

LYDLINCH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Lydlinch Parish Council meeting held on 24th June 2024 at the Hooper Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies had been received from S Mercer County Councilor

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

Democratic period (For public comments)

There were differing opinions expressed by Lydlinch residents with regard to speeding in the village being perceived as a problem, particularly in relation to farm vehicles.

Kings Stag resident regarding flooding and the need for the river Lydden to be cleared. Advised that this is an issue / request to the Environment Agency. For any clearance to be effective it relies on the relevant landowners co-operation for clearance of the whole river inside and outside the parish boundary.

1. To receive apologies.

Mr. T Frizzle

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

None.

3. Approve the minutes of the meeting held 20.05.24.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20.05.24

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

Clerks report

Rights of way liaison officers observations report on footpaths N44/18, N44/19 & N44/20 sent to DC Rangers 10.06.

Correspondence

Letter of thanks from Lydlinch PCC for grant

5. To receive Parish Councillors reports.

None.

6. To receive the Dorset Councillors report.

None.

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7. Finance.

a. To approve the accounts for payment.

to / from	Detail	payment amount
Community First Trading Ltd	Insurance premium 24.25	£174.53
T Watson	Salary June & July	£360.54
HMRC	Tax Salary June & July	£90.20
IK Services	dog bin servicing June	£68.78
IK Services	dog bin servicing July	£68.78
Stalbridge TC	Office Services June & July	£94.66
J Wardell	Internal Audit 23.24	£30.00

RESOLVED: Accounts approved for payment

8. To receive notice of the advertisement and period for the Exercise of Electors rights 23.24.

The dates were noted as commencing on Wednesday 26th June 2024 and ending on Tuesday 6th August 2024

RESOLVED: Notice of the advertisement and period for the Exercise of Electors rights 23.24 received.

9. To receive and consider the effectiveness of the internal auditors report for 23.24

It was noted that the internal audit had been carried out in accordance with the JAPG Practitioners guide March 2023. Points raised were noted. Clerk to act on all remedial issues raised.

RESOLVED: That the internal audit 23.24 had been effective and thorough.

10. To approve section 1 Annual Governance Statement annual return for year ending 31.03.24

Sections 1-9 of section 1 of the annual Governance statement were considered.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to record Yes in boxes 1-8 & N/A in box 9 of the Annual governance statement.

11. To approve section 2 Accounts Statement annual return for year ending 31.03.24

Box 7 in the accounting statements was verified against the bank statement and reconciliation.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to accept the figures presented for sections 1-10 and to enter N/A in section 11 of the accounting statement.

12. To get an update on the tender for the repair of the footbridge on FP N44/18 including an estimated date of completion and pressures DC Rangers to achieve it being put into a safe and usable state.

M Griffith-Jones

The Clerk advised that the Parish council does not have any jurisdiction over rights of way this fall to Dorset Council; and is administered DC Rangers. Update: The Parish Council reported the broken footbridge to DC Rangers in June 2021 with subsequent communications and a site visit. The last update was awaiting quotations for works. A local rights of way liaison officer surveyed the area recently and the survey has been

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sent to DC Rangers with a request of an update by the PCM 24.06.24. We have not received a response so will continue to progress the issue with DC rangers.

Mr M Griffith-Jones felt that three years was a long time to wait for a repair and offered to deal with DC Rangers on the issue. Mr C May suggested caution as it would be a disadvantage if the footpath were to be closed. Mr J Smyth suggested local parishioners report the fault.

RESOLVED: The Clerk was instructed to get an update on the tender for the repair of the footbridge on FP N44/18 including an estimated date of completion and pressures DC Rangers to achieve it being put into a safe and usable state.

13. To establish a way of getting FP N44/18 opened properly so that it is not partly blocked by a fence.
M Griffith-Jones

The Clerk advised that a local rights of way liaison officer surveyed the area recently and the survey has been sent to DC Rangers a reply has not yet be received. Mr M Griffith-Jones advised that the fence had been repaired and the footpath was now clear.

RESOLVED: No further action.

14. To explore ways of improving the passage of information and increase the Parish Councils engagement with electors.
Mr M Griffith-Jones

Mr M Griffith-Jones suggested that the Parish Council proceed to engaging in next door Lydlinch and facebook if and admin could be sourced. C Curtis pointed out that this suggestion could not proceed to resolution as it had not been tabled. This was not appreciated by Mr M Griffith-Jones.

The meeting was interrupted by members of the public.

The Clerk suggested she attend DAPTC training (communicating with your community, creating a communications strategy) at a cost of £32.00.

RESOLVED: To explore ways of improving the passage of information and increase the Parish Councils engagement with electors the Clerk was instructed to attend DAPTC training (communicating with your community, creating a communications strategy) and report back to Council.

15. To receive a report from Cllr Griffith Jones regarding the issue of speeding traffic in Lydlinch and establish a course of action.
Mr M Griffith-Jones

The Clerk advised action that the Parish Council have taken to date in relation to perceived speeding in the Parish:

- Request for PCSO speed watch
- Consideration of setting up a community speed watch
- Request to DC Highways for additional speed limit signage on the highway. Completed
- Requested Dorset Road Safely for more camera visits
- Request DC Highways to consider reducing the speed limit 30MPH in Lydlinch. Declined for the following reasons: In order for the speed limit to be reduced to 30MPH in Lydlinch, the mean speed of the traffic currently using it would need to be no greater than 34MPH. (Average mean speed from the speed survey was 37.0625MPH).

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- Considered village gates with speed signs to alert drivers to the change in speed limit.
- Recently additional road side 'slow down' signs have been installed.
- Commissioned speed surveys in Lydlinch and Kings Stag in relation to SID viability.
- The cost of a SID at three locations would be £4,594.51. This would be an estimated cost to A Band d equivalent property of £10.55 per annum.

The summarised speed data figures showed the traffic speeds at the peak traffic number points of 8am & 4/5pm. In Lydlinch (West of Holebrook Lane) eastbound most of the traffic was traveling up to 40 mph at 8am and at 4pm the amount of traffic traveling up to 40 mph was equal to traffic traveling between 40/50 mph. Lydlinch West of Twofords Bridge did meet criteria for a SID.

Members made suggestions which included community speed watch , speed indicator devices and traffic calming.

The meeting was again interrupted by members of the public.

RESOLVED: As a course of action regarding the issue of speeding traffic in Lydlinch the Clerk was instructed to contact DC Highways regarding potential traffic calming measures.

16. Planning

a. Response to DC planning consultations.

None

b. Responses made under delegated terms.

None.

c. Recent decisions of DC Planning Office.

P/HOU/2024/01946 Erect 3 bay garage with shower room. Sunnyholme B3143 – Blackrow Lane To Holwell Road
Kings Stag Dorset DT10 2AY. Granted

d. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications.

None.

e. Planning matters of report.

None.

17. Date of next meeting

Monday September 16th

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.08 pm.

Approved Date 16.09.24

Chairman -----