

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY  
9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT:	Councillors:	P Acca	H Dimond
		D Atkins	R Longhurst
		C Carter	J Montgomery
		Mrs J Clark	Mrs K Rogers
		P Corcos	D Young

Also Present: 10 members of the Public.

Apologies: Cllr R Hilton, County Councillors R Scott and J Trail.

	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b></p> <p>Mrs Beatty said that the new traffic lights had a shorter phase for vehicles coming out of Lympstone than previously and this was contributing to the build-up of traffic at the junction. Cllr Scott was to arrange for this to be checked and changed if needed. The Clerk was asked to remind him of this.</p> <p>Mr Scott referred to the budget item of £2,000 for gully emptying and reported that the gullies on School Hill and the Village Hall car park were blocked.</p> <p>Mr Mildenhall thought that the gully on the Village Hall car park had been blocked for about 15 years. In discussion with Cllr Atkins it was thought that it was not viable to replace this gully when the car park was re-surfaced. This would take water into the combined sewer.</p>
212	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
213	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Rogers reminded the Council that she lived near to the site off Strawberry Hill.</p> <p>Cllr Acca declared an interest in two payments.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Clark reminded the meeting that she would not take part in discussion or voting on planning applications.</p>
214	<p><b>Appointment of Clerk</b></p> <p>The Chairman introduced and reported on the appointment of Lucy Tyrrell as the new Clerk and the Clerk outlined her terms of appointment.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the appointment be confirmed.</p>
215	<p><b>Sewerage and drainage</b></p> <p>The Report of the Flood Resilience Group was received.</p> <p>Mr Tyrrell thanked the Parish Council for the effort that had been put in to try to rectify this unfortunate situation. However, the momentum appeared to have stopped. He felt that EDDC still needed to be involved as the final decision maker on planning matters and DCC needed to be involved as slurry was still draining onto their highway and into their drains.</p> <p>SWW needed to be taken to task on changing their mind in allowing a connection to the combined sewer but which was the subject of two planning applications which would be</p>

considered later.

He also referred to an article saying that SWW had installed 3000l attenuation tanks to some homes in Exmouth as a trial method of reducing the volume of surface water entering the sewerage system whereas in Lympstone they were allowing more water to enter a system that was already overloading and surcharging. He and his neighbours were suffering great stress for the uncertainty surrounding the likelihood of flooding to their homes.

Mr Cotton explained that SWW had sent in comments on the planning applications on 15 March, saying that they had no objection to the proposed connection to the combined sewer, the day before the meeting that he and Mr Tyrell had with them. He had contacted SWW who said that they had received no complaints and therefore assumed that the situation was acceptable. He felt that SWW should have asked for each house to have attenuation tanks with a controlled outflow.

Cllr Atkins reminded the meeting that District Cllr Mike Howe was to arrange a meeting with senior officers at DCC and SWW to discuss this but this did not appear to be taking place. Cllr Cllr Jeff Trail had also taken a lead and asked for all correspondence to go through him but now he had withdrawn and passed this back to the Parish Council.

Ian Stratford, a retired Highway Engineer informed the meeting that the main cause of failure of the surface of a road was water flowing. This was starting to show in Longmeadow Road and, he suggested, would get worse.

In reply to Mr Stewart, Cllr Corcos said that the EA had taken samples of the surface water that was flowing into the Wotton Brook and found that it was not polluted.

Cllr Longhurst said that it was clear that a new pipe was needed to help separate the surface water in order to reduce overloading of the sewer. A similar scheme had been carried out in Woodbury last year. Investigations had started in Lympstone but the scheme got no further. He accepted that not all of the houses would be connected to this but if a proportion of the existing houses could be connected this would make a difference.

Mr Tyrell agreed with this. He said that this was the first time that SWW had been involved in a planning application, as for previous developments, developers had to provide a connection to the Wotton Brook.

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### **Planning Applications**

**18/0319/VAR** Variation of condition 8 (drainage strategy) of planning permission 17/0267/VAR (construction of 2 no. dwellings) to allow revised drainage scheme on land on the West side of Exmouth Road, Lympstone.

**18/0462/VAR** Variation of condition 7 (drainage strategy) of planning permission 17/0053/FUL (construction of detached dwelling and garage) to allow revised drainage scheme. Land on the West side of Exmouth Road, Lympstone. These were the two applications that were the subject of the previous discussion and much discussion at previous meetings. Cllr Dimond had circulated a draft response.

RESOLVED: that Lympstone Parish Council strongly objects to the above applications for revision of the drainage strategy (specifically, changing the discharge of surface water from discharge to the Wotton Brook to discharge to South West Water (SWW) plc's combined sewer in Longmeadow Road). This objection follows careful consideration by Parish Councillors, review by the Lympstone Flood Resilience Group (a working group of the Parish Council, currently working on the *Lympstone Flood Risk Management Project* in partnership with the EA, DCC, SWW and EDDC), and consultation with local village residents.

The reasons for the objections are listed below:

1. SWW plc stated originally that there should be no connection to the public foul/combined

sewer. No doubt this view was reached because of a history of sewage surcharging into nearby properties (with SWW paying compensation to property owners). The combined sewer is known to be inadequate for existing connections.

2. The Parish Council supports the view in (1) that no connection should be made until appropriate improvements have been made to the combined sewer system to avoid sewage flooding.
3. Without any further consultation, SWW later agreed to surface water being discharged to the public foul/combined sewer in direct contradiction of their earlier statement. SWW has stated that ‘all alternative means of surface water drainage have proven to be unachievable’. However, no evidence of a proper investigation has been provided. We are aware of two residents on Longmeadow Road being contacted by the developer to seek a route to discharge to Wotton Brook, but this was not followed up. **The Parish Council requests that the developer and SWW provide a full and detailed account of the alternatives investigated (including, for example, the pumped option which was suggested in the original proposal), and the reasons why they were unachievable, before the applications are determined.**
4. It is not appropriate for the community of Lymptstone to face increased risk of property flooding with sewage simply because the developer has drainage difficulties that should have been resolved before construction was started.
5. The developer should not have connected to the combined sewer without the planning permission which is now being sought.

In addition to the above, there are clearly problems with the existing attenuation system since Longmeadow Road is permanently wet at the bottom access to the site.

**The Parish Council urges EDDC to:**

- **Refuse these applications,**
- **Secure a satisfactory surface water drainage connection (an appropriate attenuated flow to the Wotton Brook),**
- **Take any necessary enforcement action against the developer, and**
- **In any future cases where the approved drainage strategy cannot be implemented, ensure that a planning application for a revised scheme is submitted before any work is undertaken.**

It was also agreed that the objection should be added to the Parish website.

**18/0104/FUL** Loft conversion with new roof finish, balcony and rear dormer, addition of front entrance lobby/porch and first floor side windows and roof lights at 28 Sowden Lane. – NO OBJECTION.

**18/0478/FUL** Conversion of existing barn to provide one dwelling with associated amenity space and parking. – Barn at Atlantis, Sowden Lane. The applicant spoke about this development. He was informed that there was a public sewer nearby which would remove the need for a septic tank. - SUPPORT

**18/0611/FUL** Construction of single storey rear extensions and alterations to first floor side facing window at 19 Highcliffe Close. NO OBJECTION.

**18/0653/FUL** Construction of single storey extension at Zephyrs, Harefield Drive. SUPPORT

**18/0671/FUL** Replacement porch and addition of flue to roof at Cross Cottage, Quay Lane. - SUPPORT

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**Planning decisions**

The Council noted recent planning decisions.

<p><b>218</b></p>	<p><b>Drainage at the development off Strawberry Hill.</b>  Cllr Corcos had expressed the view that there should be an alternative drainage route possible linking up to Meeting Lane. He had put this idea to SWW and the EA last week and was awaiting a response. The question of needing agreement of all other riparian landowners downstream from the point of entry was being investigated.</p> <p>Mr Cotton had been working with DCC regarding the culvert under Pretty Corner. This was to be lined but this would make only a minor improvement. He had written asking that they refuse consent for the developer to discharge into the feeder stream that ran behind and under Pretty Corner. A response was awaited.</p>
<p><b>219</b></p>	<p><b>Temporary car park at Underhill Close.</b>  Cllr Longhurst reminded the Council of the brief history of this development. He had met the Head of Car Parks to discuss the possibility of EDDC continuing this car park.</p> <p>Mrs Day reported on the problems of indiscriminate parking in Underhill Crescent whilst this car park was in operation, presumably because drivers did not wish to go all the way up the steep hill to park when they could park on the road. This was making life difficult for residents getting in and out of their drives and restricting access for larger vehicles.</p> <p>Mr Stratford confirmed this to be the case as the temporary car park was rarely fill and there had been very few extra vehicles parking in Underhill Close.</p> <p>The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had been under pressure to provide extra parking but it now seemed that this option could cause problems for residents.</p> <p>Cllr Atkins said that there was still a need but undertook to survey the Underhill car park to assess usage, particularly outside the normal working day. Cllr Dimond agreed to assist.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to include an article in the Lypstone Herald asking for views including the possibility of using the temporary car park for dedicated spaces let on licence rather than public parking.</p> <p>The forthcoming car parking consultation was mentioned.  RESOLVED: that the Chief Executive of EDDC be informed of this Council’s possible interest in taking over the car park in Underhill.</p>
<p><b>220</b></p>	<p><b>Chairman’s report</b>  The Chairman had been involved in shortlisting and interviewing for the new Clerk, attended the Flood Group Meetings and Chaired the Otter to Exe Parishes Group.</p>
<p><b>221</b></p>	<p><b>Candy’s Field</b>  Cllr Corcos had heard more details from Devon Air Ambulance regarding a night landing site. The equipment costs of £2,820.02 would need to be locally by the community, the labour costs of £2,911.07 would be covered through a DAA grant offered to Lypstone Parish Council. Basically the Parish Council would pay for the full works and then be able to reclaim VAT They would prefer their own contractor to do all the work. The cost would be £5,280  Cllr Mrs Rogers suggested that this could be the subject of a Parishes Together application or it could be a Neighbourhood Plan Project.  RESOLVED: that the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Clerk report to the next meeting.</p>

222	<p><b>Lympstone Youth Club</b> Cllr Corcos reported that a fire risk assessment was needed. Cllr Mrs Rogers offered to help.</p>																																																																												
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224	<p><b>Plaque at the Harbour</b> Cllrs Carter, Mrs Clark and Longhurst declared personal interests in this. The Chairman had reported that this was deteriorating. The Harbour Board had also been watching the slow deterioration of the plaque and had taken photographs so that there is a record of the wording. The plaque is cut on soft limestone and, although it had been re-cut within the last 20 years, it was now beyond repair. The Harbour Board plan to remove the old stone and insert a new one made of granite. The original wording will be maintained but, for historical purposes, it would record that the harbour walls were restored between 2008 and 2018 by the Association. They asked if the Parish Council can help with the cost, estimated at £980.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that a contribution of £280 be offered.</p>																																																																												
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228	<p><b>Budget monitoring</b> The Council received and noted a budget report for March 2018.</p>																																								
229	<p><b>Clerk's Action List</b> The Council received and noted the Clerk's action list. 162 The planning application had been withdrawn as extra plans had been requested by EDDC. 199 the next meeting of the Gulliford Joint Committee would be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Cllrs Atkins and Bricknell (Woodbury PC) had suggested hiring a machine to grind the roots of the trees down to ground level to discourage return growth. The estimated cost was £150.  RESOLVED: that this request be supported.</p>																																								
230	<p><b>Reports of Lead Councillors</b> Links with CTC-RM – Cllr Mrs Rogers reported that a new Commandant had been appointed and she would be attending a liaison meeting soon. NP Projects Group – Cllr Mrs Clark asked for this to be an agenda item for the next meeting. Planning – Cllr Dimond reported that EDDC were offering to carry out a 'light touch' housing needs survey in response to an enquiry by a developer. A survey would be needed to support a review of the Neighbourhood Plan. RESOLVED: that the offer be accepted but that EDDC be reminded of the Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan which contained housing targets and a BuAB. Furthermore there were 15 affordable units being provided off Strawberry Hill and EDDC should be asked about allocation of these Transport and parking - Cllr Longhurst Village Hall – Cllr Atkins</p>																																								

	<p>Website – Cllr Corcos reported that Cllr Young had offered to take over responsibility for the website as he would be away for a lengthy period. This offer was accepted with thanks.</p> <p>Planning –</p> <p>Village Hall – Cllr Acca asked for the bin store to go on the next agenda. He had met Don Mildenhall to discuss the works. The Youth Club and Pre-school had also asked for facilities. The likely cost was in the region of £1,600. He was asked to provide alternative estimates for the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Dimond asked whether the next meeting could be on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 instead of 14<sup>th</sup> May. This was a Bank Holiday but the Clerks expressed support for this.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the next meeting be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and this be advertised on the website and in the Lymstone Herald.</p>
231	<p><b>Matters raised by Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Rogers reported that the street lights were out in Hunton Close. This appeared to be a Western Power problem.</p> <p>EDDC were dealing with an infestation of rats under equipment at the Village Hall</p>

The Meeting finished at 9.30 pm

Chairman