

LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Communications Committee meeting
20th December 2010

Apologies: Cllr Bailey and Cllr Whiter.
Absent: All Others.
Present: Cllr Longhurst, Clive Wilson, Liz Griffiths.

Item:	Discussion:	Action:
1.	<p>Cllr Longhurst thanked Clive and Liz for turning up in such inclement weather. It was recognised that the meeting was not quorate however it was felt that the opportunity should be taken to resolve some out standings and put forward proposals that can be adopted by a full meeting or the full Parish Council.</p>	
2.	<p>Budget: Cllr Longhurst read out the note produced by Chris Carter and also part of an e-mail from The Clerk. He also clarified the confusion over current advertising earnings given as £6,946.34 at the last Parish Council meeting – this had been admitted by the Clerk to be an error. The committee therefore accepted the revised figures of Advertising income for 2011 as £4,500 (as per The Clerk) and costs of £3,000 (+£200 on The Editor’s estimate). These figures mean that the Finance Committee can at least now make a reasonable estimate for 2011. The recommendations of The Editor were accepted for number of issues and average number of pages.</p>	
3.	<p>Accounting Process: Cllr Longhurst briefed the Committee on actions being taken by The Clerk to produce “grester transparency about our cash income”. It was felt that this was of great urgency but that it was best handled by The Clerk and any process approved by the Finance Committee. The Committee agreed that this should be resolved within 2 months and Cllr Longhurst agreed to ensure that this was placed on the Action List of the Parish Council.</p>	
4.	<p>In closing the meeting Cllr Longhurst again thanked Clive and Liz for attending. He noted that despite the severe weather the Committee, not for the first time, was poorly attended and The Herald Editor was absent. This Committeee cannot operate in the interests of The Parish Council without both a representative of The Herald and The Website being present and making an active contribution to the debate. This needs to be agreed and sorted by the full Parish Council. Until such time as this is concluded Cllr Longhurst, as Chairman, will not convene further meetings that only unduly waste the time of those making the effort to attend.</p>	

R G Longhurst
21st December 2010