

joined the meeting.

180 Electoral review of Devon

The Electoral Commission were carrying out an electoral review of Devon. Parishes would only be involved where there a change in electoral divisions.

The Council offered no comment on this but felt that proposed expansion plans for a large number of houses in the north of the Parish justified a local governance review of the Parish

RESOLVED: that this be included on the agenda for the first meeting after the elections.

181 Neighbourhood Plan.

In Cllr Mrs Clark's absence, there was nothing to report.

182 DCC Road Wardens Scheme

The Council discussed the proposed road wardens' scheme by DCC. The aim was to find volunteers, who would be trained by DCC and supervised by the Parish Council, to carry out minor road maintenance tasks such as sign cleaning, weed clearance, pothole filling minor surface defect repairs and hedge cutting.

Cllr Bailey had attended the Highways Conference where this was first announced. He asked what money this would save but did not receive a clear answer.

RESOLVED: to include an article in a future Lymstone Herald to test the views of the community.

183 Otter – Exe Parishes meeting

The notes of the last meeting of this group were received. The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Rogers had attended.

184 Parishes Together funding

The Council was requested to discuss options for the use of this funding.

Solar lights on the EET had been suggested by Exmouth TC and the joint employment of a Dog warden on a trial basis had also been raised although there would need to be a clear plan for future funding.

Cllr Mrs Rogers suggested that solar lights could be of benefit in other areas as well.

A joint project for cleaning road signs around the parishes was also put forward.

The Clerk was asked to raise these with Exmouth TC and Woodbury PC

185 Budget and the precept for 2015 – 16

The Council was asked to give preliminary consideration to additional spending items for next year as reserves were increasing.

The Sailing Club had applied for a grant of £2,500 for improvements to drainage and the gents changing rooms.

Cllr Carter suggested that the Council could consider preparing plans for the off-road route for the Exe Estuary Trail but Cllr Longhurst informed the meeting that this had already been done. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

Cllr Acca, supported by Cllr Mrs Beatty proposed a tarmac surface to the new car park, once the new lights had been installed.

Cllr Longhurst suggested cleaning all gullies and jetting or rodding of pipes.

Cllr Acca also pointed out that a contract would be needed for painting seats next year.

186 Clerk's Action Sheet – attached

The Council received and noted the Clerk's Action Sheet for December.

187 2014 - 2016 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD

The NJC has reached agreement on the following:

- New pay scales for 2014- 2016 to be implemented from 1 January 2015. The Clerk's pay will increase from £12.052 to £12.317 ie an increase of 26.5p per hour or £15.50 per month.
- A non-consolidated (one off) payment for employees on SCPs 5 - 49 in of £100 in December 2014 and £7.00 in April 2015.

RESOLVED: that the awards be applied to the Clerk's salary.

188 Business items

Amenities

Lights in Candy's Field – SEC had quoted £3521.54 +VAT (this will need to be updated and will show a small increase) for the provision of two new lights in the new car park. DCC via Cllr Hughes have offered £3,000 towards the cost. RESOLVED: that the balance be met from reserves.

Works in Cliff Field. The Council was asked to approve expenditure to complete the works in Cliff Field that were part funded by the Parishes Together fund. This included concrete alongside the scout Hut and top-dressing and re-seeding the entrance to Cliff field. RESOLVED: that the works be put in hand.

Burial Ground Cllr Bailey reported that the hedge had been cut. Cllr Bailey also suggested that the grounds contract, which was due for re-tendering next year, should be reviewed. The Clerk agreed to arrange this.

Environment Cllr Eastley had spoken to Nigel Frost of DCC. Works to Longmeadow Road were now planned for March 2015.

Chairman