

LYDLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Lydlinch Parish Council meeting held on 16th September 2024 at the Hooper Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Present Councilors: C May (Chairman), A Curtis, C Curtis, M Griffith-Jones, J Smyth & G. Tite.

Apologies had been received from S Mercer County Councilor

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were 11 members of the public in attendance.

1. Chairmans welcome and address

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Clerk explained the terms of the democratic period.

2. To receive declarations of interest & Requests for dispensations (Please notify the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting)

C May declared a pecuniary interest in item 9a. payment to himself and stated that he would leave the meeting for that item.

The Clerk advised that a written application for dispensation for Cllr Frizzle for non-attendance of meetings period of eight months commencing 20 May 2024 had been received. The request has arisen due to meeting dates being altered on 2 occasions and work & holiday commitments.

RESOLVED: To grant a dispensation for Cllr Frizzle for non-attendance of meetings period of eight months commencing 20 May 2024

3. To receive apologies.

T Frizzle

4. Approve the minutes of the meeting held 24.06.24

Amendment in spelling of J Smyths name.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24.06.24

5. Democratic period (For public comments)

Concerns were expressed at the perceived traffic speed on the Holwell Rd and through Lydlinch, the partially obstructed footway at Lydlinch and need for more enforcement of the speed limits. A petition to DC highways was mentioned in relation to Lydlinch. The issue of flooding at the rear of Ramsbury was also raised again. It was advised that a village facebook page has been set up for Kings Stag. Public participation during the Parish Council meeting was questioned. Thanks were expressed to the PC for instigating the recent Wessex Water sewer survey at Kings Stag. It was understood that there is a 6-inch sewer pipe through the village and questions were raised as to its adequacy.

Action: Clerk to report the overgrown footway at Lydlinch to DC Highways. Reference 1265642. Members of the public can also report if they wish to do so.

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Democratic Period ended at 7.31.pm

6. Parish Clerks report & Correspondence: As detailed in annex 1a.

Clerks report:

Defibrillator pads Kings Stag - are due for renewal this month the cost is £72.50 +Vat. Requested added to the payment for approval.

Members profiles on the PC web site – Please would members consider providing a photo and short biog.

Highways update- Highways actions taken in relation to traffic calming. The slow signs on the road have been re-painted on the bends and entering Lydlinch from the north up the hill. The request for tractor warning signs in Lydlinch had been declined by DC Highways. The 'please slow down' Initiative signs continue to be displayed in Lydlinch and Kings Stag. The Parish Council could consider seeking some feedback

about the signs and whether the community perception of speed and safety is improved. Request for a 'please slow down' sign on Holbrook Lane has been declined by DC highways.

7. To receive Parish Councillors reports.

J Smyth & M Griffith-Jones agreed that the (Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils) DAPTC new member training felt it was informative. The Chairman & Vice Chairman had attended a DAPTC refresher course in Chairmanship. C May had attended the DAPTC briefing on the way forward with area meeting and the change in legal identity.

8. To receive the Dorset Councillors report.

August written report received and circulated.

9. Finance.

a. To approve the accounts for payment.

Date	to / from	Detail	payment amount
15.09.24	T Watson	Salary August & September	£361.04
15.09.24	HMRC	Tax Salary August & September	£90.20
15.09.24	T Watson	Payment 4 underpaid 50p	£0.50
15.09.24	IK Services	dog bin servicing August	£68.78
15.09.24	IK Services	dog bin servicing September	£68.78
15.09.24	Stalbridge TC	Office Services August & September	£94.66
15.09.24	C May	Materials for village sign & notice board repair	£63.80
15.09.24	DAPTC	New councilor online training	£40.00

In addition, the Clerk request payment for unrepresented invoices from the DAPTC for Chairman/ Vice Chairman £70.00, Staff £35.00, new member training £40.00 & the defibrillator pads 72.50 +VAT x 2

C May left the meeting and the C Curtis as Vice Chairman took over Chairmanship of the meeting.

RESOLVED: Accounts approved for payment £63.80 C May Materials for village sign & notice board repair.

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C May returned to the meeting and resumed as Chairman.

RESOLVED: Accounts approved for payment as per schedule and additions (excluding £63.80 C May Materials for village sign & notice board repair).

b. To receive the quarterly financial report ending 31.06.24

A report had been presented prior to the meeting. The cash book was verified against the bank statement.

RESOLVED: The quarterly financial report ending 31.06.24 was received.

10. Planning

a. Response to DC planning consultations.

None.

b. Responses made under delegated terms.

P/FUL/2024/02041 Erection of replacement office block. Unit 1 Hags Play Ltd Holwell Road Kings Stag.

RESPONSE: Support the application as it encourages sustainable local employment in the Village.

c. Recent decisions of DC Planning Office.

P/FUL/2024/02041 Erection of replacement office block. Unit 1 Hags Play Ltd Holwell Road Kings Stag. Granted

d. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications.

APP/D1265/W/24/3349109

P/FUL/2024/01945 Sunnyholme B3143 - Blackrow Lane to Holwell Road Kings Stag Dorset DT10 2AY. Convert barn to create holiday let.

e. Planning matters of report.

None.

11. To consider instigating a neighbourhood plan.

J Smyth

J Smyth introduced the concept of a neighbourhood plan as a community project. Some concerns were expressed at embarking on such a long-term project and any possible changes to the planning system under the new government. It was noted that the project could take between 3-5 years and the cost would have the impact of nearly doubling the precept. Some members could not currently see the advantages of having a neighbourhood plan over the current status of the Parish under policy 20 the countryside. As an alternative a Parish plan was suggested.

RESOLVED: The proposal was seconded but failed in voting.

12. To consider community asset orders to be placed on assets important to the parishioners within our representation.

J Smyth

It was noted that individuals can apply for community asset orders and that the Green Man may be part of an estate which according to the regulations means that a Moratorium period will not be applied. Other potential community assets were considered including the garage and industrial area in Kings Stag, the Hooper Hall in Lydlinch and Plumber Manor in Plumber.

RESOLVED: To proceed with further investigation in relation to community asset orders.

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13. To secure assistance for the Rights of way liaison officer for the parish (including Lydlinch, Kings Stag & Plumber). M Griffith-Jones

Thanks were expressed to the current Rights of way liaison officer for Kings Stag It was noted that any members of the public can report footpath defects on the Dorset Council web site. To encourage regular walker to report defect it was suggested to post notices on the Parish notice boards and a link could be put on the parish council web site to make reporting easier.

RESOLVED: To raise awareness and secure assistance for the Rights of way liaison officer for the parish by posting notices on the Parish notice boards and having a link on the Parish Council web site to make reporting easier.

14. Date of next meeting

Monday 25th November 2024

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Approved Date 24.11.24

Chairman -----