

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON
MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: P Acca R Eastley
 D Atkins A Garratt
 J Bailey R Longhurst
 Mrs D Beatty D Young
 C Carter

Also present: District Councillor Ingham, County Councillor Hughes and Mr Don Mildenhall.

Apologies Cllr Mrs T Scott, WPCSO Sarah Trayhurn

PUBLIC SESSION

Don Mildenhall informed the meeting of a proposal to designate the Avocet line as a Community line. This would lead to more community influence and possible funding. There was an invitation to a meeting at 7.30 on 30th November 2011. Cllrs Young and Atkins agreed to attend with Cllr Eastley as a reserve.

Don also explained that the new exterior lighting at the Village Hall was in the process of being installed but the contractor had met delays that were beyond his control. In general, the Village Hall bookings were increasing.

153 Planning Matters

The Draft Local Plan was now out to public consultation with comments requested by 31st January 2012. This would be a major report for the next meeting.

David Hawes, Planning Consultant and member of the LDF Group had offered to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan at a cost of £10,000. Funding should be met by EDDC but no information had been forthcoming. The Clerk was asked to seek information from EDDC.

This would also be a major item for the next meeting.

The Conservation Area Appraisal had been completed. Public Consultation would start shortly.

154 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

155 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations at this point in the meeting.

156 Police report

The Police report had been received and would be included in the Lympstone Herald.

157 District Councillor's report

Cllr Ingham confirmed that it was vital for Lympstone to have a Neighbourhood Plan. There would be pressure to provide housing including affordable housing to meet Government targets. The Neighbourhood Plan would be the frontline defence against unwelcome planning applications.

EDDC had declined an opportunity to remove the 10% discount on the Council tax for 2nd homes, in preference for having new houses built.

It was proposed that the Conservation Area should be extended along Sowden lane but

Cllr Ingham was seeking clear justification for this.

158 Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Cllr Eastley for chairing the meeting while he was on holiday. He had visited the Saddlers Arms with the Vice-Chairman and Clerk and confirmed this as a suitable venue for the Civic Dinner in February 2012.

The glass in the Notice Board at Trafalgar road had been smashed. He had now replaced this.

The Grit Bin at Wotton Pound had been replaced but on the concrete base that was for the seat. He would enquire about the Bin being moved.

He had received a letter from Chris Masterson detailing painting of gates and benches.

159 Finance - Payments

The Council approved the following payments:

1683	EDF Energy, lighting in Candy's Field and toilets	43.84
1684	Optima Graphics Herald printing	247.00
1685	P Tate toilets electrics	180.00
1686	APS Plumbing toilets	25.00
1687	Lympstone FC - grant	300.00
1688	Eurooffice - Filing cabinets	201.50
1689	SLCC Membership	110.00
1690	Mrs C Edworthy pay for November	180.00
1691	A J Le Riche Salary & expenses for November	678.79
1692	Inland Revenue Tax / NI September	44.49
	Total	2,010.62

160 Financial summary

The Council noted the following financial summary:

Opening balance at 1st April 2011	3,697.95
Receipts	<u>39,125.90</u>
Total receipts	42,823.85
Transfer from dep ac	<u>0.00</u>
Total paid in to current ac	42,823.85
less, Payments	28,610.28
Net balance	14,213.57
Receipts not on statement:	-905.00
Unpresented cheques	2,289.04
Balance per Bank Statement 26th September 2011	15,597.61
Deposit Account	
Balance at 01/04/2101	10,145.68
Interest to August 2011	6.77
Transfer to current ac	0.00
Total	10,152.45

161 Budget

The Council received a budget monitoring report for November 2011.

162 Grant application

A letter requesting financial assistance had been received from Victim Support, which was now a national charity.

RESOLVED: that the request be refused.

163 HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The first public meeting had been held on 29th November 2011 when approximately 30 people had attended. The Clerk circulated a list of suggested activities that had been raised.

Cllr Carter reported that the Sailing Club had agreed to hold a 'River Pageant' as part of the celebrations.

Cllr Eastley reported that the WI had enquired if the WI could use the Parish Council emblem and flag in their work.

RESOLVED: that this be given the full support of the Parish Council.

The Environment Agency was investigating the implications for the Beacon and would respond later.

Mr Wills had offered help in organising events on candy's Field.

Cllr Bailey thought that the Silver Cup was for a Jubilee Event. The Clerk agreed to investigate.

Any further ideas and offers of help are to be passed to the Clerk.

164 Matters raised by other Councillors

Cllr Bailey reported that the VHMC were considering moving the Britain in Bloom trophies. It was AGREED that the VHMC should be informed of the background to locating the trophies in the main hall.

The Chairman reported a request by the Dorset Tug of War Association to hold an event in Lymptone in March 2012. He also declared a personal interest in this matter.

RESOLVED: that the Association be informed that this event can take place in Avenue Field, subject to any reinstatement that is necessary to retain the surface of the Field in reasonable condition.

Cllr Mrs Beatty enquired about the Lymptone Composting Scheme. The Chairman had met Chris Barnacle informally who had confirmed that there was interest from Woodbury residents and so his scheme was likely to go ahead in the Spring.

It was AGREED that Chris would be offered a free advert in the Lymptone Herald when he was ready to start his scheme.

Cllr Bailey felt that the hedge cutting in candy's Field and Avenue Field should be reviewed as the bottom of each hedge needed trimming to prevent encroachments into the field.

Cllr Atkins confirmed that ALRUG would be applying for Community line status for the Avocet line. This should bring additional funding and community involvement is service matters. He had attended an event to mark the removal of the 142 diesel units.

Cllr Atkins also reported that Officers were putting a plan together to deal with the issues raised at the DCC Site Visit to look at problems of traffic including the Exe Estuary Cycle / Walk Way. The Chairman reported that this was now signposted in Hulham Road and Phillips Avenue, Exmouth.

Cllr Bailey reported on the National Trust consultation regarding the Lower Halsdon Farm.

The Clerk was asked to provide details for the next meeting.

165 Items for the next meeting

It was noted that Planning items would form a major part of the business for the next meeting.

166 Report by County Councillor.

Cllr Hughes reported that tenders were out for construction of the next section of the Exe Estuary Cycle / Walk Way to connect to Topsham

He was awaiting further feedback from the meeting with Cllr Stuart Hughes. Signs were being erected on Station hill but he did not have any knowledge of these.

He had offered a contribution to the Youth Club to replace the flooring.

Cllr Atkins had noted that DCC were using a different plan from EDDC for the possible route of the Dinan Way extension. Cllr Hughes reported that he had made it clear that a route down the Wotton valley would not be acceptable.

He also reported on other DCC matters in general.

167 Items for information

The Council received the following items for information:

- a) Parish matters – Insurance newsletter
- b) East Devon Connect
- c) Exe Press – Newsletter of the Exe Estuary Partnership
- d) Thank you letter from East Devon CAB
- e) ALRUG Newsletter
- f) DALC Newsletter

Chairman