



# LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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To All Members of the Parish Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Lympstone Parish Council, to be held **7.30pm** on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016** in the Village Hall. The business to be transacted is set out below. Members of the Public are cordially invited to attend and to speak in the open session. **Please note there is no meeting of the Planning Committee.**

A J Le Riche, Clerk to the Parish Council

## AGENDA

<b>1</b>	<b>Public Session</b>	<b>7.30</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>7.45</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>To receive any Declarations of Interest</b>	<b>7.45</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes</b> – To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	<b>7.50</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Casual vacancy</b> The vacancy has been advertised and no request for an election has been submitted. It is now open for the Parish Council to co-opt to fill the vacancy. (nb at the time of the agenda this is under dispute and so this may have to be deferred)	
<b>6</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b> <b>16/0397/LBC</b> External alterations to include reinstatement of lime render on north and eastern elevations, repairs to porch roof, replacement flat roof on rear extension, replacement of concrete tiles with natural slate, and replacement of inner porch door Malt Cottage Exmouth Road <b>Ref. No: 16/0425/FUL &amp; 16/0426/LBC</b> Alterations to external stud wall, modification of access and passage extension. Internal re-arrangement Sowden House Longbrook Lane. <b>16/0485/FUL</b> Construction of dormer on side elevation, 3 Underhill Close <b>16/0534/FUL</b> Proposed single storey rear extension. Rose Cottage, Church Road	<b>7.55</b>

<b>7</b>	<b>Planning decisions</b> 15/2905/FUL Extension to existing parking bay, and construction of retaining wall - Corner House Burgmanns Hill - Refused	<b>8.05</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Lympstone pre-school</b> Discussion on progress to secure the future of Lympstone Pre-school.	<b>8.10</b>
<b>9</b>	<b><u>www.lympstone.org</u></b> To consider the note circulated by Cllr Young (attached)	<b>8.25</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations</b> <b>a), Beacon bonfire on Cliff Field</b> 1, The beacon has been registered to be part of the national chain of beacons. 2, A quote from the fireworks company has been circulated <b>b), Celebrations on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b> – Cllr Mrs Clark to report.	<b>8.35</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Dinan Way extension</b> To receive a letter from DCC in response to concerns about consultation and changes.	<b>8.45</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Beating the Bounds 2016</b> To review the proposed date for this in view of a clash with the Garden Club Show.	<b>8.55</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Clerk's Action List – attached</b>	<b>9.00</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Reports by Lead Councillors</b> NP Delivery Group - Cllr Mrs Clark Estates - Cllr Atkins. Facilities - Cllr Acca Community - Cllr Young, with Cllr Everett Links with CTC-RM – Cllr Mrs Rogers. Lympstone Herald – Cllr Carter Village Hall – Cllr Atkins	<b>9.05</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Matters raised by other Councillors.</b> (These are not normally discussed in depth but investigated and considered at the next meeting.)	<b>9.15</b>

# Briefing Paper

Lympstone.org

David Young March 2016

## **Current situation:**

The current website is based on a commercial programme which, for any input other than minor ones, requires professional management. Professional support for the website has been withdrawn. In practice this means that only minor updates can be made to the site such as posting notices etc. No structural changes can be made.

The PC has a statutory duty to publish certain information – Dates of PC meetings, Agendas and Minutes of meetings, details of Councillors etc. - and a website is now regarded as a key method of publishing. As are social media outlets such as Facebook. I would argue that Lympstone needs to maintain a website for this purpose.

However, evidence shows that the ‘village component’ of the website is not supported by the community. It is very difficult to find volunteers to maintain the site and very few of the many groups and societies in Lympstone approach the website with material for publication – apparently preferring *The Herald*.

*From this I conclude that in future the website should be devoted purely to PC matters and general village news.*

## **Alternatives:**

A website represents the village to a wider community and should, at least, look professional.

There are a number of off-the-peg website providers which offer ‘professional’ websites such as one.com, 1&1 and wix.com. They all offer free website builders, templates and 10-15GB of capacity. Web hosting and email are not expensive – typically less than £5 p.m.

The PC currently ‘owns’ the domain [lympstone.org](http://lympstone.org) – which will need to be paid for while it is held. It would not make sense to change the domain name after many years establishing it – but it would not be impossible to do so.

However, all these ‘free’ sites require the website to be built from scratch and, if it is technically possible, porting the data from the existing site can be very expensive.

## **Conclusion:**

- The PC will need to decide whether it continues to maintain a website and for what is its purpose?
- If it is to maintain a website does it keep the existing site or set up a new one?
- If keeping the existing site is the PC prepared to pay for professional maintenance?
- Either way, the PC will need to decide on ‘who’ is going to
  - a. maintain the current site day-to-day or
  - b. build a new website from scratch and then maintain it.
- Then the PC is going to have to decide on who inputs data and what type of data to the site.
- The PC will also have to consider how it maintains the existing website data for future reference – apart from agendas and minutes it is mostly related to the LNP.

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Action List – as 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Minute	Response	Date Actioned
52 Flagpole on The Green	Awaiting EA	27/7/15
96 EET	DCC yet again asked to proceed with ‘cobble’ Waiting to sort out Network Rail and Station Hill.	13/12/15
112 Candy’s Field	New bin arrived. To be installed this week, subject to agreement of owner of candys	15/12/15
126 Toilets	Electrician quote for timed locks awaited	
128 drainage	EDDC asked for information about valve outside Shear’s Place With Cllr Longhurst.	15/12/15
147 seats	New seats arrived. To be installed this week.	
152 Path from JM to the Village.	The builder from Jackson Meadow has been reminded of his offer to assess the costs for this	6/1/16
Youth Club	Works to improve entrance and corridor agreed with Cllr Acca and Eddie Mingo. Spec to be drawn up and put to tender.	6/1/16
185 Parishes Together	Application submitted for funding to raise the bridge at Pretty Corner. To be considered on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2016.	1/2/16
215 Footpath	MoD ownership to be checked. Route needs to be determined and works and costs to be assessed	
216 Meetings	Item for frequency of meetings on draft agenda for May 2016	
7/3/16	Rubbish in candy’s Field – not dumped by Chris Barnacle	
224 Police Commissioner elections	Included on draft agenda for 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	
Grounds maintenance	Contract awarded. Other tenderers informed	