

Councillors met for their routine April meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. There were some interesting topics for discussion:

The council has begun to discuss whether there is a case for trying to bring affordable housing to Lydford village. The first step is to establish whether there is a genuine local need for this type of housing. To that end Councillors are developing a questionnaire which will hopefully provide a clearer picture. The Annual Parish Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> would be an ideal opportunity for Councillors to paint a clearer picture of what might be possible, and for residents to ask questions and share their thoughts.

The council has been in discussion with Dartmoor National Park who are considering re-opening the public toilets in the car park opposite the Castle Inn. The Park are hoping to open them during the holiday season, possibly starting late in the Easter break. These plans are contingent upon the car parking fees raising sufficient funds to meet the expense.

The council is beginning to build a file of issues arising as a result of the imposition of car parking charges. Councillors are asking for parishioners' help in building a case over time for the abolition of the charges. They are specifically looking for evidence that demonstrates loss, damage or increased risk to members of the parish which have arisen since charges were imposed. This may also be something to discuss at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councillors were asked to express their opinions on a planning application -

0084/25 Cornerways EX20 4AQ change of use from agricultural land to domestic curtilage and erection of garage. After a vote, Councillors resolved by a majority to support the application.

Anyone making a planning application is more than welcome to attend the meeting at which it has been placed on the agenda for consideration.

Councillor Purnell will be adding a section to the Lydford.co.uk website to keep residents updated with the latest news from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The council has agreed in principle to provide up to £100 to support planned celebrations for the village to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

The parish will be holding its Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. It is planned to open the doors to the Nicholls Hall at 5:30pm, ready for the meeting to start at 6:00 pm. Buffet and hot drinks will be available. It is hoped to have a few guest speakers, but the main purpose of the meeting is for parishioners to ask questions, to raise concerns about things in the village, or to suggest how village life might be improved.