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STOWFORD, MARYSTOWE, THRUSHELTON, LEWTRENCHARD

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The magazine for all that's going on in your area

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| Date | Location | Organisation & Contact Information | and at what time |
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| Mon-02-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | Audrey 01566783392 | Lewdown Drop In 14:30 to 16:30 |
| Wed-04-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | AUCTION Paul 07401192921 | AUCTION @19:00- |
| Mon-09-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | Cathy 01566784104 | W I meeting 19:00 |
| Wed-11-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | Soupa Troupers | 12:30 till 16:00 |
| Wed-11-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | AUCTION Paul 07401192921 | AUCTION @19:00- |
| Sat-14-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | Cathy 01566784104 | W I Jumble Sale |
| Sat-14-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | Colin 01566783279 | Whist Drive 20:00 |
| Mon-16-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | Audrey 01566783392 | Lewdown Drop In 14:30 to 16:30 |
| Wed-18-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | AUCTION Paul 07401192921 | AUCTION @19:00- |
| Sat-21-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | Kay 01566783339 | Kay's Jumble Sale 14:00 |
| Wed-25-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | AUCTION Paul 07401192921 | AUCTION @19:00- |
| Fri-27-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | Stowford Church | Bingo |
| Sat-28-Mar-20 | Cricket Pavilion | Cricket Club | Jumble Sale |
| Sun-29-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | Y F C Amy 07715974809 | Tractor Run |
| Mon-30-Mar-20 | Victory Hall | Parish Council | Meeting |

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Dear readers of this strangely interesting and informative magazine, it's only little old me. what to write that's vaguely interesting, well the present Mrs Nash and myself have tried but failed to become more cultured, yes I do know some words with more than two sillybulls in then. Not only have we been to the cinema and seen the David Copperfield film, but lately we have also gone to watch Jane Austen's Emma. Most films are rated by the number of stars the critics have given them. We rate films by the number of bags of Minstrels we get through. If it's a good film and our attention is griped from start to finish we consume not one Minstrel, but if we find it how shall I say DULL, then we will eat our way through a big bag and be looking for more. David Copperfield was a bag full before half way through, but Emma was a no sweets film. Not many people know this but I am a closet Jane Austin fan and have read all her stuff, but it's been a while since her last tone was published.

Here's an interesting fact for you. When experts discovered the wreck of the Titanic in 1997 they were surprised to find the swimming pools were still full.

Last weekend I was washing the car with my son. After a while he said to me " dad why can't we use a sponge like every one else".

Changing the subject completely. The biggest date in the year is fast approaching, no not Valentine's day, I hope you have been to the loo recently so as the excitement won't be too much for you, the date of the LRA's AGM should be in the next edition. Whoopee!. I can hear the cheering from behind closed doors.

Will close now as the new floor covering will not lay itself, it's being glued down and the present Mrs Nash cant believe how I can get glue in so many places that it's not meant to be. Best wishes Tim Nash who is bound to be stuck to something.

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Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 725 held on Monday 27th January 2020 at Lewdown Victory Hall

These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chairman at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Members of the public – One member present raised the issue of parked vehicles facing the wrong way on the brow of the highway opposite the former Tuit Centre. Two accidents have occurred recently. The parked vehicles are causing an obstruction in a dangerous location. It was resolved that a councillor would contact the residents association informing them that owners of the offending vehicles were contravening two traffic acts. A period of two weeks would be given for the owners to review their parking options, if no change had taken place, the council would then consider other options.

Planning – Ref: 3800/19/VAR – Variation of condition 4 of planning permission 2099/19/ARM Site: Land at SX456 868, Address: Cross Roads Farm, Cross Roads, Lewdown, EX20 4DP, Council decision – No comment – Proposed Cllr Dunn, Seconded Cllr Andrews, one abstention

Planning – 3960/19/HHO - Householder application for erection of residential shed and log store for woodland management. Site: Lee Cottage, Address: Coryton, Okehampton, EX20 4PE.

Part Two council planning regulation was called by the chair, members of the public were requested to vacate the meeting whilst council would consider the application and discuss the extenuating circumstances. Part Two closed. Council decision – No comment – Proposed Cllr Vanstone, Seconded Cllr Crocker, one abstention.

7. Finance. 7.1.F.O. Reported that after approved payments a combined credit balance of £12,842.59

7.2 Approved payments for the following; Peter van Delft (clerk salary Dec – Jan) £312.88, HMRC – PAYE £32.40, Victory Hall – Hire of Hall (July – Dec) £160.00, WDDBC Invoice – Dog bins service (payment via D/D) £287.04. 7.3 Bank signatory update required for account, Former Cllr Newman to be removed and Cllr Harrop to be added.

WDBC – Proposed new dog waste bin emptying service charges – The RFO raised his concern over significant increase in costs for the service. The council budgeted £591.30 however a proposal to charge £832 + vat for year 2020-21 and then for year 2021 – 22 £1248 + vat. It was resolved that the current service for emptying the bins twice weekly to once weekly for the year 2020-21. The WDBC notice was published on 17th January 2020, a final decision will be made on 18th February. The R.F.O expressed his disappointment with WDBC that this information was not made public before parish and town councils prepared their own budgets last autumn. Correspondence regarding this matter has been sent to Cllrs Mott and Southcott. Clerk to also write to WDBC.

Cllr Mott of WDBC reported that she received a complaint on the state of the footpath from the Cricket club to the school. Overgrown hedge and spreading grass. The problem was reported on the D.H. website No. W201300287. Cllr Mott reported that a proposal to increase the dog bin emptying service was being considered, WDBC needed to balance its books as it could no longer support the service that was running at a loss without increasing the cost of the service. Some instances of litter and waste had been reported, Cllr Mott suggested the WDBC website (see page *Report a Missed Domestic Waste Collection or Other issue*), would be the best method for contacting problems of waste matter and fly-tipping. Due to the Christmas break not much further news was available.

Cllr Reports – Cllr Harrop was writing to Devon Highways over the persistent flooding at Perry Spears near Coryton Station, tree roots growing in the drainage pipe were thought to be the problem and in

need of being removed. Cllr Dunn reminded the council that he had also written contacted DH of this issue several times. Cllr Wilkinson raised the issue of the bus shelter at the former Royal Exchange had blown over and needed to be moved, Cllrs Harrop, Wilkinson and two parishioners would help to move.

Cllr Wilkinson informed council of the problem reading the security numbers to gain access to the defibrillator, poor light made the task difficult. It was resolved that a P.I.R. light may resolve the issue. The owner to the Blue Lion where it is location to be contacted and asked if a light could be installed at the councils expense. The motion was proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded Cllr Dunn in principle subject to clarification of costs for the installation. On behalf of all the council Cllr Harrop thanked Cllr Wilkinson for the help he provided a parishioner at a time when most needed. Cllr Crocker reported that significant amounts of litter/waste was dumped on the highway between Roadford and Thrushelton, Cllr Mott reported the problem. Cllr Dawe reported that the waste operatives were spilling waste when working on the collections, Clerk to report. A Pot hole near the Old Rectory was reported with D.H. by Cllr Harrop.

The Commissioner's 'Councillor Advocate Scheme' – Cllr Southcott provided a brief outline of scheme, participation was thought to be useful but some reservations with meeting place and of the effectiveness of scheme was raised. Cllr Southcott offered to attend a meeting and report back. Safety and speeding near Lewtrenchard School – Cllr Southcott reported that the Wig-Wag lights maybe installed by mid February. Speed monitoring equipment had been installed by DH to register the speeds of passing vehicles near the school. The same equipment would be installed again after the Wig Wag lights were installed to see if any change in driver awareness of the new lights had been made. Bus passenger drop off areas were also of great safety concern, the current locations were considered to be hazardous. Cllr Dunn suggested that a letter highlighting the problem area's should be written to the Police and D.H, clerk to draft a letter.

Ramps – Committee update, grant applications, fund raising etc – Cllr Perkins advised to the clerk that there was nothing new to report at this stage.

13.1 Ramps – public bench repairs. – Cllr Wilkinson reported that a quote has been requested for the work. 13.2 Ramps – land registration, Cllr Dunn raised the issue and suggested that this problem should now be addressed. It was resolved to obtain a search to see what had been registered with the land, the cost of the service was £35. It was resolved to approve, Proposed Cllr Vanstone, Seconded Cllr Andrews. Clerk to enquire and report back.

Southern/Super Links meetings - Cllr Andrews attended, Highways issues were mainly discussed

Correspondence – Lifton/parishes Grass cutting contract 2020 had been agreed with DCC

Thank you letters for donations were received from Thrushelton , Lewtrenchard, Coryton PCC's also thank you letters for donations were received from Citizens Advice & Lewdown Cricket Club

Stagecoach – consultation of proposed changes affecting the parishes services. Route 6 and 6A were under review. Clerk to write that a further reduction in service was intolerable, the current service was already a very limited service of 4 times a day any less would be detrimental.

Projector equipment – Cllr Southcott provided quotations for suitable equipment to aid councilors with planning applications. The best quote was £1034 including vat. Grants were available for this equipment, cllr Southcott to enquire.

Items for inclusion for next Ordinary meeting on 30th March, Disciplinary and Grievance policies – Adoption of NALC policies, DCC Councillor participation for future meetings, Parish(s) meeting speaker.

Meeting closed 10.07pm.

Date, time and place of extraordinary meeting – 24th February – Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30PM

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 And the magic of the fireside spell
 For it reminded me of a time long past
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 Of a time I sat in the firesides glow
 With my knees tucked under my chin
 Caught up in the spell of the dancing
 flames
 And a lamp filled with paraffin.
 It was never lit 'til it got quite dark
 And we sat in the fires soft glow
 I remember well that cosy room
 Though it is seventy years ago
 The ticking clock on the sitting room wall
 And the flickering fire on its face
 With the long settee and the arm chairs
 tall
 I can picture it all in its place
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| 1st Mar | 11.15 am | Holy Communion - Kelly with Bradstone |
| | 9.30 am | Holy Communion - Lifton |
| | 11.15 am | Morning Prayer - Stowford |
| 8th Mar | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer - Broadwoodwidge |
| | 11.15 am | Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard |
| | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer - Lifton |
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| 15th Mar | 11.15 am | Morning Prayer - Kelly with Bradstone |
| | 9.30 am | Holy Communion - Lifton |
| | 11.15 am | Holy Communion - Stowford |
| 22nd Mar | 9.30 am | Holy Communion - Broadwoodwidge |
| | 11.15 am | Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard |
| | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer - Lifton |
| | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer - Thrushelton |
| 29th Mar | 9.30 am | Holy Communion - Lifton |
| | 11.15 am | Holy Communion - Kelly with Bradstone |

There will be a short service on Wednesdays at 10.30am in Lifton.

Please email your services to Simon no later than the 10th of the preceding month
for publication in The Community Newslink



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Saturday 9 May 2.00 – 4.00pm

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Bridestowe Methodist Church

Preachers for March at 11.00am

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| 1st | V Brown US |
| 8th | G Yates |
| 15th | Bridestowe Worship Group |
| 22nd | United Service at C of E 9.30am |
| 29th | D Madders |

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Tuesday 17 March at 7.30pm
The Parish's Care of the Poor
with 20th century records from Thrushelton
an illustrated talk by Elly Babbedge

Our modern welfare system dates from the 1940's so before that, people had to resort largely to the charity of their own parish. Records from Thrushelton, found by chance, indicate how this was collected.

Visitors are very welcome but may like to phone 01566 783396 nearer the time to check there has not been a rare change of programme or for further information. Lifts are possible also. Charge £2 for members, £3 for non-members to include refreshments.

January meeting: **Stories from the Stones**, the memorials in Dartmoor churchyards, turned out to be very much about life rather than death. From the 18th century on the decoration on headstones became increasingly complex as ordinary people had more money and literacy increased. Some featured rhyming epitaphs and decorative carving, angels being a favourite. One at Mary Tavy even has an elaborate depiction of Adam and Eve, with a serpent lurking in the tree of life. For reasons unknown it appears that the apple in Eve's hand has been chipped off.

Sue Andrew, our speaker, was intrigued enough to find out more about some of the people remembered. One eight-year-old boy, George Gray, was recorded as being out on the moor with horses and missing for two days. His gravestone bears a cautionary note regarding such a young child being sent out on his own. However, a newspaper report from the time reveals that he was actually turfing with an older boy, possibly a brother, who is conveniently forgotten and that despite attempts by a search party of around 20 local people the poor lad was not found until he was near death.

There is a gravestone in Walkhampton churchyard

commemorating a mine captain who had lived there for many years. However, after his death, his wife, a local Walkhampton girl, was forced to claim poor relief from her dead husband's parish, Bere Alston, and spent her last lonely days there.

One feature which is much more common in Devon than elsewhere is the presence of footstones, which have the benefit of clearly demarcating the limits of the grave. Sue also recalled the celebrated epitaph on the Watchmaker's Tomb at Lydford. This is often regarded as unique, but a little research reveals that a similar rhyme commemorated one Peter Pendulum from Derby, amongst others and a version even crossed the Atlantic. Unfortunately our parishes were a little outside Sue's Dartmoor remit but perhaps we should do our own research.



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Stowford Parish Council
Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on
Tuesday 14th January 2020, 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall
These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.

Minute No 682

Cllr Edmonds of WDBC. Reference - white recycling sacks. Some instances of the sacks blowing over in the wind, WDBC will continue to monitor reports with a review later in the year. WDBC produced a 150 point action plan with the aim to become carbon neutral by 2030. One item that the plan identified showed that owned transport produced the highest carbon footprint.

Finance 7.1 R.F.O. reported that after payments a credit balance of £5337.41 remained.

7.2 Clerk salary (Nov – Dec) £215.80, Vision ICT – Annual website hosting £162.00, Lewtrenchard School – Donation £50.00, Stowford PCC – Donation £200.00, Citizens Advice –

Donation £100.00, Newslink – Donation £40.00 7.3 WDBC Tax base & Precept for 2020-21, the RFO

informed that the council tax Band D for Stowford Parish was still lower than some of the surrounding parishes.

Cllr Reports – Cllr Roberts informed council of a fund raising auction for the purpose of buying a new cooker and fryer for the Lewtrenchard Primary School would take place on 21st March. Residents could contact Cllr Roberts of suitable items for inclusion in the auction.

Super Links – Cllrs Leroy and Lorna St Louis attended the meeting 27th November and reported that there was a pot of money set aside for climate change initiatives. Areas that needed attention were the availability of electric charging points for electric vehicles. From spring 2020 Devon Highways will operate a permit scheme for individual contractors doing repair work on the highways. The contractors will have financial incentives to work together with the aim of reducing the amount of individual maintenance jobs.

10. Parish Hall 10.1 – review of lease agreement update (renewal date 7th September 2020)- still with solicitor.
- 10.2. – Registration of Hall with land registry – It was resolved to obtain a copy of the original deed from storage. Copy to be forwarded to the solicitor. Proposed Cllr

Lorna St Louis,
seconded Cllr Leroy St Louis. Cllr's Leroy and Lorna St Louis produced an up to date outline plan of the Hall and land.

Rubbish/ waste removal – Some missed collections had taken place and recyclers have on

occasion spilt some waste leaving the spillage behind. Cllr Edmonds advised that such instances

could be reported on the WDBC website, by reporting such instances they could be monitored

by WDBC and recyclers would be notified.

11. Disciplinary & Grievance policies – were adopted.

Statement of Internal Control policy – was adopted.

Correspondence – Invitation to Royal Garden Party- nominations were considered, Cllr Bones to contact possible nominee.

Recreation Ground – Update – 'The Stowford Recreation Ground Trust' will shortly hold an extraordinary meeting. Meeting will motion Cllr Roberts (MBE) as a trustee member.

Bus shelter – The shelter by the former Royal Exchange had blown over on Monday 13th. It was resolved that Cllr Bones would contact at least 3 contractors for the repair and re-installation of the shelter. The clerk to inform the insurance company of the damage

Meeting closed 8.51pm, Date, time and place of next meeting - 10th March 7.30pm

Parish Councillors

Gail Bones (chair) Colin Dunn (vice chair)

Teresa Bowers, Audrey Hennessey, Kay Roberts (MBE), Leroy St Louis, Lorna St Louis

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Minute No 725 held on Monday 27th January 2020 at Lewdown Victory Hall

These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chairman at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Members of the public – One member present raised the issue of parked vehicles facing the wrong way on the brow of the highway opposite the former Tuit Centre. Two accidents have occurred recently. The parked vehicles are causing an obstruction in a dangerous location. It was resolved that a councillor would contact the residents association informing them that owners of the offending vehicles were contravening two traffic acts. A period of two weeks would be given for the owners to review their parking options, if no change had taken place, the council would then consider other options.
2. Planning – Ref: 3800/19/VAR – Variation of condition 4 of planning permission 2099/19/ARM
Site: Land at SX456 868, Address: Cross Roads Farm, Cross Roads, Lewdown, EX20 4DP,
Council decision – No comment – Proposed Cllr Dunn, Seconded Cllr Andrews, one abstention
Planning – 3960/19/HHO - Householder application for erection of residential shed and log store for woodland management. Site: Lee Cottage, Address: Coryton, Okehampton, EX20 4PE.
Part Two council planning regulation was called by the chair, members of the public were requested to vacate the meeting whilst council would consider the application and discuss the extenuating circumstances. Part Two closed. Council decision – No comment – Proposed Cllr Vanstone, Seconded Cllr Crocker, one abstention.
7. Finance. 7.1.F.O. Reported that after approved payments a combined credit balance of £12,842.59
7.2 Approved payments for the following; Peter van Delft (clerk salary Dec – Jan) £312.88, HMRC – PAYE £32.40, Victory Hall – Hire of Hall (July – Dec) £160.00, WDDBC Invoice – Dog bins service (payment via D/D) £287.04. 7.3 Bank signatory update required for account, Former Cllr Newman to be removed and Cllr Harrop to be added.
8. WDBC – Proposed new dog waste bin emptying service charges – The RFO raised his concern over significant increase in costs for the service. The council budgeted £591.30 however a proposal to charge £832 + vat for year 2020-21 and then for year 2021 – 22 £1248 + vat. It was resolved that the current service for emptying the bins twice weekly to once weekly for the year 2020-21. The WDBC notice was published on 17th January 2020, a final decision will be made on 18th February. The R.F.O expressed his disappointment with WDBC that this information was not made public before parish and town councils prepared their own budgets last autumn. Correspondence regarding this matter has been sent to Cllrs Mott and Southcott. Clerk to also write to WDBC.
9. Cllr Mott of WDBC reported that she received a complaint on the state of the footpath from the Cricket club to the school. Overgrown hedge and spreading grass. The problem was reported on the D.H. website No. W201300287. Cllr Mott reported that a proposal to increase the dog bin emptying service was being considered, WDBC needed to balance its books as it could no longer support the service that was running at a loss without increasing the cost of the service. Some instances of litter and waste had been reported, Cllr Mott suggested the WDBC website (see page *Report a Missed Domestic Waste Collection or Other issue*), would be the best method for contacting problems of waste matter and fly-tipping. Due to the Christmas break not much further news was available.
10. Cllr Reports – Cllr Harrop was writing to Devon Highways over the persistent flooding at Perry Spears near Coryton Station, tree roots growing in the drainage pipe were thought to be the problem and in need of being removed. Cllr Dunn reminded the council that he had also written contacted DH of this issue several times. Cllr Wilkinson raised the issue of the bus

shelter at the former Royal Exchange had blown over and needed to be moved, Cllrs Harrop, Wilkinson and two parishioners would help to move.

Cllr Wilkinson informed council of the problem reading the security numbers to gain access to the defibrillator, poor light made the task difficult. It was resolved that a P.I.R. light may resolve the issue. The owner to the Blue Lion where it is located to be contacted and asked if a light could be installed at the council's expense. The motion was proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded Cllr Dunn in principle subject to clarification of costs for the installation. On behalf of all the council Cllr Harrop thanked Cllr Wilkinson for the help he provided a parishioner at a time when most needed. Cllr Crocker reported that significant amounts of litter/waste was dumped on the highway between Roadford and Thrushelton, Cllr Mott reported the problem. Cllr Dawe reported that the waste operatives were spilling waste when working on the collections, Clerk to report. A Pot hole near the Old Rectory was reported with D.H. by Cllr Harrop.

11. The Commissioner's 'Councillor Advocate Scheme' – Cllr Southcott provided a brief outline of scheme, participation was thought to be useful but some reservations with meeting place and of the effectiveness of scheme was raised. Cllr Southcott offered to attend a meeting and report back.
12. Safety and speeding near Lewtrenchard School – Cllr Southcott reported that the Wig-Wag lights maybe installed by mid February. Speed monitoring equipment had been installed by DH to register the speeds of passing vehicles near the school. The same equipment would be installed again after the Wig Wag lights were installed to see if any change in driver awareness of the new lights had been made. Bus passenger drop off areas were also of great safety concern, the current locations were considered to be hazardous. Cllr Dunn suggested that a letter highlighting the problem area's should be written to the Police and D.H, clerk to draft a letter.
13. Ramps – Committee update, grant applications, fund raising etc – Cllr Perkins advised to the clerk that there was nothing new to report at this stage.
 - 13.1 Ramps – public bench repairs. – Cllr Wilkinson reported that a quote has been requested for the work.
 - 13.2 Ramps – land registration, Cllr Dunn raised the issue and suggested that this problem should now be addressed. It was resolved to obtain a search to see what had been registered with the land, the cost of the service was £35. It was resolved to approve, Proposed Cllr Vanstone, Seconded Cllr Andrews. Clerk to enquire and report back.
14. Southern/Super Links meetings - Cllr Andrews attended, Highway issues were mainly discussed
15. Correspondence – Lifton/parishes Grass cutting contract 2020 had been agreed with DCC
Thank you letters for donations were received from Thrushelton, Lewtrenchard, Coryton PCC's also thank you letters for donations were received from Citizens Advice & Lewdown Cricket Club
16. Stagecoach – consultation of proposed changes affecting the parishes services. Route 6 and 6A were under review. Clerk to write that a further reduction in service was intolerable, the current service was already a very limited service of 4 times a day any less would be detrimental.
17. Projector equipment – Cllr Southcott provided quotations for suitable equipment to aid councilors with planning applications. The best quote was £1034 including vat. Grants were available for this equipment, cllr Southcott to enquire.
18. Items for inclusion for next Ordinary meeting on 30th March, Disciplinary and Grievance policies – Adoption of NALC policies, DCC councillor participation for future meetings, Parish(s) meeting speaker.

Meeting closed 10.07pm.

Date, time and place of extraordinary meeting – 24th February – Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30PM

Parish Councillors - Andrew Harrop (Chair): Tom Andrews (Vice chair) Sylvia Crocker: Trevor Dawe: Colin Dunn: George Metherell: Nicola Perkins: Terry Southcott: Owen Vanstone: Brian Wilkinson: Graham Yeo:

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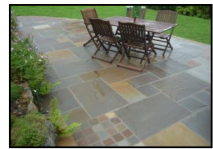
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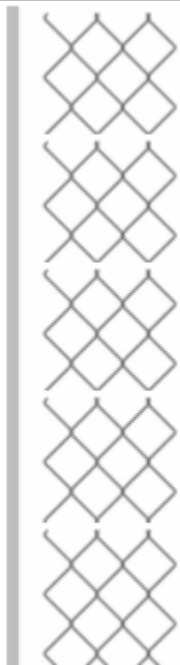


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Age Concern 01752 665424

Health Info Line 0800 665544

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