

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 13th March 2012 At Litton and Thorner's Community Hall Litton Cheney

Present: S. Kourik (Chairman), Mrs S. Dyke (Deputy Chairman), D. Bowen, I. Homer, H. Lantos, W. Orchard and Parish Clerk J. Firrell. Also attending: Cllr R. Coatsworth, Cllr T. Bartlett and two local residents.

1. **Apologies:** Mrs A. Spurrier.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Mrs S. Dyke & D. Bowen – AOB: Discussion Concerning the planning application for an NICI Lyme Bay Lookout at West Bay.
3. **Democratic Time:** Not taken up.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish council Meeting held on 10th January 2012:** Proposed by D. Bowen, seconded by I. Homer and carried unanimously that the minutes reflected a true record of the meeting.
5. **Matters arising: Localism Act Update** – The Chairman had attended a recent seminar at Kingston Maurward. Although details had yet to be issued by government, within the main body of the Kirk it would not make a tremendous amount of difference to a council the size of Litton Cheney in particular when it came to drawing up neighbourhood plans which were both costly and complex. A new code of conduct would need to be devised but it was predominantly a wait and see situation once secondary legislation was passed for the Localism Act. Jubilee Programme – Mrs S. Dyke informed the meeting of provisional plans for the Jubilee Weekend (1-5 June) which had been set out by the Jubilee Committee. The committee contained a representative of each village organization and it was hoped that this would avoid a clashing of events and that a coordinated programme would emerge that all could enjoy.
6. **Finance Report:** Current funds stood at £4171.50, with income since the last meeting in January standing at £210.18 (Allotments and Interest), and expenditure at £1179.00, with Grass cutting at £429, DAPTC (New councillors course) £60, Lengthsman £120, Donations £270 and St Mary's Church £300. An invoice for the Clerk's expenses of £18.50 for the year was approved unanimously. Proposed by D. Bowen and seconded by H. Lantos. The RFO read out a list of risks covered by the council's insurance policy which on reflection appeared to cover all relevant risks. There would be a need for a regular review of risks.
7. **Councillor's Briefs:** D Bowen who carries the Playing Field/Allotment brief indicated that all was well. Consideration was being given to the idea of naming the "space" as a Diamond Jubilee facility. More on this at the next meeting. The stream had been cleared and hedges cut back. The goalposts were in need of attention and this would be raised later in the meeting under AOB. W. Orchard presented on Highways/Traffic/Signs – Several potholes required attention and a recent water leak at the top of Redway had resulted in gravel being deposited all down the road. It was re-iterated that problems/defects etc should be reported to Dorset Direct by the individual rather than pass it down the line for others to report. Cllr Coatsworth indicated this was the correct procedure and the most expedient. This procedure would be highlighted on the LC website. Mrs S. Dyke indicated there was little more to report on affordable homes and sustainable development until such times as the Localism Act became clearer. Although not his remit, H. Lantos had agreed to follow up on the Super Broadband issue and it appeared that Dorset's bid for funds had been successful. Much still

relied on the close proximity of the exchange but the PC should indicate its support of the initiative and include it in any plans that were subsequently put forward. Finally S. Kourik brought the meeting up to date on public footpaths in the close vicinity. Attention was being given to the footpath from Litton Cheney to Puncknowle which was pretty rough in places.

8. **Planning Applications:** Summer Hill – This had yet to be resolved. The Clerk updated the meeting indicating that a new planning application would be submitted by the owner of Summer Hill and until that had been registered we would not know the extent of any modifications to the original planning approval. Community Hall – Thanks were due to Cllr Bartlett and the West Dorset Planning Department for speeding up the approval process thereby allowing consideration for the panels to be installed before the March deadline. It was however likely that the LATCH committee would opt to spend limited funds on an annexe offering additional storage for the hall. Garden Close – Approval had now been given for removal of a section of the hedge to allow access. 4 Manor Farm Close – Proposed Rear Dormer. The PC agreed to support this application. 2 Malters Cottages – Replacement Rear Porch. The PC agreed to support this application.
9. **Correspondence:** Thank you letters had been received from the various organizations to which the Parish Council had donated funds.
10. **AOB:** Cllr Coatsworth brought the Parish Council up to date with happenings at district and county level including Broadband and Cllr Bartlett highlighted the recently announced initiative concerning new waste and recycling procedures that would reach this area in 2014. Scouts Bob-a-Job in April – A team of cubs and scouts would be in the area in April and had asked if there were any projects in the village that they could be involved in. The Parish Council indicated its support for the initiative and it was suggested one of the jobs they could do was rubbing down and repainting the goal posts in the village playing field. Councillors and other organizations were asked to think of other “jobs” the cubs and scouts might do in order to earn a donation. NCI Lyme Bay – with two councillors declaring a personal interest, it was agreed that a response should be send to WDDC supporting the planning application for an NCI Lyme Bay Lookout to be established at West Bay. Batteries – I. Homer warned of storing expended batteries in the home as he had recently had a house fire caused by batteries. Fortunately he and his wife were at home and extinguished the fire. The advice was to take them to a recycling point as soon as possible.
11. **Date of Next Meeting:** The Annual Meeting and Village Assembly would be held on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30pm. It was suggested the Fire and Rescue Service be asked to make a presentation.
12. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 pm.

John Firrell
Clerk to Litton Cheney Parish Council