

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
7.30PM ON MONDAY 17th MARCH 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: P Acca R Eastley (Chairman)
D Atkins R Estcourt
J Bailey R Longhurst
Mrs J Clark Mrs T Scott
C Carter

Apologies: - Cllrs Mrs D Beatty, and Mrs K Rogers;

Also present: - 6 Members of the Public.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr R Stewart asked why planning applications were not on the agenda. The Clerk explained that the Agenda had been issued in advance and so Cllr Carter had informed members of any planning applications.

Mr Lill reported that the proposed developer for Jackson meadow site was prepared to construct a footpath link for the estate but this would need to go through the cemetery. The Clerk informed the meeting that no approach had been made for this.

A visitor enquired about the proposed solar farm at Coombe Farm. At a presentation, there had been no mention of pylons to connect to the National Grid as cables were intended to go underground, a building or CCTV cameras. In other areas, geese had been killed as they tried to land on the Panels mistaking the blue colour for water and the heat from the panels was killing other birds.

Mr Stewart also pointed out that the panels were to be fixed lower than usual and this left no room for any form of farming underneath. Instead a contractor would trim the area periodically. As the panels would be closer together, there would also be significant run-off during times of heavy rain as water would be concentrated on the hard surface of the panels.

Cllr Atkins reported that any application would come before the DM Committee.

Cllr Longhurst reminded the meeting that the site was in Woodbury Parish and so the Parish Council would normally support its neighbouring Parish Council's views on such an application.

335 Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs Acca, Mrs Clark and Longhurst re. Planning application 14/0581 Proposed extension at the Globe.

336 Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March would be presented to the meeting on 7th April 2014.

337 Planning applications

14/0581/FUL Extend existing flat roof and form small secure storage area within the existing rear yard and behind the existing boundary wall at the Globe inn, The Strand. – SUPPORT.

Cllrs Acca, Mrs Clark and Longhurst left the room whilst this application was considered.

Cllrs Atkins and Carter abstained from voting.

13/1927/LBC Demolition of outbuilding and part boundary wall to facilitate construction of

vehicular access and provision of off road parking area at Oak Cottage, Church Road
Amended plans had been received which required a response within 14 days.

Cllr Longhurst reported on the changes to the plans which now included the house, which was omitted from the first application.

Otherwise he saw no reason to change the Parish Council's views. – OBJECT as previously.
14/0304/CPL Certificate of lawfulness for construction of rear dormer window 32 Jackson Meadow. Cllr Longhurst reported receipt of this application but there was no dormer in place.

Clerk to OBJECT and the application to be considered at the next meeting.

338 Planning Decisions

13/2156/FUL. Demolition of rear lean-to extension and construction of single storey rear extension. New timber sash window to front elevation and replacement of first floor windows to rear with bi-fold doors and revisions to planning permission 13/1102/FUL to include formation of roof terrace. Redcote, Underhill – REFUSED

14/0009/FUL Extensions and alterations incorporating increase in roof height and provision of 2 no. dormers on west elevation Limners Strawberry Hill – APPROVED

14/0093/LBC Retention of internal and external alterations including replacement doors in front elevation at Dingles, 3 Church Road (Retrospective) – APPROVED.

339 Other Planning Matters

Cllr Bailey raised the matter of caravans at Amberwood, Exmouth Road, and was informed that EDDC were investigating.

Cllr Longhurst had been approached by the owners of Meadowgate about a possible new planning application. He had suggested that the reasons against development of the site were substantial and so it was unlikely that another application would be successful.

Cllrs Longhurst and Mrs Clark had been approached by Badger Homes Ltd regarding possible development of their site off Longmeadow Road. A draft layout had been put forward showing 8, 2-bed and 2 1-bed bungalows. Badger Homes had been informed that this fitted in with the last housing needs survey and the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Longhurst had met Squirrel Design regarding the proposal by Cllr Estcourt to provide a dwelling and parking area in Longbrook lane. It was hoped that details of the operation of the parking spaces would be submitted to the next meeting and then a planning application would be submitted to EDDC.

Cllr Bailey queried the role of the Planning champions in meeting prospective developers. The Clerk suggested that this role was to inform enquirers of the local planning position, local needs and views.

It was AGREED that this would be included on the next agenda.

340 Neighbourhood Planning update

Cllr Mrs Clark reported that EDDC cabinet had discussed the Neighbourhood Plan and had raised some queries. EDDC Officers had been tasked with meeting the Parish Council to discuss these.

341 Solar Farm at Coombe Farm

Cllrs Bailey and Mrs Rogers had attended the Public Exhibition about this solar farm. The panels were to be kept low to reduce visibility and the existing hedges would be retained and allowed to grow higher. However, Cllr Bailey felt that the panels would still be visible from further away. As mentioned earlier, there would be high security fencing and CCTV cameras for safety and a building to hold equipment. Pylons would be erected to carry cables to

connect to the national Grid.

A planning application had not yet been submitted.

342 Organisation of meetings

The Council had further discussion regarding ways of reducing time at meetings. A note giving views of The Clerk and Councillors was submitted.

Cllr Longhurst reminded the Council that over the last few months, there had been much activity on the Neighbourhood Plan and a number of major or controversial planning applications had been received.

RESOLVED:

1 The Public Session to include an update on matters raised at the previous meeting.

2 The public should be invited to speak on matters on the agenda during the public session and not at the time that they are discussed by the Council.

3 The note about the public session on the agenda be amended to read: "At this point, the public will be invited issues of concern in the parish and to comment on items on the agenda. Members of the public will be invited to comment on planning applications when they are discussed."

4 Voting should be shown clearly by a show of hands and enough time should be given for the Chairman or Clerk to count the votes.

5 That for April as a trial, meetings start at 7.00pm with Planning applications being the first item. The Council noted that a quorum for this part of the meeting was four Members.

6 That agendas for the first meeting cover reports from various groups and individuals and the second meeting, items of direct Parish Council business.

7 That timings be included for each item on the agenda.

343 Repair and maintenance of the War memorial

Cllr Bailey had informed the Council that funding may be available towards the cost of repairs and maintenance of the War Memorial.

The Council considered whether any work needs doing.

The Clerk suggested that a person of experience should be commissioned to carry out an inspection and if deemed necessary, propose any works.

RESOLVED That Mr D Price of Woodbury Stone Masons be invited to inspect the War Memorial and report on any works of maintenance and repair with a view to any work being completed before the proposed service on 4th August 2014.

345 Business items

Amenities - Cllr Acca had met South-west Highways to discuss a quote for surfacing the new path from the School to Candy's Field. Parents had commented that the section from the School gates to the Path needed re-surfacing.

He would be putting out another bench at Harefield Cross.

The toilets were in need of a deep clean and new toilet roll holders. The Clerk was asked to investigate these. He also reported that Mr Tate had carried out the annual electrical inspection and found that works were needed to repair lights, protect circuits and replace hand driers. The Clerk was asked to put this work in hand.

Burial Ground - Cllr Bailey and the Clerk would make arrangements for the new tree to be planted.

Communications – Cllr Carter congratulated Cllr Estcourt and his team on improvements to the website.

Environment - Cllr Eastley had reported the bad smell around the post office. A joint meeting was to be held on Thursday 19th March 2014 to discuss all of the problem areas in the Parish. He and the Clerk would attend.

Travel and Transport including the Cycle Way - Cllr Bailey reported that he and several other Councillors would be meeting Officers from DCC to discuss the current level of problems and options for improvement of the on-road section of the Exe Estuary Trail.

Village Hall - Cllr Mrs Scott summarised a recent meeting of the VHMC. A Mission statement was being prepared and would be circulated. The recycling bins were on wheels and could be moved on occasion if needed.

A meeting between the Parish Council and the VHMC had yet to be arranged.

Youth Club - The Clerk reported that as soon as funds were in hand from DCC he would buy the Air hockey table.

346 Matter raised by Members

Cllr Bailey had attended a DALC Meeting which had been opposed to the closure of DCC Care homes and Youth Centres.

There was survey about localism and the Clerk was asked to take part.

Changes to planning meant that a S106 Agreement could not be applied on developments of less than 10 homes.

Cllr Mrs Scott informed the meeting that Dr Debenham was due to retire. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks for his work in the Parish.

Cllr Mrs Scott reported that there would be a litter pick on Saturday 5th April, 2014 as part of preparation for the Best kept village competition. The last pick had collected 10 bags.

Cllr Acca was asked to consider spring time planting this year to support the entry.

Cllr Longhurst asked whether the Council would be thanking Alan Burton and his team for the excellent service they had given through the winter, often in difficult conditions.

The Chairman reported that this would be done at the Annual Parish Meeting. Roger Stewart and Alfie Beer would also be invited.

347 Clerk's Action Sheet

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

Under item 317, the Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with DCC.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman

Date