

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON
MONDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Councillors: P. Acca Chairman R. Eastley
D. Atkins A. Garratt
J. Bailey R. Longhurst
Mrs D. Beatty Mrs T Scott
C Carter D. Young

Also Present: County Councillor B Hughes and 6 members of the Public.

PUBLIC SESSION

No comment was raised during the Public Session.

140 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Atkins informed the Council that he had been awarded a contract for hedge cutting on the land behind Glebelands and therefore he had a disclosable interest and would not be able to speak at EDDC Development Management Committee meetings.

141 Minutes

RESOLVED: that subject to the date of the Development management Committee being changed to 20th November 2012 in minute no 129, the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2012, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Bailey referred to an omission in minute 121 of the meeting held on 15th October 2012. He felt that the minute should read: 'Cllr Bailey made a statement which pointed out that the majority of the sites identified in the Neighbourhood Plan were off the main Village streets which are already congested with traffic and parked vehicles. Cllr Bailey then left the room before voting took place.'

RESOLVED That the omission be confirmed and corrected.

142 Planning applications

12/2242/FUL Construction of first floor extension Marsh Path Cottage, The Strand NO OBJECTION but the Council wishes to point out that there is no statement of historical significance and the Design and Access Statement is not adequate for this type of application.

12/2350/FUL Construction of two storey and single extensions incorporating extended balcony at Riverlea House, Courtlands Lane. OBJECT of the grounds of poor design and visual impact of the redesigned dwelling. The Council also wishes to point out that the drainage system is probably not big enough to cope with an enlarged dwelling.

12/2390/FUL Construction of single-storey extension at 6 Strawberry Hill. NO OBJECTION

143 Planning Decisions

The application for Lympstone House had been approved.

144 Other planning matters

Cllr Atkins repeated his interest in this matter.

The application for development on land behind Glebelands would be considered at the Development Management Committee meeting on 20th November 2012. Cllr Longhurst was unable

to attend the meeting and so had issued a statement to Committee members setting out the reasons within EDDC's current planning processes and consultations and because of errors in the Officers' report, , why this application was premature.

RESOLVED: that the statement by Cllr Longhurst be endorsed.

Cllr Bailey asked that it be recorded that he voted against this decision as the site could provide much needed affordable housing for the parish.

145 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Longhurst reminded the meeting that there were two public presentations about the SHLAA sites and Neighbourhood plan on Friday and Saturday of this week. He hoped that all Councillors would be able to attend at least one session to assist and answer questions.

He emphasised that the SHLAA process was strategic in nature and only identified developable sites. There was no guarantee that any would be actually developed. Any proposals to develop would have to go through the normal planning process.

EDDC were currently consulting on the Local Plan. However, a Government directive said that a Plan must be in force by the end of March 2013 otherwise EDDC would be regarded as not having one and this would enable developers to put forward applications which would have little in the way of obstacles to approval.

Cllr Atkins reported that the current timetable included approval to the Plan by August 2013 and so there was a gap of several months.

Cllr Longhurst also reported on an inspector's decision regarding an appeal at Feniton when it was said that EDDC need to have a 'land bank' for five years housing supply but also needed 25% surplus to allow developer choice.

This could mean that the assessed number of houses for Lymstone could increase to 50.

146 Car Parking in the Village.

Cllrs Stewart and Bernard Hughes, Acca and Bailey had attended the meeting with DCC officers. Cllr Hughes informed the Parish Council on the outcome of this meeting. It was clear that the village did not meet any of the five criteria for a 20mph zone. However, officers were prepared to install other speed and carriageway markings to help control traffic including cyclists leaving each end of the Exe Estuary Trail. He had offered £3,000 of his community funding towards this. Residents had expressed concern at the lack of speed restrictions on Wotton Lane and officers had agreed to investigate.

He had asked the Parish Council to give further consideration to the suggestion of imposing parking prohibition on parts of Church Road and School Hill and any other areas. The Council discussed the need for this in relation to the needs of the Village hall and the Church. It was proposed that a parking restriction be imposed on School Hill with the exception of space for two cars at the top of the Hill. There were two other areas on Longmeadow Road, opposite South Terrace and outside the old catholic Church, where restrictions were needed to allow the gritter to get through during bad weather.

RESOLVED That this be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

147 Christmas parking

EDDC had offered one afternoon of free parking leading up to Christmas. The Parish Council was requested to consider this and suggest a date. The Council felt that this was of no benefit and so the offer was refused.

148 Village Hall car park

Now that the surface had settled and was in use, it was seen that more scalplings were needed to fill low areas where ponding was occurring. Cllr Atkins AGREED to ask Andy love if he could do this work.

As part of the terms of the grant, a formal launch of the extension to the Village Hall car park was needed. The Council AGREED to defer this until the extra works had been carried out.

149 Planting a Jubilee Tree

Cllr Bailey requested the Council to consider this suggestion.

The Council was aware that a DCC report had identified that there were two trees in Candy's Field that were dead and needed to be removed.

The Clerk suggested that an Exeter Elm could be planted. This was a tall growing tree that was resistant to Dutch Elm disease.

RESOLVED: 1 that arrangements be made for the oak tree to be felled and removed.

2 that arrangements be made for planting an Exeter Elm in Candy's Field.

150 Business items

Amenities – Cllr Acca reported that the new surface had been inspected by DCC and had been accepted. He had noted that the painting could not take place until next year but was happy to release the grant money.

The Dorset tug of War Association had requested permission to hold an event on Avenue field on 7th March 2013. He declared a personal interest in this matter

RESOLVED: that permission be granted.

Burial Ground - Cllr Bailey asked if the Contractor could be requested to cut the hedges in the Parish cemetery. The Clerk agreed to arrange this.

Communications - Cllr Young reported on desired improvements to the notice boards and website. He would be discussing this with Cllrs Longhurst and Cllr Acca. He also asked if the Lymptone herald could go on the website and would discuss the format of this with Cllr Carter.

He suggested that a banner with the name of the website should go on each Notice board and would get a price for this.

One of the aims in the Parish plan was for community Notice Boards. He would be considering locations for these. Under the Railway Arch seemed the most suitable but there was already a number of Notice Boards there. Cllr Acca pointed out that ALRUG were also looking for new information boards.

The Parish Plan also needed updating but was only in a pdf format at the moment.

The Village Design Statement was not obvious on the website.

Other parts of the Parish Council section of the website needed updating

Environment Cllr Eastley reported that the Environment Agency were consulting regarding flooding from major development such as Cranbrook.

Major Travel including the Cycle Way - Cllr Bailey reported on a 'Cycle with Confidence' Scheme which included riding along the Exe Estuary Trail. He suggested that the organisers should be informed of the dangers of riding through the Village. The Clerk AGREED to follow this up.

Twinning - Cllr Mrs Scott reported that the Twinning Association would be wound up in January 2013. A commemorative photo album would be produced.

Youth Club - Cllr Mrs Beatty reported that she was waiting for a date for a meeting with Eddie Mingo to discuss financial arrangements including the assessment of business rates. The clerk pointed out that LYPS could claim 80% mandatory relief and apply for 20% discretionary relief but only if they were responsible for the whole of the building. He had put forward a proposal that would give this with any income from hiring the Project room being earmarked for repairs and improvements to the building and with the parish Council being given a number of free uses of the building. A response was awaited.

Cllr Atkins suggested that the parish Council could become the Holding and Managing Trustee for the building and would then be able to recover VAT and business rates. The Clerk AGREED to investigate.

151 Dispensations

DALC has advised that it is necessary to grant a dispensation to each Councillor to take part in discussions and vote on setting the budget and the Precept. The Council is requested to grant these dispensations.

152 Matters raised by Councillors

Cllr Carter pointed out that the current method of operation for resurfacing in The Strand and Burgmanns Hill was unsafe and presented a hazard to pedestrians. It was felt that the work would be complete before any pressure could be brought to change things.

Cllr Longhurst reported that the Beech hedge to one side of Shepherds Path was very overgrown. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner to ask for the work to be carried out and to remind the owner that if the work was not done, DCC would arrange the work and would recharge.

Cllr Hughes reported that LGV direction signs were all in place and visible.

153 Items for the next meeting

First draft of the budget

Preparations for winter.

Responsibility for repair to the Village Hall car park.

The meeting finished at 9.35pm

Chairman