

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON  
MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

Also Present: 25 members of the public; the press Mr Moody and Don Mildenhall for specific parts of the meeting. District Councillor Ben Ingham, County Councillor B. Hughes

Apologies: Cllr D Young and the Police

**48 Public Session**

A large group of residents of Glebelands attended the meeting to object to the possibility of development of land adjoining this area. A petition signed by 61 residents was presented. They commented that the access was not wide enough for development there was a public footpath across the site and it was unlikely that any houses would be affordable by local people. In recent cases only 2 social housing units had been let to people with local connections.

The Chairman informed the residents that this was an enquiry only at the moment and that a group of Councillors had met the developer to hear of his proposals. When a formal application was submitted, there would be the chance to consider the detail and make representations to EDDC, who would be the decision makers. Any planning application would be considered at a meeting of the Parish Council in public and meetings were advertised on the notice boards.

Another group of residents attended the meeting to hear about the resubmission of a planning application in relation to the development of land off Courtlands Lane.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Bailey had declared a prejudicial interest in this application and would not be attending this part of the meeting.

Cllr Longhurst had led the opposition to this application on its first submission. He summarised the changes, being the removal of the care home, increased public open space and the closure of Courtlands Lane. There was a considerable amount of information submitted as part of the application.

The previous application had been refused on ten grounds. He did not see that the proposed changes made any significant difference to this new application, which the Parish Council would consider at its next meeting. There was some discussion as to actions residents might take in the meantime in order to gauge public opinion regarding the resubmitted application and it was AGREED that a Village meeting should be held at 8.00pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011, in the Village Hall.

**49 Planning Applications**

Cllr Longhurst reported that the application for an advertisement sign at the Post Office had been refused.

50 **Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

51 **HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations 2012**

Mr Moody attended the meeting for this item. He reported receipt of a letter from the Lord Lieutenant asking the Parish Council to start preparations for events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. The celebrations would run from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012 with the theme of a Big Jubilee lunch on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, and a Thanksgiving Service on 5<sup>th</sup> June. There would be a series of Beacons around the country.

Cllr Atkins had asked for the Parish Council to take the lead on setting arrangements in process and suggested that a meeting of Village organisations from which a local group would be formed to co-ordinate activities. These could include a big lunch in Candy's Field, a sports event and a 'Songs of Praise service.

The Council were reminded that the VHM were considering reviving the 'Lympolympics' and this would be good sporting event for the celebrations.

Cllr Garratt also suggested that the Village should consider legacy to celebrate the Jubilee.

Mr Moody agreed to continue his involvement in the planning for events.

RESOLVED: 1 that the Parish Council takes the lead on setting the process in motion for major village celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

2 that a meeting of Village organisations be held in Mid July.

3 that a letter of invitation be sent giving guidance on the celebrations and the ideas so far.

52 **Action Sheet**

The Council reviewed the action sheet.

Cllr Longhurst noted the exchange of correspondence regarding noise in Candy's Field but suggested that any significant noise after 11.00pm should be regarded as being unwelcome.

The Parish Council AGREED with this assertion and the Clerk was asked to continue correspondence on this basis, in line with the previous decisions. Cllr Mrs Beatty also agreed to raise this at the next Youth Club meeting.

Recycling Charges. The Clerk read a response from DCC regarding the imposition of charges for taking DIY type building materials to the Recycling Centre.

Damage to trees in The Rectory garden. The Clerk read correspondence from EDDC. Mr Tyrrell had pointed out that this correspondence related to three trees but many more had been ring-barked. The Clerk was asked to take this up with the Tree Officer.

DALC Presentation. A response had not been received from DALC regarding comments about the poor quality of the presentation to Cllr Atkins. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with the DALC office.

DALC County Committee. Cllr Bailey's nomination had been submitted but without a CV. It was understood that nomination papers had been sent out. The Clerk was asked to check if there was time to send a CV.

## 53 Business Items

a) Affordable Housing - Cllr Bailey reported that John Scott had submitted an article for the next Lymstone Herald and questionnaires for the Housing Needs Survey. It was AGREED that these should be distributed with the July issue of the Lymstone Herald.

b) Amenities - Cllr Acca and his son had weeded most of the flower beds. The new bench had arrived and was being prepared, ready to put out. There would be some shuffling of benches in different locations.

c) Youth Club - Cllr Mrs Beatty reported that the Wii equipment had arrived and was very popular.

The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in the matter of works to the Youth Club building and withdrew from the meeting during this discussion – Cllr Eastley in the Chair.

Cllr Acca had submitted a quote of £250 for moving the Consumer Unit to outside the project room. This cost could be met from savings elsewhere. RESOLVED: that the work be approved.

d) Gulliford Cemetery - The Clerk reported on the need to hold community events to support fundraising. One suggestion had been for a poetry reading event. Harland Walshaw could arrange this but asked if the Wildflower area could be cut to make more room. It was AGREED that this should be considered by the Joint Committee.

e) The Youth Club building - Cllr Mrs Beatty was monitoring the work by Cllr Acca and was pleased at the progress that was being made.

f) The Toilets - Cllr Acca. Redecoration was due this year. It was AGREED that quotes should be requested on a like for like basis. The electrical test was due and would be carried out in the coming weeks.

There had been more graffiti on the Meter box. It was also noted that the SWW building was in need of cleaning.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk request SWW to improve the outside of their building on the Underhill Car park.

g) Car parking at the Village Hall

The report of the Clerk was submitted together with a plan showing an area adjoining the tennis courts that might be used to provide additional parking. The scheme involved removing most of the hedge and erecting a post and chain fence approximately 2 metres away from the school fence to create a safe footpath. This scheme had been raised some years ago but had not been moved forward. Cllr Hughes could offer funding as capital works and road planings could be supplied free of charge.

The purpose of the scheme was to provide additional parking at the village Hall and possible provide parking for residents in order to remove some parking on School Hill, where problems had been experienced in the past.

This would be a Parish Council project but the VHMC and the Tennis Club would need to be formal parties to an agreement to carry out the works; both had given tentative support.

RESOLVED: 1 that the scheme be supported in principle.

2 that a meeting be held with the VHMC and Tennis Club with a view to reaching formal agreement regarding the design of the scheme, possible funding, future maintenance and future

use of the spaces.

3 that a public meeting be held to publicise the final scheme and to seek comments.

h) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Garratt reported that Brixham had received funding to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. He proposed to give a presentation on this at the meeting in September 2011.

i) Dealing with Winter weather

Cllrs Atkins and Young. A report prepared by Cllr Young was submitted. The report had been prepared after investigation of suggestions made by DCC and Snow Warden training.

DCC were suggesting that County Councillors could fund the purchase of spreading equipment which, along with the purchase and storage of salt/grit, would become the responsibility of the Parish Council. There was general concern about the Parish Council accepting responsibility for equipment and purchase of materials, which was a DCC matter.

RESOLVED: 1 that investigation be made into the possibility of entering into an agreement with a local contractor to clear the main roads in the Parish if necessary.

2 that investigation be made into the possibility of purchasing three salt/grit bins for location on sites to be determined, subject to funding by Cllr Hughes.

#### **54 Solar Energy in the Parish**

Cllr Garratt reported on the Feed-in tariff scheme which could give a long lasting income to the Parish Council. The only building available for this was the Youth Club and it was thought that the roof did not face the right direction to benefit.

#### **55 Matters raised by other Councillors.** - (These are not normally discussed in depth but investigated and considered at the next meeting.)

Cllr Bailey reported that the side panel to the bus shelter at The Saddlers was in poor condition. Cllr Acca agreed to investigate.

Cllr Carter enquired about Standards Training by EDDC. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.

#### **56 Items for the next business meeting**

Cllr Eastley would raise the matter of a wind farm and barrage bags (for flood prevention).

Chairman