurfacing works would take place on Tuesday, 1st October and an alternative signed route would be put in place.

6.1.3 The Clerk reported the A30 Lifton to Stowford eastbound overnight carriageway closures and Sourton slip road closures will be in place until 1st November 2019. Further details were available on the PC website.

6.2 Bus shelter

The Clerk confirmed that work was due to take place on the bus shelter on 25th August 2019. Councillors confirmed that this work had been done. The PC discussed whether the shelter should have a bench installed, something robust across the back and should a quote be obtained from the same Contractor. Although the request for a bench had not been raised by regular bus users, the majority of Councillors agreed that a quote should be obtained.

PC decision: to support (7); not support (1) and (1) abstained.

Action: Clerk to contact Contractor and request quote for a suitable bench.

6.3 Village Trees

The Woodland Trust were offering free trees to communities and schools. There were various packages on offer with an intended delivery date of March 2020. Councillors were informed that a site had to be identified along with relevant map reference numbers.

PC decision: to support an application for The Woodland Trust free trees (9); all in favour.

Action: The Chair & Vice-Chair to look into this matter further and identify suitable locations.

The Chair to speak to Lifton WI about their tree planting plans.

CLlr Glen to speak to the primary school about the free tree scheme.

6.4 Defibrillator

The Councillor to undertake the next monthly checks was confirmed.

6.5 Graveyard

The Clerk circulated a draft sign to be displayed in the graveyard to deter the use of glass jam jars for flowers. Councillors agreed that once the wording had been agreed a quote should be obtained from a local company to make the sign up.

Action: Clerk to revise wording on sign, circulate to all Councillors and obtain a quote.

6.6 Dog fouling

A complaint had been received about dog fouling on Leat Road and a query was raised as to whether the village still had a Dog Warden. Councillors were informed that the village Dog Warden had retired but that this role now came under the remit of the mobile Locality Service Officers. These

officers cover large areas and resources were stretched. They are fully authorised to issue fixed penalty notices to those people that allow their dogs to foul, although it is difficult to enforce unless dog fouling is witnessed by officers immediately. Residents can flag issues up to the locality officers and can submit complaints about dog fouling online via the WDBC website.

6.7 West Devon BT Payphone Kiosk Removal - Consultation

WDBC has issued a draft response to BT and parish/town councils and ward members have until 20th October 2019 to make any amendments to this response.

Councillors revisited the decisions made at the last PC meeting and after further discussion agreed that the payphone on the village green should remain and the one at Liftondown could be removed. The Clerk was asked to re-submit the PC's comments on the consultation document.

The Clerk would continue to look into whether a phone could be installed in the Community Centre.

Action: Clerk to submit a further response to WDBC and to provide an update at the next meeting on the options for a phone at the Community Centre.

7. Reports

7.1 QE11 report:

The Treasurer reported that there has been no significant movement on either of the accounts since the July meeting. Several items of maintenance were discussed with proposals for remedial works. One major concern which has arisen from various booking enquiries concerning our rights regarding the river bank and the bed of the river. The Parish Council have been asked to carry out a Land Registry search which will confirm ownership of the banks, and the river bed, and will identify any leases relating to the fishing rights. Once we have this information, we can determine our approach to future event hire requesting to use the river for events such as duck races.

The Cricket Club reported that they have held three games at the QE11 this summer.

The Football Club now have two full teams running quite smoothly, although there is some turnover of players. Hire fees for both clubs have been fixed at very similar rates to previous years, making some allowance for inflation.

Bookings for the pavilion, particularly children's birthday parties, continue at a steady rate

Action: Clerk, in liaison with the Chair and Vice-Chair, to complete an application to HM Land Registry for relevant river search.

7.2 Community Centre Report

The builders were due to finish work on the wall this week, weather permitting. A landscaping plan was being looked at and a change to siting of some trees would be taking place.

8. Finance

8.1 For payment

Clerk's salary	£389.33
Land Registry fee	£69.95

Proposed and seconded that all the above payments be made.

[Total payments: £459.28]

Action: Clerk to make all payments

8.2 Payment received:

Interest	£ 0.41
Gubbin Funeral	£150.00

8.3 Outstanding invoices: None

General matters relating to Finance:

8.4 None

9. Planning

9.1 Applications:

0888/19/FUL - Proposal: Proposed replacement vehicular access. Site Address: Lifton Bridge Bungalow, New Road, Lifton PL16 0AH

The plan for new access was good. Councillors noted the drainage consultation response. Highways did not raise any issues.

Councillors considered the proposal and commented that it was logical to close the lane to the 2 bungalows and to provide this dedicated new access which looked good on the drawings. They could see no problems regarding visibility.

PC decision: to support (9); all in favour

2534/19/FUL - Proposal: Erection of double garage and extension of residential curtilage. Site Address: Whitehall Cottage, Old Tinhay, Lifton PL16 0AL

Councillors were informed that there had been one letter of support. The Highways report was not reliable as it did not relate to this particular site. The Landscape Officer was happy.

Councillors noted the existing access to the bungalow and that the development was set back from the road.

PC decision: to support (9); all in favour

2982/19/PDM - Proposal: Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q (a+b)).

Location: Glenvale, Tinhay, Lifton PL16 0DS

(There is no statutory consultation requirement on the application above – this was for information only).

2667/19/HHO - Proposal: Householder application for outhouse building for logs and storage. Site Address: Herons Ghyll, Fore Street, Lifton PL16 0BH

Councillors were informed that there was already an outhouse in place although this jutted out beyond the line of the house with a lean-to roof and planning permission had not been sought or granted for this particular structure. The site is within a conservation area.

The applicant has since submitted these new proposed plans for a reduced outhouse. The new materials will be the same as the main building. Reference was made to the Heritage Officer and

Councillors were told that he will look at the application and it will be considered with the correct level of detail. The old shed/outhouse would have to come down.

Councillors said that the property has no other land and that this outhouse building was just to house logs. The new building would line up with the front building line.

Councillors expressed reservations about the new outhouse building abutting onto the adjacent property. This could have an adverse effect on that property as it could cause issues with moisture. The proposed roof line is very flat and the use of grey slate would not work at that level. Councillors felt that some attention to detail should be raised at this stage as there may be further mistakes made. The structure/aesthetics were not very pleasing to the eye.

PC decision: to support (1); not support (4) and (3) abstained. The Chair did not vote.

Majority vote to not support.

9.2 Approvals:

2078/19/FUL - Spry Mill Station Road Tinhay Devon PL16 0BA. PROPOSAL: Demolition of part of the existing mill building, construction of new blending plant building, relocation of weigh bridge.

DECISION: Conditional Approval.

2546/19/TCA - The Arundell Arms Hotel Fore Street Lifton PL16 0AA. PROPOSAL: T1: Ash – initial deadwood removal (exempt works), fell to ground level, western side and central crown died back significantly (suspected Ash dieback), large diameter deadwood already dropping into garden below, grandchildren of neighbours regularly play under canopy), tree unlikely to recover, will decline further over time, wish to replace as near as possible to base with Sessile Oak standard. Large Diameter Deadwood to be removed under Five day Notice indicated in Fig1 & Fig2. DECISION: Tree Works No Objection Raised.

2060/19/TPO - Orchard House New Road Lifton PL16 0AQ. PROPOSAL: T1: Ash - Fell due to ill health - showing obvious defects and extensive dead branches; G1: Ash (6no. stems) - Fell - showing signs of dieback, with dead sections of stem and branches. DECISION: Tree Works Allowed.

9.3 Refusals: None

9.4 Appeals: None

General matters relating to planning:

9.5 2389/19/AGR - LOCATION: Nethercott Farm Polson Bridge Launceston PL15 9QU.

APPLICATION TYPE: Agricultural Determination. PROPOSAL: Application for prior notification for agricultural storage building. DECISION: Ag Determination details not required.

10. Correspondence

The Clerk shared the following information with Councillors:

DCC Highway Service - Parish & Town Council Conferences 2019, Devon Community Resilience Forum Autumn Newsletter and Devon County Council - Micro businesses in Devon invited to take part in research trial to boost efficiency.

11. Councillors' items for future agenda

The Clerk reported that Martin Rich, Devon Communities Together, would be able to provide a short presentation on Local Emergency Plans at the 23rd January 2020 parish council meeting.

Next Meeting

7.00pm, Thursday, 24th October 2019, Venue tbc, Lifton

Meeting closed at 2030.

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