

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON
MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

Also Present: 2 members of the Public, District Councillor B. Ingham and County Councillor B. Hughes, Roger Howell, Lympstone Composting, Mrs Christine McNeil, DCC Education Dept, and the Press,

Apologies: Cllr D Young, (Previously approved)

Public Session

Mrs Letcher reported that the Dog Wardens had been active in the Parish in providing new signs and carrying out random visits. Cllr Eastley reported that as Environment Champion, he had requested an increased presence. Cllr Longhurst also reported that this had been raised as a local issue at the PACT Panel. He produced an additional A4 sign that would be put up around the Parish.

86 Lympstone Composting

Roger Howell informed the parish Council that the Management Committee had decided to close the scheme due to a reducing number of volunteers and the possible need to register with DEFRA at great cost.

Alternative arrangements were being considered including proposals by Otter Rotters and Chris Barnacle. Otter Rotters had requested the opportunity to come to a Parish Council meeting to discuss their proposals

Members generally expressed regret at this situation but also expressed considerable thanks to Jenepher Allen and Roger together with all the other volunteers who had promoted a very successful scheme for the Parish over the last eleven years.

The Council felt that this needed further discussion locally and it was RESOLVED: that this be included on the agenda for the next meeting (18th September 2011)

87 Education in Lympstone

Mrs McNeil explained that Lympstone fell within the Exmouth Learning Community for education provision. DCC and the Community looked at provision from a strategic point of view, taking into account any planned or foreseeable developments in the area that would increase the number of children to be educated. Discussions were held usually two years in advance to allow a lead-in period to implement any measures. Two years ago, it had been agreed that extra demand would be met by bringing into re-use, a temporary classroom at Withycombe Primary School. It had to be recognised that by carrying out improvements to one school this would have a counter effect on other schools in the Community.

Mrs McNeil had been asked to give an insight and any proposed solutions to deal with issues surrounding Lympstone children being educated in Lympstone rather than having to go to other schools whilst, at the same time, children from other areas are coming to Lympstone School, related travelling time, cost and carbon footprint and the need for permanent expansion of the school to take

into account recent and planned and unplanned growth of the village.

Unfortunately, Mrs McNeil was unable to provide details of DCC Capital budget or any proposals to deal with the problems of increased numbers at Lymestone School.

Cllr Bailey and others expressed the strongly held view that there had been a lack of support by DCC for many years and this did not appear to be about to change.

Mrs McNeil was thanked for attending the meeting.

88 **Planning Matters**

11/1504/FUL Demolition of existing church hall and construction of modular single classroom block with toilets at Lymestone Primary School, School Hill. Cllr Bailey had previously declared a prejudicial interest as a member of the PCC and Cllr Mrs Scott had previously declared a prejudicial interest as a neighbour of the site.

Cllr Longhurst indicated that he was reporting on discussions with no decisions being needed from a Planning point of view and so both Councillors remained in the room.

Cllr Longhurst had met the Head and some of the Governors to discuss this proposal. The application had been withdrawn and more options were being considered including:

putting a temporary building on the playground and using the site for a sensory garden,

looking at alternative designs for a building on the Church Rooms site,

reviewing the size, elevations and design of a building for the Church Rooms site.

11/0824 Creation of new access etc at St Peter's School. Cllr Longhurst reported that amended plans had been submitted which showed the access being moved by about 10m to avoid the loss of trees. A Devon bank would be removed and a new bank would be created.

The Clerk reported that he had not received notification of these amended plans and hence the item was not on the Agenda.

He also reminded the Council of the previous practice, that where plans were received with a closing date for comments that was before a Council meeting, in consultation with Cllr Longhurst, he would submit an objection on behalf of the Parish Council, which could be withdrawn later.

Planning Applications

a) 11/1293/MOUT Amended Plans for Outline application for mixed use development comprising residential development of 154 dwellings etc., Land NW Of Courtlands Cross, Courtlands Lane, Cllr Bailey reminded the Council of his prejudicial interest and left the room during discussion.

Cllr Longhurst reported that further amended plans had been submitted which removed the closure of Courtlands Lane and proposed additional routes through the development. He felt that these changes addressed only one of the highway objections and did not alter the Parish Council objections.

RESOLVED That EDDC be informed that the amended plans do not alter the Parish Council's objection to this development.

89 **Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th August 2011, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

90 **Declarations of Interest**

No further declarations of interest were submitted.

91 **Report by the Police**

The Chairman read out the Police report for the last month, which had been circulated to Members..

There was to be a meeting with DCC for discussion regarding the need for a 'STOP' sign and line at the bottom of Station Hill. In the meantime, WPCSO Sarah had placed temporary signs in the area and asked anyone who saw any incidents or near-misses to let her know.

In reply to Cllr Garratt, the Chairman reminded the meeting that there were a few areas in the Parish where it had been deemed acceptable to park on the pavement provided that enough space was left for a pushchair to get past easily.

92 **Neighbourhood Planning**

Cllr Garratt related experiences of Brixham TC in its preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. Amongst other things, the Plan needed to look beyond the set boundaries of the Parish where there was a clear overlap of possible uses. The Council had already considered that it might need to work with Exmouth Town Council particularly in relation to land around Courtlands Lane. However, there were other areas where there might be joint discussion and statements with neighbouring parishes.

RESOLVED: that this be considered in detail at the next meeting (19th September 2011)

93 **District Councillors' reports**

Cllr Ingham reported on the current Government reform of the Planning system whereby there would be a presumption in favour of development except in AONB's and Green Belt land, in order to help overcome the current national economic situation. Cllr Ingham expressed caution at this approach but pointed out the EDDC had followed national planning guidelines on major issues and was likely to do so if there was any change in policy. Any Neighbourhood Plan would also need to show a link between National, District-wide and local planning policy in order to be successful, any reference to numbers in relation to development should stipulate that they are a maximum or in a range between two stated figures and should set out the period of years during which the aims could be met.

94 **Chairman's report**

The Chairman reminded members of the invitation to visit The Saddlers on Friday evening. He would confirm the time later.

A metal bench had been moved in Cliff Field. He would investigate.

95 **Village Hall Management Committee**

There was a vacancy for a representative on the Village Hall Management Committee

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs Scott be nominated to serve on the Village Hall Management Committee.

96 **Finance**

RESOLVED:1 that the following payments, approved by the Chairman on 1st August 2011, be noted:

Payments approved on 1st August 2011		
1636	DALC - Cllrs training	158.40
1637	P Acca - works to Youth Club	6,903.88
1638	Market Carpets Youth Club	304.00
1639	Mrs L Doak YC Wages (CANCELLED)	0.00
1640	Concorde Copiers Toner	49.15
1641	Miller Signs - Chairman's Board	144.00
1642	Optima Graphics July Herald printing	247.00
1643	Mrs C Edworthy wages July	186.00
1644	A J Le Riche Salary & Expenses July	1,513.16
	TOTAL	9,505.59

2 that the following payments be approved;

1645	Cllr Mrs Scott - mileage to Sidmouth	10.00
1646	SWW Toilets	563.54
1647	EDF Energy, lighting in Candy's Field	87.68
1648	British Gas youth club	11.44
1649	NALC - Local Council Review	15.50
1650	Gardencare (Marsh green) Grass cutting	180.00
1651	Mrs C Edworthy pay for August	186.00
1652	A J Le Riche Salary & expenses for August	699.35
1653	Zurich Insurance Annual premium	1,460.09
1654	Newton Pop. & Harpford PC Toilet supplies	135.12
		3,348.72

97 **Financial summary**

The Council received the following financial summary

Opening balance at 1st April 2011	3,697.95
Receipts	<u>19,809.28</u>
Total receipts	23,507.23
Transfer from dep ac	<u>0.00</u>
Total paid in to current ac	23,507.23
less, Payments	19,436.90
Net balance	4,070.33
Receipts not on statement:	-120.00
Unpresented cheques	9,510.59
Balance per Bank Statement 22nd July 2011	13,460.92
Deposit Account	
Balance at 01/04/2101	10,145.68
Interest to August 2011	4.22
Transfer to current ac	0.00
Total	10,149.90

98 **Budget monitoring report**

The Council received a budget monitoring report.

99 **Matters raised by Councillors**

Cllr Eastley reported a regular occurrence of cars parked by the Slipway at Sowden End and for bicycles to be laid across the road.

RESOLVED: that this be reported to WPCSO Sarah Trayhurn with a request for temporary signage
Cllr Atkins expressed concern that no grant was to be given to the CAB. Other members expressed similar support.

RESOLVED: that this matter be considered further at the next meeting (19th September 2011)

Cllr Bailey asked when the seat would be returned to Pound Corner. The Chairman replied that the seat was ready but it depended on DCC moving the Grit Bin.

Cllr Bailey reported that several rails were broken along the Exe estuary Cycle / Walkway. The Clerk was asked to report this to DCC.

Cllr Atkins suggested that the Salt Bin on Burgmanns Hill could be moved to the other side of the road. This would meet with the approval of the householders.

Cllr Mrs Beatty reported that football players were kicking the ball against the Youth Club building as they left the changing rooms and felt that this would result in damage to the cladding.

RESOLVED: that Lympstone FC be requested to ask players to stop this practice.

Cllr Mrs Beatty reported on a recent practice of having BBQ's on Cliff Field.

RESOLVED That this be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr Longhurst reported that Mrs Jane Moffatt had informed him that Awards4All had been given an extra £4m and therefore the Council should consider possible grant applications.

Cllr Longhurst gave his apologies for the next Meeting and asked the Chairman to lead on Planning items.

100 Report by County Councillor

Cllr Hughes reported that:

DCC Officers had recommended that there was no need to provide a 'Stop' line at the bottom of Station Hill as there was no history of accidents. However, Cllr Hughes had responded to say that this was a totally unsatisfactory response.

A pedestrian crossing was to be provided on Exmouth Road, over the brow to the north of the garage. He was glad to hear that the grit bins had arrived. He offered funding for more if needed.

RESOLVED: that this be included on the next agenda (19th September 2011)

Cllr Acca reported that plans were being drawn up for extra parking at the Village Hall and local contractors were being asked to give prices for the work. Cllr Hughes would be kept informed of progress.

The new Team structure in the County Environment Directorate seemed to producing more action. There still was no favour for a 20mph Zone as this would not be enforced by the Police. Cllr Eastley reminded Cllr Hughes that there were now many more cyclists and pedestrians in the lower part of the Village.

101 Items for information, Copies were available at the meeting:

- a. The Clerk magazine July 2011
- b. Clerks and Councils Direct September 2011
- c. Exe Press Summer 2011
- d. The Playing Field Summer 2011
- e. DALC Newsletter July / August 2011
- f. Everyone's Tomorrow, Senior Council for Devon Newsletter July 2011
- g. Otter to Exe group of Parishes Notes of a meeting held on 21st June 2011
- h. EDDC Guide to S106 funding

Chairman