

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON
MONDAY 21st July 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT:	Councillors:	P Acca	R Eastley
		J Bailey	R Estcourt
		Mrs D Beatty	Mrs K Rogers
		Mrs J Clark	R Longhurst
		C Carter	Mrs T Scott

Also Present: County Councillor Hughes and 1 member of the Public.

Apologies: Cllr D Atkins, RSM Gilby

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman reported that RSM Gilby had been called to another meeting. However, he had presented the Parish Council with a collage of photographs of Lympstone during the recent 1664 Challenge run through the Parish.

He asked Cllr Mrs Scott to look after the collage and to approach the VHMC for permission to hang this in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

The Clerk was asked to write to RSM Gilby to thank him for this Gift.

No other comment was raised during the Public Session

58 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Eastley informed the Council that he had resigned from the Lympstone Landowners Association.

59 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2014, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

60 Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Mrs Clark reported that a revised Basic Conditions statement had been sent to EDDC. A new volunteer for the Working Group had come forward.

61 Courtlands appeal

Cllr Longhurst reported on a meeting with Alan Breckon, Appeal Officer for EDDC. He was insisting that the Inquiry be held at the Knowle as this was more convenient for him. However, a request had been sent to the Inspector's Office for this to be held in Lympstone or Exmouth. The Inspector's Office had also been requested to allow Cllr Longhurst to speak at the Enquiry.

EDDC were happy to arrange for the Lympstone group to meet with EDDC Solicitor and their Consultants to discuss any aspect of the appeal.

Cllr Longhurst suggested that there would be a need to spend a small amount of money in preparing the Parish case for the Enquiry and for informing residents of the situation. This would mainly be printing and paper. Cllr Mrs Clark offered to provide these if needed.

The Chairman reminded the Council that there was provision of £100 in the budget for planning matters.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk, in consultation with Cllr Longhurst be authorised to incur expenditure

within the planning budget in connection with the Courtlands appeal.

62 Bus stop at Meeting Lane

The Clerk reported that he and Cllr Acca had trimmed the overhanging branches that were over the bus shelter. Chris Barnacle had kindly removed all of the arisings.

The MoD and EDDC had been approached regarding the Parish Council providing and maintaining a flower bed in the grassed area by the Bus Shelter and a response was awaited.

He reported that the bus shelter was in good condition but suggested the following works:

- Thoroughly clean the metal work and polycarbonate windows.
- Remove the rust and paint the roof.
- Paint the metal work (I have some sandpaper, brushes and but paint will be needed).
- Apply a logo sign to the front panel

A budget of £150 should be sufficient for all of this if volunteers carried some of the work. Cllr Mrs Rogers agreed to form a Work Party. Cllr Estcourt also volunteered.

RESOLVED: that the proposals be approved and the work be put in hand.

Play Areas

The Clerk reported that all of the play equipment is in need of regular maintenance and there were some minor repairs to be carried out. The gate needed replacement.

The toddler play area is in need of regular care. The weeds have been sprayed but some should be removed and spraying should have been done earlier.

There was a fair amount of litter in the play area.

The Council was requested to give detailed consideration as to how these problems might be tackled, either by a volunteer, contractor or a new employee.

There was a training course to cover weekly inspection of play equipment

Cllr Mrs Beatty volunteered to inspect the play area and to remove litter each day.

RESOLVED: 1 that the offer of Cllr Mrs Beatty be accepted with thanks.

2 that the Clerk arranges to attend the training course on weekly inspection of play equipment.

3 that the cost of new gates be investigated and the Clerk investigate grants for this.

Sewers and Flooding

The following information had been received from SWW and DCC:

“SWW confirm that problem cannot be solved, due to combined sewers. Conditions are requested on new developments to stop the situation getting worse. SWW comment: “SWW will only apply conditions where they believe it is necessary. If SWW believe the network has capacity for domestically generated flows under normal conditions they often do not make comment. If, post appraisal, a network requires upgrading this is mostly undertaken at the cost of the developer.”

“DCC report: Our Project Engineer is actually talking to a consultant of ours today and will be discussing Lymptone amongst other projects. It is hoped that he will be able to carry out an assessment of the catchment of the ordinary watercourse that runs underneath Longmeadow Road and assess the capacity of the existing culvert there. I should be able to update you soon and give you a few timescales.”

The Chairman suggested that these comments be noted but dialogue be kept open to report problems and encourage action.

Sandbags were still available from him and Cllr Estcourt and more would be got from EDDC later in the year.

Cllr Longhurst had trialled an absorbent bag which worked in the opposite way to a sand bag and had been very successful.

WW I Commemorative Service, 4th August 2014

Cllr Bailey circulated details of the form of this Service and the role of the Parish Council. He and the Chairman hoped that all Parish Councillors would support this.

Cllr Mrs Beatty commented that the War memorial was looking very good after the works had been carried out.

Parking restrictions

DCC had responded to the request for additional parking restrictions as follows:

Longmeadow Road, Church Road, School Hill, Dawlish Park Terrace, The Strand, Burgmanns Hill. These locations have been looked at before and at present the costs for the Traffic Regulation Orders would be very expensive. Unfortunately at present we have no budget for new orders.

- Meeting Lane bus stop is the same principle. It would be classed as new works and at present we have no budget for this.
 - Sowden Lane. I placed an order to clear the debris after the spring tides. I believe this has been completed by a mechanical sweeper.
 - Signs and Road Markings - As a result of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review in October 2010, the County Council had to make a 17% reduction in its routine maintenance budget for 2011-14. Tough choices have meant that the amount and type of work that can now be undertaken has been affected. Many work functions have had to be reviewed and unfortunately sign and road marking maintenance is one of them, with a £300,000 reduction. We will continue to maintain signs and road markings as we have in the past on A and B roads. However on other road categories we will only maintain regulatory road markings and signs unless there is a safety issue.
 - If we introduce double yellow lines to take away the parking, the speed of the traffic will increase at all locations, this would also cause parking issues further along the road.
 - In having to make the reductions, the County Council has had to face some difficult decisions.
- Cllr Hughes informed the meeting that Traffic Orders could be funded from his community budget.

Village Hall matters

The notes of a meeting between the VHMC, Youth Club and Parish Council were circulated. There were two points that needed further discussion. Another meeting was to be held in September.

Clerk's Action Sheet

The Clerk's Action Sheet was received and noted.

365 War memorial – The works had now been completed.

368 Toilets - HSS, Exmouth can hire a High pressure washer that heats water to 190 degrees for £60 for a weekend. The Clerk was asked to proceed with this.

369 Trees in Candy's Field – The Clerk's action in accepting the quote from Mr Tyrrell was supported.

369 Play area inspections – Remedial works had started.

369 Dead tree in Cemetery – This had now been removed by the Clerk and Cllr Acca.

369 New tree in the cemetery – This had now been planted and a rota had been set up to water the tree each day.

Business items

Affordable Housing (Cllr Bailey) – Nothing new to report.

Amenities (Cllr Acca / Cllr Mrs Beatty) Remedial work noted in the play areas inspection had started.

Some parts were needed to repair the basket swing.

Weeds were growing through the new path to Candy's Field. The Clerk was asked to take this up with the contractor.

Cllr Longhurst had received two complaints about cyclists in Cliff Field. The Clerk was asked to contact the National trust about this and the need for prohibition signs.

Burial Ground (Cllr Bailey) The Clerk was asked to arrange removal of the Elm tree near the new Oak tree and to arrange for the contractor to cut the top of the hedges.

Communications (Cllr Estcourt) – Cllr Estcourt would meet Cllr Carter to discuss various aspects of the Lymestone Herald.

Environment - Cllr Eastley had spoken to the Operations Manager at the EA who confirmed that various works were being planned for Lymestone.

Travel and Transport including the Cycle Way Cllr Bailey asked to be included in the Working Party investigating the transfer of the car park.

Twinning Cllr (Mrs Scott) - Nothing new to report.

Village Hall (Cllr Mrs Scott) – Nothing new to report.

Youth Club (Cllr Mrs Beatty) – Repairs to the stage were complete and the receipts for materials had been passed to the Clerk. There was an opportunity to buy a bouncy castle at a much reduced price.

Cllr Mrs Beatty was asked to arrange a grant application for this but reminded of the need to arrange suitable storage.

57 Matters raised by Councillors.

Cllr Estcourt pointed out that the turning head at the station was regularly blocked. The Clerk was asked to report this to Network Rail.

Cllr Mrs Scott suggested that the notice boards could be cleaned and the areas around them tidied up. The Clerk was asked to report to the next meeting.

The Chairman reported an invitation for all Councillors to attend a 'Beat the Retreat' at the Estuary car park on 25th July 2014.

County Councillor's report

DCC were to consider a proposal to allow the public to address Council meetings.

He had a fresh allocation of funds for capital and community works.

Use of the Avocet line continued to increase with 1.6m fare-paying passengers in the last year.

Exmouth Station was to be refurbished and the new station at Newcourt should be open by Christmas.

Investigations were being made into a new station at Marsh Barton and for services to go to Exeter St David's instead of Exeter Central.

DCC had received a new allocation of funding for repairs and so he would be pressing for works to Longmeadow Road.

DCC will only process Traffic Orders where there was a clear safety issue. The cost of processing an Order was £3-4,000 but this did not include the cost of works to implement an Order

Chairman