

Mrs Russell asked about the criteria for a 20mph zone, which the Village did not meet. The Chairman explained that these included speeding surveys, where it was seen that the average speed was 19mph and recorded accidents of which there were none.

Mrs Pryor asked about the proposal to introduce parking restrictions on School Hill. She lived on Church Road and had no off-street parking.

The Chairman explained that the current idea was to introduce a prohibition on parking between 8.00am and 6.00pm. It was intended that there could be space for two cars at the top of the Hill. The VHMC were to consider issuing permits to residents to park in the new parking area overnight and at weekends.

Mr Mildenhall explained that access had been a problem for the Village Hall and the School and a restriction would solve this problem.

There was a need to identify land for more parking spaces.

Cllr Eastley declared an interest as a member of the Lympstone Landowners Association.

154 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Eastley re-declared an interest as a member of the Lympstone Landowners Association.

155 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2012, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

156 Planning applications

12/2264/LBC Re-roofing of front and rear roof slopes at 2 Laureldale, Church Road – NO OBJECTIONS

Mr Mildenhall reported that revised plans had been submitted in respect of works at Kilrush and Thorn Farm, Exmouth Road. It was expected that these would be considered at the next meeting

157 Police report

No report had been received.

158 District Councillors reports

Cllr Ingham reported further on the decision in relation to the application to develop land off Meeting Lane. The deferral was to allow time for the Parish Council comments in relation to the SHLAA sites to be considered. It was important that there was a clear statement that 40 houses, including 11 affordable homes could be built inside the Development Boundary.

Cllr Atkins reported that the decision to offer the car park and toilets had been deferred as accurate costs for the car park was not available.

159 Chairman's report.

A letter of thanks had been received from Capt. Whiteman in response to support for the Village Exercise.

A letter of thanks had been received from Col. Wheeler for the grant towards work at the Harbour Wall. He also thanked Cllr Hughes for his contribution.

160 Emergency Planning

There were several areas of flooding in the Parish during the heavy rains of the 23rd and 24th November 2012. The drain by The Saddlers Arms caused problems as usual and there was a collapse of the drain further down Longmeadow Road. Cllr Bailey reported that a Team from SWH

were at The Saddlers now, clearing the gully. They said they had 800+ calls to deal with.

Cllr Hughes had reported that a scheme to alleviate the problem was being prepared. Cllr Eastley had spoken to Nigel Frost. He was aware of the problem and arrangements were being made to clear the private outfall and jet the culvert. However it was agreed that this would not solve the problem.

Mrs Russell pointed out that there used to be gullies in the road by Pretty Corner but these were covered up when the road was re-aligned. This led to flooding at the cottages. Mr Stewart pointed out that the gully there was cleaned out regularly but this does not get it flowing properly and so a better job is needed.

The Council and members of the public who contributed to the debate concluded that the biggest threat to the Village comes from the Wotton Brook and so this needs to be monitored to be kept clear.

The Chairman thanked Roger Stewart and Alfie Beer for their valiant efforts in getting the screen opposite the Post Office cleared so that water that was building up alarmingly along the whole length of the brook could flow.

Alan Burton, Leader of the Lymptone Floodgate Volunteer Wardens was unable to attend the meeting but reinforced the need to have volunteers who checked the vulnerable areas of the Parish regularly to stop problems building up.

Mr Stewart and Mr Beer both volunteered to monitor the brook all through the year so that a build-up of debris does not happen in future.

Cllr Richard Eastley, the Environment Champion for the Parish, told the meeting that the brook had been listed as a river and this would include a proportion of the bank as well. This meant that the Environment Agency has responsibility to keep the banks clear as well as the brook. Landowners can still play their part in making sure that the bank adjoining their land is kept clear so that problems do not arise.

Tom Warne of the Environment Agency is to visit Lymptone next week to see what needs to be done to help keep the Brook working as it should. The Chairman, Mr Stewart and Mr Beer were invited to join him on his visit to point out problems and make suggestions.

There was a Lymptone Emergency Plan in force but it was clear that the information within it had not been publicised enough. Cllr Young, the Parish Council Communications Champion, agreed to look at how emergency information might be readily available to those in need.

RESOLVED: 1 that the Clerk be instructed to write to the responsible DCC Officer to ask a) what is the problem; b) what is proposed to resolve it; c) within what time frame will this be actioned?
2 that the Emergency Plan be reviewed annually in September so that it stays in peoples' minds and the availability of sandbags can be publicised.

161 Neighbourhood Planning and the draft Local Plan

Cllr Longhurst reported that over 100 people had attended the two presentation events on 23rd and 24th November 2012 and took the opportunity to put their views forward on future planning for the Parish. This included views on future housing development. The Council was requested to agree its

five preferred sites for future housing development in the Parish. Higher Orchard, Land to the east of Strawberry hill and Lympstone House had been taken out of the draft list due to the size or likelihood of development.

Cllr Longhurst reported receipt of a letter from Cllr Bailey, the Affordable Housing Champion, regarding the Parish Council's support for affordable houses on land off Meeting Lane. The work that Cllr Bailey had put into achieving affordable housing in the Parish was recognised but it was now found that all the required houses could be provided within the development boundary and this was felt to be preferable than going outside.

Cllr Longhurst also reported receipt of a statement from Mr & Mrs Russell regarding development of the site of the glass houses and polytunnels at Lympstone Nursery. This would include housing, a 'Green' area opposite the Church, down to Wotton Brook and a parking area for residents and events at the Church.

The sites that were now recommended were:

- The Rectory, Two sites at Jacksons Meadow (assuming the access can be improved), Land to the North of Longmeadow Road (behind the garages) and land at Lympstone Nursery.
- All of these sites were within the current development boundary and so it was recommended that this should stay as it is.

Having heard the reports, Cllrs Atkins, Bailey and Eastley all declared disclosable interests and left the meeting whilst there was more discussion and voting.

RESOLVED: 1 that the five sites now proposed as potential sites for housing development for inclusion in the draft Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan be approved.

2 that the proposed 'pack' of information, as posted on the village website be endorsed as the submission to EDDC.

Cllrs Atkins, Bailey and Eastley returned to the meeting.

The draft Local Plan had now been received for its final local consultation. This will be considered in depth by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party and they will be presenting their thoughts to the Parish Council to formulate its formal response.

A Planning Inspector has decreed that if any District Council does not have a new Local Plan in force by the end of March 2013, then it will be 'Open Season' for developers to submit planning applications. EDDC's timetable for their Local Plan is for it to be in force by August 2013.

RESOLVED 1 that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party be requested to endeavour to complete its deliberations so that the Parish part of a Neighbourhood Plan is complete by the end of March 2013. It is hoped that this will be regarded as a statement of Community wishes for planning in the Parish and used to defend against any unwelcome planning applications.

2 that the MP be approached for support in requesting EDDC to apply for funding for Neighbourhood Plans.

162 Car Parking in the Village.

The Council received a letter from George and Mary Truell with suggestions for achieving more car parking and open space in the Village. These suggestions had been identified by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.

RESOLVED: that George and Mary be thanked for their letter and informed that the suggestions are

being followed up.

163 South West in Bloom and the Best Kept Village Competition

The Council considered a letter from George and Mary Truell regarding an entry into the 'Best Kept Village' competition.

Cllr Mrs Scott offered to meet with George and Mary to follow this up.

At 9.30pm, Cllr Eastley left the meeting.

164 Payments for approval

1812	EDF Energy - lighting in Candy's' Field	25.05
1813	Optima graphics Herald printing	295.00
1814	SWW toilets	234.43
1815	Mrs C Edworthy wages for November 2012	180.00
1816	A J Le Riche sal & Expenses November 2012	864.62
1817	HMRC Tax / NI October	27.59
1818	The Poppy Appeal re Chairman's Wreath	25.00
1819	SLCC Membership	127.00
1820	Surebond re Play area surface see 1802	11,642.40
1821	Lympstone Village Hall hire charges for NP meetings	122.40
1822	D Mildenhall costs for producing NP reports	<u>47.20</u>
		13,590.69

2 Financial Summary

165	Opening balance at 1st April 2012	9,313.95
	Receipts	<u>57,022.18</u>
	Total receipts	66,336.13
	Transfer from dep ac	<u>10,000.00</u>
	Total paid in to current ac	<u>76,336.13</u>
	less, Payments	<u>59,855.85</u>
	Net balance	16,480.28
	Receipts not on statement:	-235.40
	Unpresented cheques	<u>20,825.60</u>
	Balance per Bank Statement 18th October 2012	37,070.48
	Deposit Account	
	Balance at 1st April 2012	10,155.80
	Interest to 3rd November 2012	3.97
	Transfer to current ac	-10,000.00
	Total	159.77

166 Budget monitoring report

The Council received a budget monitoring report.

167 Grants

The Council had received a grant application from the Scouts. It was reported that other applications were now being prepared.

RESOLVED that grant applications be considered at the next meeting.

168 Matters raised by other Councillors

Cllr Longhurst asked if the Snow Warden and preparation for Winter weather could be considered at the next meeting. This was agreed.

The Chairman reported that DCC had filled all of the grit bins.

Cllr Bailey reported that a van that was parked in Dawlish Park Terrace was preventing the gully from being cleaned.

The Chairman informed the meeting that DCC were aware of this.

169 Information items

The Council received the following:

- a) The Clerk magazine
- b) Estuary League of Friends newsletter

170 Report by County Councillor on matters relating to the Parish.

Cllr Hughes reported that most of the 'A' & 'B' roads in Devon were affected by flooding last weekend. The whole of the highway network was being inspected to assess the need for repairs.

The Belwyn fund helped with this but only funded cleaning and temporary repairs.

DCC budget was in balance for the year, so far.

The Dementia Care Programme was progressing. Three sites for specialist care units had been identified, including Davey Court in Exmouth.

Cllr Longhurst complimented DCC on the condition of their roads and road maintenance programme compared with Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire that he had passed through earlier in the week.

The meeting finished at 9.40pm

Chairman