

Lifton Parish Council

Minutes of the extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held in the Methodist Church (Liftdown) on 7th November 2024

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

Present: Cllr Edmonds (Chairman), Cllr Alexander, Cllr K Dunn, Cllr S Dunn, Cllr Gynn, Cllr Lees, Cllr Measey and Cllr Sutton-Woodhouse

1. Apologies: Cllr Glen

2. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 17th October 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

3. Dispensations and Declarations of Interest: None

4. Visiting/Guest Speakers: None

5. Public Participation/Borough Cllr. Update:

Public Participation: None

Borough Cllr. Update: An update will be provided at the next meeting.

6. General items:

6.1 Highways Update

The Clerk provided a report to Councillors prior to the meeting which detailed highways matters that have been reported to or from Devon County Council Highways (or other departments) since the last meeting. Please see separate attachment 'Appendix A'.

In addition to the above, the Clerk reported that the PC's application for a DCC Locality Budget Grant towards a new VAS has been successful; £500 has been awarded. The grant application to the Devon Community Fund was still outstanding. The Clerk would provide an update as soon as there was any news from the DCF.

6.2 Village Litter Pick

Ambrosia carried out a litter pick around the village last Friday. Councillors expressed gratitude to all who took part. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks.

7. Finance

7.1 For payment:

Baker Electrical Services: VAS repairs	£ 81.50
MJ & MW Bickle & Son: West Devon Drive grass cutting (inc. £513.00 VAT)	£ 3,078.00

Proposed (TSW) and seconded (SD); all in favour that the above payments be made online.

[Above payments: £3159.50]

Action: Clerk to make all payments online.

The above two invoices for payment were seen and signed by two Councillors.

General matters relating to Finance:

7.2 Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new pay scales for 2024-25 to be implemented from 1st April 2024. The Clerk reported the new pay scale for SCP 16. Councillors noted the change.

7.3 Lloyds Bank changes

A letter has been received from Lloyds Bank instructing the PC that, with effect from 14th January 2025, they were changing the PC's Treasurers' Account to a Community Account. There would be an 'Account Maintenance' fee of £4.25 per month charged to Lifton Parish Council along with other charges for day-to-day banking.

Councillors agreed to continue to bank with Lloyds as most banks now issued charges and the bank interest gained would balance out the new charges. All agreed.

8. Planning

8.1 Applications:

3172/24/CLE – Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing part constructed industrial unit.
Site Address Land at SX 393 849 Lifton

Councillors received the planning application prior to the meeting; this application concerns a partially built industrial unit in Tinhay, Lifton, for which planning permission was granted on 28th February 2006.

Councillors were being asked to consider if they have any evidence to corroborate the claims made by the applicant that development at the site commenced before 28th February 2009.

Councillors would not comment on 'Condition 2' regarding pre-commencement; this would be for the planning authority to address.

After discussion, Councillors decided to take a neutral position as they were not able to provide evidence or confirm whether the development had commenced, or not, within the required planning deadline of 28th February 2009.

PC decision: Councillors voted unanimously to take a neutral position regarding this application. All agreed (8).

8.2 Approvals: None

8.3 Refusals: None

General matters relating to Planning:

8.4 There is no statutory consultation requirement on the applications below. The information is being sent for information only: 3355/24/ARC - Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions.

Description: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 11 (Bat Mitigation Licence) of planning consent 3982/23/HHO. Site Address: Markstone Farmhouse, Lifton, PL16 0HD

9. Correspondence: Councillors noted the following items:

Letter to all Parish and Town Councils in the environs of Okehampton Hospital

10. Councillors' items for future agenda: Village trail leaflet; QEII Term of Reference

Meeting closed at 19:22.

SIGNED..... Date.....

Next Meeting: 7.00pm, Thursday, 28th November 2024, Tamar Room (The Arundell)

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