

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM  
ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER- 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

Also Present: 4 member of the Public.

Apologies: Cllr R Estcourt

	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b></p> <p>Mr Tyrrell commented that EDDC had given permission for a solar farm and DCC were looking at the Dinan Way link, both of which were in the catchment area of the Wotton Brook and would substantially increase surface water run-off. He felt that the Parish Council was doing nothing to oppose these decisions.</p> <p>The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had put forward objections to the solar farm and a route for the Dinan Way extension was not yet published. Final decisions were made by EDDC and DCC and they did not have to follow the Parish Council's comments.</p>
<b>107</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations at this point in the meeting</p>
<b>108</b>	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>RESOLVED: that subject to the addition of the words 'only 3 Lympstone Councillors had attended.' in minute 106, the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
<b>109</b>	<p><b>Request for a litter bin at the Bus stop at Meeting Lane</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Council had decided to relocate the litter bin at the Village hall to the bus stop at Meeting Lane. However this was found to be well-used and so he requested the Council to review this decision.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that a new Glasdon 'Topsy 2000' litter bin, with fixing kit and stubber plate be purchased for the bus stop at Meeting Lane and arrangements be made for the bin to be installed.</p>
<b>110</b>	<p><b>Police report</b></p> <p>The Chairman read out the Police report for the last month.</p> <p>Cllr Carter informed the meeting that the Police would be at The sailing Club on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014 to mark any equipment with a post code.</p>
<b>111</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan update</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Clark reported that EDDC were being recommended to appoint a Mr McGurk as the Inspector for the Neighbourhood Plan. Natural England and English heritage had commented again during the consultation period and these comments would be sent to the Inspector. The comments should also be on the EDDC website.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that all the funding that had been applied for had been received and</p>

	some funds were in hand to meet the cost of publicising the Plan when it was finally approved.																														
<b>112</b>	<p><b>District Councillors' report</b></p> <p>Cllr Atkins reported that new arrangements had been put in place for speaking at EDDC meetings.</p> <p>He also reported that Cllr Ingham had proposed rejection of the application for the Solar Farm, seconded by Cllr Atkins, but this had been eventually, approved on the Chairman's casting vote.</p>																														
<b>113</b>	<p><b>Chairman's report</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the EA had started work on the unstable walls to the Brook at the car park. Initially, this involved removing the brick skin and so contractors were only working with small tools. There would be no need to close the bridge but there may be some restrictions as the work progressed.</p>																														
<b>114</b>	<p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <p>The Council discussed the apparent reluctance of the Village Hall Management Committee to hang pictures in the Village Hall. This included the photo montage of the 1664 Challenge passing through Lymptone presented by CTC-RM. Several members had expressed concern that the VHMC was not accepting this part of its community responsibility.</p> <p>Don Mildenhall suggested that the email message referred to were his own comments and not necessarily those of the VHMC as this had not yet been considered. He suggested that the montage might be fixed in the Committee Room but many suggested that its first place should be in a busy area of the main hall where most people would see it.</p> <p>Mr Mildenhall explained some of the problems in hanging such pictures in the Main Hall but a corridor might be suitable. Several Members suggested that putting gifts such as this in a corridor for their first hanging was an insult. It was suggested that the Bar area was used by many and could be a good place for a first hanging of displays and these could be rotated.</p> <p>Cllr Acca pointed out that all of the objections to hanging in the main hall could be overcome.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the VHMC be requested to consider the bar area as a place for the first hanging of displays.</p>																														
<b>115</b>	<p><b>Working Together for the future of East Devon</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Rogers had been appointed to attend this EDDC event. There were more places available if any other Councillor or volunteer wishes to attend. It had been suggested that Cllr Estcourt might be interested.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that Cllr Estcourt be authorised to attend.</p>																														
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<b>118</b>	<b>Budget monitoring</b> The Council received a budget monitoring report for October 2014. Cllr Mrs Rogers queried the amount for Code 313 – Miscellaneous. The Clerk explained that the unplanned expenditure for cleaning the War memorial had been allocated to this Code.																																																																																											
<b>119</b>	<b>External Audit</b> The Clerk reported that the External Auditor’s report had been received and no comment had been made. This had been advertised on the notice boards.																																																																																											
<b>120</b>	<b>Internet Banking</b> The report of the Clerk was received informing the Council that the two-signature rule for authorising payments had now been removed and this led the way for payments to be made electronically with two Councillors having an access code for approval purposes only. There																																																																																											

	<p>was also scope for the Clerk to have access to the account for administration purposes only. The Clerk was happy with the present system but Members thought that the time would soon come when cheques were not widely accepted and it would be helpful for the Clerk to have access to up-to-date statements rather than reporting using statements that were usually 6 weeks out of date.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Clark informed the meeting that her firm used these methods and invited the Clerk to see how this worked.</p> <p>RESOLVED: 1 that the offer of Cllr Mrs Clark be accepted with thanks and the Clerk follow this up. 2 that the Clerk makes enquiries with the bank to find out if the system described is available.</p>
<p><b>121</b></p>	<p><b>A public access defibrillator for the Village</b></p> <p>Lucinda Telfer had asked the Parish Council to consider providing this equipment. Lucinda attended the meeting and spoke about the options that were available for this. She gave a detailed description of how the defibrillator worked and emphasised that it could be used by anyone, following the simple instructions on the equipment. Furthermore, the defibrillator was able to analyse a patient's heartbeat and would not administer a shock if it was not needed.</p> <p>Information from the SW Ambulance Trust was also received.</p> <p>The British Heart Foundation could provide the equipment in return for a £400 donation. Deciding a location was the first step. The equipment came in a heated cabinet and had batteries that needed constant charging and so an outdoor location with a power supply was essential. The Village Shop, Shear's Café, The Globe and The Swan Inn were all suggested. Someone needed to have oversight of the equipment and submit an annual report to the SW Ambulance Trust. The equipment would then be accredited and would be listed on their website.</p> <p>Mr Mildenhall informed the meeting that the VHMC was also looking at providing this equipment at an outdoor location at the Village Hall.</p> <p>Lucinda offered to help in this project. The Chairman thanked her for this offer and for bringing this matter to the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED: 1 that the Clerk approach The Village Shop, Shear's Café, The Globe and The Swan Inn to see if they were willing to have the equipment mounted on their building and to provide a power supply. 2 that Lucinda in consultation with the Clerk be authorised to make application to the British heart Foundation to supply the necessary equipment. 3 that the need for 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training in the Village be included on a future agenda.</p>
<p><b>122</b></p>	<p><b>Matters raised by Councillors.</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Rogers informed the Meeting that Strawberry Hill may be closed for three days next week, whilst works were carried out.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Clark asked whether there was a response from the author of the Planning Brief for the Nurseries site. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Clark reported that hedge trimmings were blocking some of the drains. Cllr Bailey declared an interest as a previous contractor. Cllr Atkins also declared an interest as the current contractor but remained in the meeting to answer questions. He explained that the cutting equipment had broken during the first cut. The cuts had now been completed and he would have a look at drains and gullies to see if there was a problem.</p> <p>The Clerk pointed out that the contractor could be asked to clear up after cutting but there would be a cost for this.</p>

	<p>Cllr Mrs Beatty reported that the hedge at Old Orchard had still not been cut. Cllr Atkins reported that he was the contractor for this and would be cutting it soon.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Beatty reported several other hedges that had not been cut. Cllr Mrs Scott delivered letters to offending households and then these were followed up by the Clerk. It was AGREED that this should be included in the Lympstone Herald, this month.</p> <p>In reply to Cllr Mrs Beatty, Cllr Atkins reported that the riparian owners were responsible for clearing the Wotton Brook above the A376.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Scott reported that there was a water leak on School Hill. This had been reported to DCC.</p>
<p><b>123</b></p>	<p><b>County Councillor's report</b></p> <p>Cllr Hughes spoke about further reductions in Government financial support for DCC and the Tough Choices Consultation to help inform DCC where budget cuts should be made. Cllr Bailey reported on discussion about this at the recent DCC Highways Conference. Members expressed the view that Devon was looking quite shoddy compared to other areas.</p>

Chairman