

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON
MONDAY 17th DECEMBER 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

Apologies: Cllr D. Atkins Mrs D. Beatty

Also Present: Mr G Lill, Jackson Meadow Residents Association, Mr V Addington, on behalf of the applicant for planning application 12/2625/MFUL Construction of 13no. dwellings comprising 6no. two-bed dwellings, 3no. three-bed dwelling and 4no. four-bed dwellings including new access road land South of Jackson Meadow, District Councillor B Ingham, the Press and 10 members of the Public.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Rogers pointed out that her comments, recorded in the minutes, should refer to the Housing Sites Assessment and not the SHLAA document and that the land in Meeting Lane was close to Sheltered Housing and not Affordable Housing. The Clerk agreed to correct the minutes.

171 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bailey declared a disclosable interest in 12/2612/FUL Construction of cover over existing livestock gathering area at Thorn Farm, Exmouth Road.

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

172 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2012, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to:

- 1 the changes requested by Mrs Rogers,
- 2 In Minute 170 the reference to Cllr Longhurst to be Cllr Carter,
- 3 In Minute 161 in the fourth paragraph, the sentence after the bullet point be deleted.
- 4 in Minute 168 delete 'the gully being emptied' and insert 'the gritter getting past'.

173 Planning applications

12/2126 FUL & 12/2128/ LBC Construction of extension dormer window and internal alterations Kilrush, Underhill. (revised plans) – NO OBJECTION.

12/2612/FUL Construction of cover over existing livestock gathering area at Thorn Farm, Exmouth Road. Cllr Bailey re-declared his disclosable interest in this matter. NO OBJECTION.

12/2698/LBC Internal alterations and replacement of door to garden with window and reuse of garden door to create lobby at Rose Cottage, Longmeadow Road. NO OBJECTION.

12/2625/MFUL Construction of 13no. dwellings comprising 6no. two-bed dwellings, 3no. three-bed dwelling and 4no. four-bed dwellings including new access road on land to the South of Jackson Meadow

Cllr Longhurst invited Mr Addington to describe the application.

Mr Addington gave a visual display of the proposals and made reference to the Housing Needs

study and the draft local plan.

Mr Lill read a statement from the Jackson Meadow Residents Association, objecting to the application but also listing suggested conditions if the application was to be approved. He also circulated photographs showing the existing levels of on-street parking on the estate roads which were narrower than the highway design guidance allowed.

Comments were made about:

The straightness of the first section of access road, the falling gradient across the site, the effect of creating hard surfaces on surface water run-off and land drainage, the narrowness of existing estate roads.

It was also pointed out that the original planning application for Jackson Meadow required a public footpath link to the Village Hall, not going via the Parish Cemetery, but in April 2012, EDDC had stated that they would not pursue this.

RESOLVED: 1 that EDDC be requested to explain their reasons for not requiring completion of the original development of Jackson Meadow.

2 that EDDC be informed that Certificate b for this application had not been served on all of the landowners.

3 that objection be made to the application as follows and that EDDC be informed that the Parish Council would wish to join or lead any negotiations with the applicant with a view to achieving a satisfactory development.

At the end of the discussion, Cllr Longhurst was thanked for allowing a full and open discussion on this application.

175 Lympstone Primary School

Cllr Longhurst reported that an application for development at the school was expected next week.

176 Best Kept Village Competition

The Council gave further consideration to the letter from George and Mary Truell regarding entering the CPRE Best Kept Village competition.

The Chairman invited George to speak in support of this.

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs Scott and Lt Col & Mrs Truell discuss a possible entry in more detail.

177 Grants

The Council had received grant applications from

a) Lympstone 1st Scouts for the provision of electric heating in the Scout Hut

Cllr Acca declared a disclosable interest and withdrew whilst this item was discussed. Cllr Eastley in the Chair.

RESOLVED that the Council pays for the installation of two heaters in the Scout Hut at a cost in the region of £260 + VAT.

b) 1st Lympstone Brownies towards the cost of a new flag (£105.40p) and celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the Brownies (£60.00p for a celebration Cake + other expenses).

RESOLVED: that the cost be met in full

c) Lympstone Baby & Toddler Group for a contribution towards the cost of a new awning in order to allow greater use of the outdoor space. The total cost was in the region of £2,000. The VHMC were reviewing the design and were proposing to meet half of the cost of £2,800.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman be involved in reviewing the design with a view to the Parish Council contributing the remaining half of the cost during the next financial year.

Cllr Garratt left the meeting at 8.55pm

178 Preparation for Winter weather

Various members reported that the grit bins were full and cones had been put out in various places to ensure that the gritting lorry could get through the village. It was thought that Wotton Lane was not on the gritting route but should be.

Cllr Young was the Snow warden. He reported that he received text messages regarding road conditions from DCC Highways dept.

The Council considered the need for a contingency plan in the event of severe snow or ice, when gritting would not be sufficient or carried out at all.

RESOLVED 1 that the Clerk, in consultation with Cllr Young be authorised to enter into a contract with Trinity Plant Hire for snow and ice clearance if this proves necessary.

2 that DCC be requested to include Wotton Lane on the gritting route.

179 CCD Member Forum,

RESOLVED that Cllr Bailey be authorised to attend the CCD Members Forum on 7th January 2013, at Exeter

180 Finance

The final demand in respect of business rates for the Youth Club in the sum of £2.658.85p had now been received. Under the present agreement made in 2005, the Parish Council was liable for business rates if they were levied. However, if LYPS were responsible, then they could achieve 100% rate relief and so no money would be paid. In order for this to be accepted by the Rating Authority, LYPS needed to be in control of the whole building whereas, at the moment, the Project Room was excluded and Parish Council files and equipment were stored there.

The Clerk and Cllr Mrs Beatty had been discussing this with Eddie Mongo and it appeared that there was some agreement towards a proposal that would allow the Youth club to be responsible for the project room with any income being put in a fund for repairs, maintenance and improvements in agreement with the Parish Council.

The Council was concerned to protect its own files and equipment

RESOLVED: 1 that the Chairman be requested to give a quote to build a lockable store room around the Parish Council filing cabinets.

2 that the Clerk request a delay on the payment of rates until the matter can be fully resolved with the rating Authority.

3 that the Clerk be requested to discuss the details of this and report to the next meeting.

181 Draft Budget

The first draft of the budget was received. The Clerk reported on changes to the way the precept was calculated and that full information was not yet available from EDDC

RESOLVED: that this be considered at the next meeting.

182 Business items

Amenities

The Dolphin play item was now stored at the Chairman's home.

RESOLVED: that Surebond be requested to give a quote to re-install the equipment and make good the surface.

Environment

The Environment Agency had visited the Village and met those who had been invited from the last meeting.

Last week, more flood water had gone through Adams Cottage and the gullies at Pretty Corner were blocked.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to write to DCC highways again regarding this problem.

Communications

Cllr Young reported that he had added a small banner with the website address to each Notice Board. He then gave a presentation on options for improving information around the Parish. This included information at the Station and other places, for residents, walkers, cyclists and other visitors. Community rail status should bring in some funding but match funding may be needed. He requested provision of £500 in the draft budget for this.

Cllr Young's proposals were supported and he was asked to report in more detail to a future meeting.

Travel and Transport.

The Clerk was requested to contact DCC regarding new village entrance signs.

183 Matters raised by other Councillors

Cllr Mrs Scott had attended a consultation meeting regarding plans for Lower Halsdon Farm. It was proposed to provide multi-use paths an information point and a new building.

Cllr Bailey pointed out that these items were probably against the covenant for the land when it was donated to the National Trust.

Cllr Mrs Scott also reported that this meeting clashed with the Carol Concert at the church.

The Chairman was asked to discuss this with the Vicar to avoid a clash next year.

184 Information items

The Council received the Local Council Review magazine

185 Exmouth Splash

Details of this scheme by EDDC were circulated.

It was AGREED that members should respond individually.

The meeting finished at 9.40pm when the Chairman invited all present to join him for refreshments.

Chairman