**Report from Village meeting 24 January 2019**

**Note** (Mark Robertson)**:** *This is basically a ‘dump’ of all the comments/answers to questions from the boards on the evening – written on the sheets, post its or other pieces of paper. Apart from housing I have not included details of the questions since for the other topics they acted as a stimulus for comments rather than detailed answers. I have not included any verbal comments from the general meeting. I have grouped comments by ‘theme’ to some extent where this seemed helpful and altered spelling and some punctuation but otherwise the record is in people’s own words. On the few occasions I have been unable to transcribe a word or unsure this is indicated by [?]; I have indicated the number of dots showing support for a comment by x#.*

**Board 1: Housing**

**a)Response to questions:**

New homes do not reflect needs of community x4

No extension to our Built-up Area Boundary – X6 (but what about after 2031?) Yes I support no extension to Built Up Boundary otherwise we’ll end up with ‘urban sprawl’ to the main roads. The beauty of Lympstone is its fields x5

Continue to defend the Green Wedge and tighten controls over it in the NDP x9 Could some protection e.g. SSI or coastal protection zone not be given to Green Wedge.

Concern at the loss of about old buildings being demolished and replace by new builds x2 – but each case must be viewed on its individual merits/needs

We should try to counteract the conversion of bungalows to houses x1

A Lympstone Grade II list to protect the old houses x3(one comment that a Lympstone Grade II list and policy would ‘unfortunately not be officially recognised’)

(No comments against the question *how can the NDP best produce policies to meet the housing needs of our Community?* But other comments included 1a Goodmore’s Farm – item 2)x2

**b) Other comments:**

Need to understand what planning rules can and cannot achieve

Enforce planning permissions. Developers seem to do what they want.

East Devon/DCC must have policy – live in the county for five years before purchasing a house, not permitting sale of houses under £400,000 to epople outside of Devon

Not just a few ‘social housing properties on a big estate!

Definitely affordable houses x5, industrial units/small workshops x7

Affordable houses so youngsters can live in the villagex3 – shared owneership (not shared just affordable) x1. Affordable houses via Sovereign Homes

Affordable houses and accomodation for elderly included please plus community infrastructure

Retirement homes, affordable houses

Infrastructure needs updating

My mum has been trying to move into the village but as a single elderly pensioner there is nothing available, there is no movement for anyone of this age looking to downsize

We want infrastructure improved to cope with existing communities i.e. housing, hospital needs, road users, aging population

See that some new housing is appropriate for the elderly x3

Defend the green wedge and the heritage of the village x2

Defend the Green Wedge from any development, not just housing (Green = undeveloped)x1

The village is losing its identity. No more building outside the building boundary x2

Protection of the Green Wedge should be of the highest priority x4

With all the building replace some TREES

No more holiday homes x1

We need smaller houses- not huge ones which take up too much space for one family x1

Could ‘rules’ about sale of property to local people be introduced second homes to be banned x7

A limit is required (probably already met) for new houses of more than £1 million

The Lympstone Historic Houses Group still exists and its objects means that it has a concern about these issues

Do people really need 5 bedroom houses?x1

**Goodmores Farm**

There was support for the proposal that allocation of affordable housing to Lympstone residents must be honoured and that crossing places, off-road footpaths and bridle ways should be improved. Other comments:

Protect open country side

Goodmoores Farm needs its own facilities – shop, social centre – park. It’s too far away from facilities for the elderly so will become a young persons area so needs facilities for this

Stop building dead-end closes/cul de sacs

**Board 2: Flooding and water management**

Implement National Flood Management on all tributaries/watercourses in the Wooton Brook/within the parish

Plant more trees

With sea levels potentially moving in the next 50 years or so, is it sensible to allow houses in the lower levels of Lympstone, particualry if houses are designed to last 100 years or so.

Subsoiler use in local cachment. A subsoiler is a very deep plough that reduces soil compaction and improves the ability of soil to absorb watercourse

Drains full of earth all up Underhill (and elsewhere) always flooded. You have to own a pair of wellies

Some of the drains don’t catch the run off water as level/new tarmac roads avoid/miss the drains

Stop buildings/extensions, stop paving over grass x1

Can our green spaces and fields have trees planted in them to help drainage and to hopefully protect the land from building projects x1

Nutwell road flood- blocked entry points to village when flooded

Keep remembering ‘Upper Lympstone x1 Flooding at Upper Lympstone Military streets

Drains in upper meeting lane not able to cope with peak flows generated in heavy rain by water coming down Harefield road. What sea level rises are we planning for?

**Board 3: Getting around**

If no new road is being built to accommodate the extra traffic from Goodmore’s development Summer Lane will be impossible. Maybe one way or traffic lights at Cross?

Weight restriction on appropriate roadsx1

Car park at Saddlers? Pay to park and walk!!! x3

Saddlers car park – use as drop off for primary school children – mini bus to ferry to school x3 + secondary schools.

Graffiti clean up at Sowden End and on cycle path please

Living in the strand and having no parking space I find I can’t take my car out in the evening as there is nowehere to park on my return. Reinstate the Underhill car park !!

Surely we could reopen the temporary car park at least until further decision is made for provision?

Focus group on parking urgently required

Consider removing the garages on Gibralter road/Glebe close and replace with parking spaces and ensure move [?] parking area (Trafalger Road)

Investigate villages that have come up with solution for parking problems

Look at the Highway Code and note the legal restrictions regarding parking. Follow that lead.

Design Avenue Field [?] with car lanes for parking and enough space for white vans

No parking on pavements

Parking is a major problem for houses that are in the conservation area. A parking area is needed to alleviate this.

Parking in Longmeadow road is a nightmare

Parking is a safety issue – particularly on the crowded marine/council estate where vehicls park on both sides of the road and across pavements – so that people with children have to take pushchairs into the road

A 376 problem – no more development

Traffic moves fast on the A376. It is difficult to get out of the lane at the top of Strawberry Hill on occasions. As traffic lights would not be suitable at the top of the hill could SLOW be painted on either side of the road.

A 376 can’t cope, alternative route into Exeter needed.

Create two cycle tracks 1- by pass village which will suit more; existing track will only be used by those coming to the village

20mph speed limit through village x4 Other villages have it. Also through Sowden hamlet

One way system

One way system essential – double yellow lines (sadly) essential with someone in charge

How many houses have no parking – how many charging points will we need remote from people’s private house – 50,100?

Car chargers in main car park and at station

Display Strand Map under rail arch

Speed. No footpath on Nutwell. Danger.

Car share – pool car (electric)

Traffic lights or one way system for Summer Lane and Wotton Lane – for busy times only!! a one way system

One way system Strawberry Hill down from Church to Strand with exit via Burgamans Hill might ease traffic. Slower speeds!

Traffic lights at Courtlands Cross – or will roundabout be built? New road from Goodmoore’s?

Roundabout or traffic lights at the Strawberry Hill/A 376 junction. Dangerous to turn left there.

Look at Woodbury – No yellow lines, no speeding because of natural traffic calming

Get rid of the most recent yellow lines – will slow down traffic and create parking taken from existing residents x1

Item in Herald – reduce speed. Don’t bring cars into centre of village to buy a pint of, drop children at station – walk

When SW water asked people not to park the roads were clear. Where did all the cars go?

Reduced cost on trains to encourage people to train in

Community Bus. Somebody who is tasked to visit older OAPs to check and offer shopping etc. People walk more x1

Trains cheaper before 9.00, on time and more evenings

Bring to the fore the needs of pedestrians, especially on the streets, vulnerable and disabled and lonely scared people.x1

Station: Lympstone still needs ticket machine at station. ALRUG still working for this. Parish Council please add your support to help achieve this x1

Enough carriages at peak times

Pedestrians find cars always assume they (cars) should have priority

Hoppa bus round village to Exmouth, shops, sports centre

Protest and publicity

Transport needs of people away from the village centre are not the same as those in the centre

**Board 4: Social sustainability**

(one question about the source of the 24% over 65 figure)

Care home needed in Lympstone for elderly also sheltered accommodation block x2

We can assist the ‘Care in the Home Strategy’ by downstairs bathrooms/higher toilets on newbuilds x1

Loneliness answers many of the queues at the surgery x2

Clubs and societies important to maintaining social sustainability x2

Westbank run community support volunteers in Lympstone where we support with monthly meals etc. Liaise more so more local advertising. Hub?

Get speaker from Estuary League of Frei ds as means of (Topsham) community inclusion involvement etc

Using the area of development opposite the Church as a chance to create a Lympstone product [hub?]. Vegetable patch and community sheep?

Somewhere for teenagers to meet

Use CIL money to help kick start or sustain voluntary groups to help e.g. dementia club

Social hub to coordinate

Build a sharing and caring community – looking after our shared spaces and each otherwise

Establish walking groups to promote health and wellbeing

Loneliness should be combated by designing positive development to [force?] social interaction. For example new developments in Redditch (Churchill North)

Need some affordable flats for elderly population so they can stay in villages

Resurrect the ‘welcome newcomers’ annual gathering (with club reps there to chat). Used to be popular and useful.

Collaboration with pre-school/school – memory cafe/stay and play at same time?

Encourage support for local businesses, shop, pubs, cafe, hairdresser etc

Loneliness needs addressing

Are we trying to be a suburb of Exmouth

Are we in danger of creating expensive homes where people a) live in part time b) people hide behind high walls and gates and don’t involve themselves in the community – the older people are going to die and leave a show village that just looks pretty? (lots of societies are key bit they need the community to be involved

Work with the church on a welcome pack for new residents

Develop organisation like Estuary League of Friends. Support it via a community charity shop?

Too large a [?] village will not cope

Can we link people who are alone to the local school/preschool?x1

Assisted housing development for elderly?

**Board 5: Environmental sustainability**

Three votes for a non aligned presentation on non-fossil fuel energy delivery. Six votes of support for a policy for solar panels on new developments/extensions – comment it is law already.

Village/hedgerow/footpath/foreshore litter picking scheme – funded?

Signposts for footpaths

ongoing tree planting programme throughout village and its green spaces x1

More flowers – preschool will plant in new nature garden and along front of building (bee population)

Define sustainability

Glow worms in Lympstone in hedgerows and keep them safe

Individual [? ?] if discharging into Wotton Brook (for Stormwater flows)

Wildlife – would be good to have information on sensitive areas. Apart from estuary and heath data are probably lacking. Could see what DBRC hold. Could do surveys if we have expertise (I can do bird surveys)

How do we stop the green fields around the village being used for caravan/boat/unused car storage? X1

Keep some areas for wildlife – protected from noise and jobs x2

Yes to solar panels and eco housing. Read William Morris News from Nowhere about community and local sustainability

Mixed recycling (don’t ask households to sort it; it reduces % recycled

Terracycle – toothpaste etc. Plastic x1

Become a plastic free village/community x5

Solar and battery storage in all new homes (‘powerwall)Provide workshops on green living – reduce, reuse, recycle

Plastic reduction! Litter picks for waste, milk hub in shop to get milk from renewable containers x3

Wind generation would be a good idea x1 (one person seemed to disagree)

Wind generators are a good idea, but beware they can be noisy in a quiet village x3

Support wind and solar generation as long as in scale and run by and for the community not for large company to profit from

Link with Transition Exmouth

Where would a solar farm go

Ground source that pumps for all development with large enough gardens

Solar street lighting

Tidal power? Underwater turbines?

Old peoples home, community nursery, keep bungalows and [?]

Encourage people not to pave over gardens

Please do not remove any more trees x4

Improve playpark in Candy’s field

**Board 6: Economic sustainability**

A shared office/workshop space would be welcome, which could also run sessions for community crafts etc x1

Workshops/storage for small business and other units like Woodbury Business Park x3 – added comment – at Goodmores

Provide office space at Goodmore’s with creche attached to allow mothers (for example) to work a day or two a week knowing that their babies/toddlers will be cared for x2

Room/building for small businesses to have table space to work on their computer – shared space with other small business providers. Needs good internet. X3

Improve dire internet/mobile phone connection in lower Lympstone – the west side of the railway bridge x1

Pubs during the day and club i.e. sailing can offer space for home working x3

If there was a care home for the elderly that would create more jobs and could link to other areas of the community such as the school/preschool

Establish a creative hub x2 Local repair cafe?

Start a working group of people who work from home/close to home – or who would like to

Parking for commercial vehicles (not on highway)

Lympstone CIC

Village website does no more that dull list of businesses

100 mb internet coming in 2019

A section on what is special and unique about Lympstone

Incentivise renewable energy at a local level e.g. wind turbine/water generation and solar all strong possibilities for Lympstone

**Board 7 How can we involve the whole community**

young people need own Lympstone Facebook page.

Village website has Facebook and twitter presence

A framework to spark discussion on social media. We have a ‘growing up in Lympstone’ Facebook page with about 400 members.

Vicki d/Susan B - links to young community – happy to share/promote

Online questionnaires

Facebook page/twitter – linked to I love Lympstone x1

Make sure those who don’t Lympstone Herald delivered get all correspondence (edges of village especially on main road)

Identify the groups of villagers not represented in this forum and organise focus group sessions on their turf – where they feel comfortable

All the information on slides/presentations should be made available online so that all villagers can see this. Also some hard copies for those who don’t use the internet (through PC). Not everyone has access to a PC.x3

The Lympstone Herald is a useful vehicle for community involvement and information

I feel that we do not recognise that Lympstone is made up of several communities – the village centre, Courtlands Lane, A376 etc. People in the further out areas need their own facilities -they may not come into the village centre all that much

Lots of important topics not on these boards

Event on Candy’s field – funday different groups with stalls to encourage community to join in and get feedback on the plans x1

I like the idea of holding focus groups again, to explore the proposed ideas

Cascade info through clubs e.g. tennis, yacht

Support events e.g. advertising

Focus needed on plan to develop/exploit village hall – both generally and to facilitate NP

A community ‘action’ group – to help keep our village well cared for and promote accessibility to the whole community

Maybe it is worth returning to questions like ‘what makes Lympstone special? Why do people want to live here? Etc to provide some guidelines general directions etc

Find a common denominator to break the ice!

PC needs to be available at a public building (GP’s)

Stronger link with Marine community worker to encourage families to be involved x3

Tourism - no mention. It’s important to the village but we need to control this. Second homes/rental properties. How do we minimise these?

Community each other

Community what we have

Community we are rich in each other

Open air static fitness equipment in Candys. Free to use and organise group meets in village

Arts and craft space - ‘shed’ for tools etc. Repair cafe.

Mix family and retirement housing

Resist gentrification