

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00PM ON
MONDAY 16th JUNE 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Councillors: P Acca C Carter (In the Chair)
D Atkins R Estcourt
Mrs D Beatty Mrs K Rogers
Mrs J Clark Mrs T Scott

Also Present: District Councillor Ingham and 8 members of the Public.

Apologies: Cllrs J Bailey, R Eastley and R Longhurst

35 Planning Applications

14/0978/COU Change of use from agriculture to car park Land East of Longbrook Lane

14/0979/OUT Demolition of existing garage/workshop, construction of detached dwelling (outline application, all matters Land East of Longbrook Lane reserved)

Cllr Estcourt declared a disclosable interest in both applications and withdrew from the meeting.

Mr M O'Connor of Squirrel Design gave a presentation regarding both applications. - SUPPORT

14/1296/FUL Construction of two-storey and single storey rear extension at 6 Bakers Cottages Longmeadow Road – Site Inspection with power to determine the Parish Council's response.

14/1321/FUL Change of use of residential home to dwelling including demolition of extension to form garden Lympstone House, Strawberry Hill - SUPPORT

36 Other planning matters

Cllr Mrs Scott enquired about the Design Brief for the Lympstone Nurseries site.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that this had been received and would be discussed with the site owners before coming to the Parish Council.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Mather updated the meeting with regard to the Village postman. It transpired that Royal mail and the Communications Union had agreed practices that covered transfers of rounds. The Village round would be taken over by a new postman on 7th July. Ray was taking over the Lympstone Rural round which included Glebelands.

Mr Tyrrell complained at the length of time that the public had had to sit through a presentation before the start of the Parish Council meeting and pointed out that other speakers were limited to 3 minutes. The Clerk was asked to arrange to limit presentations to 15 minutes in future.

37 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were given at this point in the meeting.

Cllr Mrs Clark reminded the meeting that she did not take part in planning discussions but had sat in the public gallery.

The Clerk advised that in future, it might be better if Cllr Mrs Clark did not attend that part of the meeting to avoid confusion.

38 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2014, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

39 Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Mrs Clark reported that a meeting of the Group had been held when Cllrs Mrs Rogers and Mrs Scott had also attended. The Group had considered the Community Action Policies from the Neighbourhood Plan and a schedule of these with priorities suggested by the NP Working party was submitted. The Council considered those with an 'immediate' priority.

RESOLVED: 1 that the suggestions of the NP Working party for the Community Action Policies of the neighbourhood Plan be supported.

2 that Cllr Mrs Clark and the Clerk be authorised to follow up the 'red' priorities.

40 Role of Parish Champions

Cllr Mrs Rogers had asked to be called the Planning Councillor, rather than Planning Champion. The Council was requested to discuss this together with the role of champions generally. A note of the Clerk with regard to the role of Champions was received.

RESOLVED: 1 That a Planning Committee be established comprising all members of the Council except Cllr Mrs Clark (at her own request).

2 that the planning Committee have delegated powers to determine the Parish Council's response to all planning applications.

3 That the role of Planning Champion be discontinued, with this work being taken on by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

41 Bus stop at Meeting Lane

Cllr Mrs Rogers requested the Council to discuss a scheme for improving this area which looked very untidy. She suggested that the bus shelter could be painted, a litter bin could be provided, the overhanging tree could be cut back and the grassed area could be maintained better.

Cllr Acca pointed out that the bus shelter was galvanised so it did not need painting. The land was owned by the MoD or DCC and so their approval would be needed.

RESOLVED: that enquiries be made of the MoD and DCC regarding improvements to the area including the possibility of the Parish Council taking over maintenance.

42 The Green and Slipway

SWW agents were planning some work on the pumping station next to the slipway (Lymstone Outfall SPS). This would be carried out in 3-4 weeks based on deliveries of materials and the duration of the work is anticipated as 1 week.

They will need to park vehicles on the slipway during the work but for the majority of the time will be able to park to the side of the slipway allowing for pedestrian access to the beach, however at some points there will be large wagons accessing the site to clean it out before we commence our work, which will restrict the slipway along with periods of unloading where for safety reason we would need to briefly barrier off. Also during the work access to the area where there are benches (above the pumping station) will be restricted and barriered off.

They need to supply site welfare facilities and are considering siting these on the slipway – still allowing for pedestrian access. They ask if the Parish Council could let them know if there are any issues with us siting our welfare unit on the slipway.

RESOLVED: that the works be noted and SWW Agents be advised that the site should be cleared in time for the Furry Dance.

43 Clerk's Action Sheet

The Council received the Clerk's Action Sheet and made the following comments:

120 / 371 sewerage Follow up with SWW the conditions that they require on planning consent for new dwellings.

146 / 191 Village Hall. Notes of the Joint Meeting to be included with the Agenda for the next meeting.

365 War memorial – A second quote had been reported previously. RESOLVED that the quote submitted by Woodbury Stone masons be accepted and the work be put in hand.

366 parking restrictions RESOLVED: that the response form DCC officers be included with the agenda for the next meeting.

368 Toilets. The floor needed a further clean. Cllr Atkins was discussing with the contractor, hiring a steam cleaning machine and so it was AGREED that the Clerk would liaise with him to get a joint arrangement for extra cleaning.

34 Best Kept Village – Cllr Mrs Scott reported that notices were now displayed in the Notice Boards. The leaflet drop had been carried out and some volunteers had started work on improving the telegraph poles. Cllr Mrs Clark reported that The Rag was in a poor state with lots of litter. Cllr Mrs Scott pointed out that the WI did a monthly litter pick. Cllr Mrs Clark agreed to help.

44 Business items

Amenities Cllr Acca reported that the footpath from the School to Candy's Field had now been surfaced and some minor patching repairs had been carried out on the Village Hall car park.

The seat at Harefield Cross would be replaced later this week.

A quote for additional work to trees in Candy's Field had not yet been received.

Communications Cllr Estcourt reported that the Communications group had met and another meeting was to be held soon with Cllrs Carter and Mrs Scott. Cllr Carter offered his house as a venue.

Twinning Cllr Mrs Scott asked if an annual Parish Council report could be sent to Bieville-Beuville.

The Clerk was asked to arrange this and put it on the website.

Village Hall Cllr Mrs Scott reported that the VHMC were aware of the minor repairs to the car park and looked for more work, including repairing the drains, in the near future. The Clerk pointed out that the Parish Council was only responsible for maintaining part of the car park and at the meeting with don Mildenhall it had been accepted that the VHMC was responsible for the drains.

There was a request for lighting the lower car park. The school had provided a light on the School House and suggested that this could be kept on if the Parish Council made a contribution to running costs. Cllr Acca reported receipt of a quote for new lamp in the car park and a grant application to fund this had been made.

A ceiling-mounted projector was to be provided in the Main Hall.

The VHMC was looking for new, younger members.

Don Mildenhall had chased young children out of the cemetery, where they were playing and suggested writing to the School asking for children to be encouraged to show respect for this area.

Youth Club (Cllr Mrs Beatty) - Eddie Mingo has asked to pay gas and electricity bills by monthly instalments. The amount due is £1,032. In the past, the Parish Council has met these costs.

Youth Club – Cllr Mrs Beatty reported that Eddie Mingo had requested the opportunity to pay the outstanding gas and electricity bills by monthly payment as the Youth Club could not afford to meet the whole cost of £1,032.04 in one payment. Members were aware that the Parish Council had paid this in the past and it was felt that this cost should not fall on the Youth Club.

RESOLVED: that the cost of utilities for the Youth Club for 2013/14 and onwards be met by the Parish Council

45 Matters raised by other Councillors

Cllr Mrs Scott suggested that the mobile CCTV camera could be used to monitor cyclists in the Village. The Clerk agreed and would inform the Town Clerk at Exmouth of this when the equipment was available.

Cllr Mrs Scott reported that the 'School' warning light was not working. She had reported this to DCC.

Cllr Mrs Beatty enquired about action in relation to the caravans at Amberwood.

Cllr Atkins reported that the EDDC Enforcement Officer needed evidence as to who was living in the caravans. At the moment it was claimed that it was the owner's family, in which case, no action could be taken. Enquiries were continuing and any evidence that Councillors could provide would be welcome.

Cllr Mrs Beatty asked for some more 'Dog Fouling' notices. The Clerk and Cllr Acca agreed to provide.

Chairman