**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 1ST APRIL 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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| PRESENT: | |
| **Councillors** | D Atkins, C Ducker, P Corcos, H Dimond, K Hill and K Rogers (Vice Chairman) |
| **Clerk** | Miss L Tyrrell |
| **County Councillors** | R Scott |
| **District Councillors** | B Ingham |
| **Public** | 32 members |

**Public Session**

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone present and invited the public to speak.

A resident asked about the following:

* The Workshop – he was deeply concerned about the sewage outlet in the brook as on the main planning application the sewer was supposed to go into the main sewer. The outlet pipe is going straight into the area of the Brook where the children play. The health of the brook is deteriorating at an alarming rate. He had written to EDDC and did not understand why this was still allowed to happen. The applicant had found a loop hole in the law and wanted to know how this was acceptable? Cllr Rogers explained that the PC had tried their hardest in bringing this to the attention of the authorities but ultimately EDDC was the governing body. Cllr Dimond added that she had spoken to Steve Sartain from EDDC and they were now taking enforcement action. The EA. EDDC have expressed no concern regarding the sewer plant and outlet. Cllr Dimond explained that the PC could only accept what the EA and pollution officers had said. The resident continued to explain that the pipe is blowing off when the stream is at a low level and the discharge at full bore for several seconds and will ultimately cause more pollution.

**219** *(Due to time constraints, this item was brought forward:)*

**Devon Carers Presentation:** Nina Parnell from Westbank, Devon came and presented tackling loneliness from the very young to the elderly.

**‘Working Together To End Loneliness’**

*“I cry every morning when I put my legs out over the bed, as I know it will be*

*another day that I will spend alone”*

The Commission on Loneliness which was first set up by the late MP, Jo Cox, has highlighted that loneliness is seen by many as one of the largest health concerns we face.  In the spring of 2018, the government appointed a Minister for Loneliness, to tackle the nationwide issue which affects around nine million people across the UK.

**Identified health risks include:**

* Loneliness is likely to increase your risk of death by 29%.
* Loneliness, living alone and poor social connections are as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.
* Lonely people are more likely to suffer from dementia, heath disease and depression.
* Loneliness is worse for you than obesity.

For organisations such as Westbank, which deliver services across the Woodbury, Exmouth and Budleigh (WEB) area, we witness on a daily basis the often devastating impact of loneliness on individuals and the challenges in generating activities to help make a lasting difference. No one individual or organisation can tackle this issue alone. Westbank have therefore taken the step to join the national drive to end loneliness in the WEB area. Our aim is to raise awareness of the issues surrounding loneliness and to explore ways we as individuals, communities and service providers can work together to improve the health and wellbeing of those people living in our communities who are lonely or socially isolated.

**How can you help?** Help to raise awareness of the issues of loneliness at your place of employment, school or college or activity/community group by requesting a short presentation from our campaign manager. Become a volunteer for one of the organisations listed at [volunteer opportunities.](https://www.westbank.org.uk/loneliness)  Remember you can give as much or as little time as you are able it doesn’t have to be a regular weekly commitment. Might any of your neighbours, family members or friends be lonely? Is there anything you could do to help? A five-minute conversation can make the world of difference to a lonely person.

* For further information please contact Nina Parnell, Social Action Development Manager  
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  t: 01392 824752 option 2 option 2

Visit [www.jocoxloneliness.org](http://www.jocoxloneliness.org/) for information about the Commission on Loneliness

Mr Jeff Russell from the Church added that they had put up funding from the Devon diocese to appoint a support worker to address three priorities: loneliness, adult mental health and mental health in primary school.

**220 Apologies:**

Cllr Acca, Cllr Carter, Mrs J Clark (Chairman) and Cllr D Young

District Cllr Longhurst and County Cllr Trail

**221 Minutes**

Cllr Atkins proposed the minutes were accurate. Cllr Dimond seconded. Unanimous.

*RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March and 18th March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.*

**222 To receive any Declarations of Interest**

None

**223 Clerk’s report (see attachments):**

**223.1 Correspondence Received**

The Clerk read the letter sent from the PC to EDDC and their response:

*20/3/19*

*Dear Mr Rose,*

***REF: 18/2743/FUL - Construction of single storey extension at The Workshop Longmeadow Road Lympstone Exmouth EX8 5LF***

*I have been instructed to write to you on the matter of the approval of the above application.  My members are at a loss to understand how this was approved when there were matters outstanding.*

*1)     The Appeal on the original Application No: 17/1168/FUL with the condition and reason.*

*The decision notice refers:*

***3.******The openings on the eastern, southern and western elevations of the dining/living room and kitchen, as shown on plan number 1753/02f, shall be non-opening and shall remain so in perpetuity.***

***(Reason - In order to clarify the permission, and to prevent further domestic incursion into the countryside to accord with Strategy 7 (Development in the Countryside) of the East Devon Local Plan 2013 - 2031, as well as the Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan).***

*2)     The implications of the insertion of a Klargester sewage plant when the original application was clear that sewage would be pumped to the main sewer only a few metres away.*

*Members are aware that legislation clearly states that where the main sewer is nearby it must be used.*

*3)     It is understood that a planning application is awaited in respect of the sewage plant.  It is clear that the system installed is, in my members and members of the public’s opinion, totally inappropriate in this day and age plus the fact that local children play and swim at the very point of discharge which I know has been seen by the two Officers, namely Mr Prew and Mr Sartain and workers from the EA.  My members require to be informed how this irregularity has been condoned by EDDC and not stopped.*

*Yours sincerely, Lucy Tyrrell*

*21/3/19*

*Dear Lucy,*

*Thank you for your email below.*

*Unfortunately we cannot refuse planning permission simply because a condition has been breached – we have other enforcement powers available to rectify that breach if necessary.*

*We are expecting an application very shortly for the sewage plant. In the meantime the Enforcement Officer has spoken to the Environment Agency and they have no concerns or objections to the current discharge from the site. I understand that any discharge is treated to the Environment Agency’s satisfaction. We will of course consult them on the planning application and seek their further comment and clarification.*

*In light of the above, and more particularly as the extension itself causes no physical or visual harm, we could not justify a refusal of planning permission for the small extension.*

*I hope that the above is of come assistance in explaining the decision.*

*Kind regards, Chris Rose- Development Manager*

Cllr Dimond reminded all present that since this correspondence EDDC are investigating the sewer outlet as no planning application had been forthcoming regarding the Klargesterplant and sewer outlet.

The Clerk read the correspondence received regarding the Exe Estuary Trail:

*11 March 2019  
Good morning.*

*I am a cyclist regularly using the cycle/pedestrian path connecting Exmouth with Lympstone. I am reporting the section of track between the railway bridge  crossed under from Exmouth, joining the road, where there is a sign saying so, and the estuary view point before the hill that leads to the village.. Here the track  has only room for one vehicle and is a blind bend. I have on more than one occasion had to take quite drastic evasive action to avoid collision with motorists in both directions. Can the council address this problem, ie by installing a mirror system allowing tack users to see around the bend. I consider this to be urgent as the summer season will soon be upon us and this location could potentially be very dangerous.  
Thank you*

Cllr Atkins highlighted the fact that the current mirror on the bend is damaged and therefore can affect the visibility of oncoming vehicles on the corner. District Cllr Ingham explained that the mirrors get damaged easily, even by simply leaning on it will cause a dent. He suggested that if a new mirror is purchased then it should be solid behind, so it doesn’t get pushed and dented so easily. Cllr Rogers proposed replacing the mirror. Cllr Dimond seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that a new mirror is purchased for Sowden End, and, Cllr Acca asked to reinforce the back with a filler.*

The Clerk read the correspondence received regarding the defibrillator:

*19/3/19*

*Hi Lucy,  
You may be aware that we have had a couple of sudden tragic deaths down here over the last week and a lady expressed her concern to me that she didn’t know how to use the defibrillator? I suspect she isn’t the only one who worries that it may be complicated.  
I wonder if you may wish to put a short price in next months Herald reminding people how is it is to use?  
Best wishes, Miles*

The Clerk explained that she had been in touch with the NHS and had written the following report for the Herald:

We now have three defibrillators in the village. One outside the village stores, one at the Village Hall and one in Churchill Court. The defibrillators at the village hall and Churchill Court both need a code to open – when you dial 999 the emergency services will tell you the code to open the defibrillator case. The defibrillator outside the village store does not need a code, it must be opened by turning in the direction of the arrows on the case. Once the cases are opened, remove the defibrillator from the case, there is an ‘on’ switch which, once pressed, the defibrillator will talk you through the necessary instructions to follow to aid the casualty.

***The key message and procedure would be to call 999 first.***

*Then to adopt the following:*

***DANGER*** *check for danger to yourself or casualty.*

***RESPONSE*** *Shake the casualty’s shoulders.*

***AIRWAY*** *Tip the patients head back and lift the chin up (head tilt chin lift)*

***BREATHING*** *look, listen and feel for 10 seconds looking for normal breathing. If not breathing or anything less than 2 normal breaths or a gasp or groan is not enough to sustain life.*

*CPR if not breathing or not breathing normally start Cardio pulmonary resuscitation. 30 compressions and 2 breaths.*

*If a defibrillator is to hand or someone is able to fetch one it should be applied to the casualty and the voice prompts followed.****South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust***

*RESOLVED that the Clerk include this report in the Herald regarding the defibrillator.*

The Clerk read the letter received from Mr Masterson regarding the burial ground gates.

Cllr Corcos proposed that Mr Masterson was invited to a PC meeting to explain his intentions. Cllr Atkins seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the Clerk invite Mr Masterson (or a nominated person) to the PC meeting in June to explain his proposals and actions.*

***223.2* New padlock for Cliff Field**

Cllr Acca had requested a new replacement lock with 8 keys for the gate at Cliff Field. Cllr Atkins proposed to buy a new lock. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that Cllr Acca purchase a new lock and 8 keys for Cliff Field.*

**223.3 ROSPA Play Safety inspection**

The Clerk highlighted the main findings from the inspection report. Cllr Atkins suggested a meeting was needed onsite with all Cllrs to discuss the findings and take the next steps and ideas to EDDC. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the Clerk to discuss ways forward with EDDC to discuss the spending of CIL money (review in June meeting).*

**223.4 Clerks Pay Review**

The Clerk left the room. Cllr Atkins read his report to all members:

*Chairman, members, Clerks renumeration annual review as per the Joint Council on Salaries of Parish Clerks from April 1st 2019, as agreed by NALC and SLCC dated December 2018. As forwarded by Lucy. I propose that the hours of work are increased to 20 hours per week to cater for the ever increasing work load and to include work in connection with the review and up date of the NP (extra meetings of the committee which are not covered by the Grant). We have now revised salary proposals as referred to above and accepted by government. I therefore have reviewed the SCP scales 16/17 to 18, now to be known as the new SCP 7at the rate of £10.16 per hour. This provides a gross salary of £10,992 per annum.*

*I have also revised the allowable expenses (not taxable) and wish to propose the figure of £826.00per annum. £68.83 per month, using the Clerks home as an office. The mileage allowance is set at 45p per mile in line with HMRC rules. The phone and broadband is then paid on the basis of 70% of the total monthly charge or as agreed by Council.*

*Alderman and Cllr DG Atkins.*

The proposals were seconded by Cllr Rogers. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the Clerks hours to increase to 20 per week with increase in the proposed pay and non taxable allowances (as set out above).*

* 1. **Housing Need Survey**

This was unanimously agreed to postpone until further notice.

*RESOLVED that the Clerk to contact Janice Alexander, the housing need officer and defer the survey.*

**223.****6 Emptying of litter and dog bins**

The clerk read the letter received from EDDC notifying the increase in costs of emptying litter and dog bins. These were noted by the council. Effective from 1st April 2019:

Collection once a week - £87.50per bin

Collection twice a week - £175.00per bin

Collection three times - £250.00per bin.

* 1. **Notices of election**

The Clerk explained these notices had been displayed in the public notice boards and on the website on 22nd March 2019.

* 1. **A statement of persons nominated notice**

The Clerk explained this notice would be received from EDDC and made public on the 4th April 2019.

* 1. **Finance**

The Clerk asked if anyone could recommend an internal auditor since the passing of Mr David Hinchcliffe.

*RESOLVED the Clerk to meet with Cllr Atkins to discuss identifying a new internal auditor.*

Cllr Atkins proposed to approve the payments and receipts. He noted the financial summary and budget report. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:*

**Payments (Feb 2019)**

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| 04/03/19 | Miller Signs Exmouth - 3 Sign panels for Burial Ground | £93.60 |
| 04/03/19 | Mrs C Edworthy - Wages February 2019 | £219.24 |
| 04/03/19 | Miss L Tyrrell salary & expenses February 2019 | £730.89 |
| 04/03/19 | HMRC - Tax and NI February 2019 | £130.80 |
| 04/03/19 | Gener8 Finance Ltd - Express fire & Security: YC | £294.00 |
| 04/03/19 | opitma graphics | £398.00 |
| 04/03/2019 | EDF - electricity for lights in toilets REF: 671024465401 | £27.00 |
| 04/03/19 | PLUSNET | £39.98 |
| 15/03/19 | EDF - electricity for lights in Candy's Field REF: 9208111111 | £64.59 |

**Receipts (Feb 2019)**

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| 04/03/2019 | FPI | Lympstone Herald Advert - Kennedy | 25.00 |
| 06/03/2019 | FPI | Lympstone Herald Advert - Peter Tosh Optica | 25.00 |

**Financial summary (March 2019):**

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| Balance on 21 February 2019 | £50,525.62 |
| Total Paid In | £95.00 |
| Total Paid Out | £66.98 |
| Balance on 10 February 2019 | £50,553.64 |

**Budget Monitoring (Feb 2019):**

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| **Code** | **Item** | **Budget** | **Spent** | **Balance** |
| 10 | VAT | 0.00 | 263.88 | -263.88 |
| 100 | S137 \* | 1,000.00 | 565.97 | 434.03 |
| 101 | Other Grants | 1,600.00 | 0.00 | 1,600.00 |
| 201 | Clerk's Salary | 10,000.00 | 3,260.35 | 6,739.65 |
| 203 | Office expenses | 1,200.00 | 505.69 | 694.31 |
| 208 | Village Hall Hire | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| 209 | Miscellaneous | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| 301 | Chairman's Allowance | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| 302 | Subs | 525.00 | 437.74 | 87.26 |
| 307 | Courses, Travel etc | 250.00 | 65.00 | 185.00 |
| 308 | Insurance, Audit, Elections | 2,000.00 | 100.00 | 1,900.00 |
| 313 | Miscellaneous inc Beacon bonfire | 50.00 | 166.60 | -116.60 |
| 400 | Herald Printing | 4,000.00 | 1,190.00 | 2,810.00 |
| 602 | Grass Cut 2\* | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,000.00 |
| 605 | Other Maintenance | 500.00 | 1,102.00 | -602.00 |
| 608 | General tree work inc Candys Field | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 612 | Bin emptying | 225.00 | 350.00 | -125.00 |
| 616 | Benches etc inc Handyman | 3,500.00 | 0.00 | 3,500.00 |
| 618 | Notice Boards - Maintenance | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| 633 | Play Equipment Mtce | 1,000.00 | 91.00 | 909.00 |
| 640 | Lighting in Candy's field | 450.00 | 135.36 | 314.64 |
| 701 | Wages | 2,700.00 | 710.13 | 1,989.87 |
| 702 | Consumables, rates, elec | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 |
| 703 | Rates, Utlities | 500.00 | 72.58 | 427.42 |
| 706 | Repairs including decoration | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 800 | Burial Ground | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1101 | Youth Club Building Maintenance | 1,000.00 | 679.58 | 320.42 |
| 1102 | Gas Elec | 1,000.00 | 324.04 | 675.96 |
| 1300 | Website etc | 250.00 | 14.72 | 235.28 |
| 1400 | Adverse weather | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| 1500 | Gully cleaning and jetting | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 2100 | Parishes Together | 1,722.00 | 0.00 | 1,722.00 |
| 2300 | NP Projects | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 2400 | Cont to repairs to VH Car Park | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 2500 | DCC Funding | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2600 | YC Recharge | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
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|  | Total | 48,372.00 | 9,770.76 | 38,601.24 |
|  | Add VAT |  | 263.88 |  |
|  | Total |  | 10,034.64 |  |

* 1. **Clerk’s Action List**

Cllr Corcos highlighted the fact that the YC desperately needed a new double sink in time for their next hygiene inspection due in April.

It was unanimously agreed to allocate £75 to buy a double sink.

*RESOLVED that Cllr Corcos would ask Cllr Scott for the cost of a double sink and taps.*

*RESOLVED that the Clerk add to the next agenda: Wood chippings in Avenue Field from LFC for their use of parking in the field.*

*RESOLVED that the Council received and noted the Clerk’s action list.*

Lympstone Parish Council: Clerks Action List – March 2019

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| Month and Minute | Response | Date Actioned |
| March - Public Session | Cllr Atkins and the Clerk to meet and identify overgrown hedges in the Parish. |  |
| March – Public session and 195.1 | The Clerk contact District Cllr Longhurst and invite him to a meeting to explain the points raised. | 8/3 |
| Mar - 196.2 | The Clerk to work with the tree warden and decide on appropriate places. Review the decision with the PC in the Summer. |  |
| Mar - 196.2 | The Clerk to check with Mr Love that his public liability insurance does cover work including tree felling in a public place. | 22/3 |
| Mar - 196.3 | The Clerk to pay the grant request to Lympstone Pre-School and the Youth Club for the sack truck of £76.95. | Emailed VD/SB 8/3 |
| Mar - 196.7 | The Clerk to chase up the invoice breakdown with Gener8 Finance. | 6/3 |
| Mar - 198 | The Clerk contact the Contractor and ask him to defer the work on the trees until the Autumn. | 8/3 |
| Mar - 201 | Cllr Atkins to draft a letter and the Clerk to circulate amongst Cllrs. Once agreed, Clerk to send to the EA. | 17/3 |
| Mar - 203 | The Clerk to contact an NP EDDC Officer and discuss availability to meet with the PC. | Deferred |
| Mar - 205 | The Clerk to contact EDDC and report the wall under the Rag urgently needs repairing. | 22/3 |
| Mar - 205 | LPC clerk to contact WPC clerk for WPCs to assist FOGBG in their grant application. | 8/3 |
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| Mar - 211 | The Clerk to email the Housing need survey team with agreed amendments from the last PC meeting and commission the survey on behalf of the PC. |  |
| Mar – 211 | The Clerk to cancel the meeting with the VH on 25th April 2019. | 20/3 |
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| Additional actions: |  |  |
|  | Met with JC and KR | 1/3 |
|  | Arranged a joint Gulliford Meeting for 26/3 | 6/3 |
|  | Gulliford cemetery wall (ongoing) |  |
|  | Attended DALC ‘HMRC and PAYE’ training | 19/3 |
|  | Monthly Defib report | 20/3 |
|  | Attended DALC ‘Preparing for audit’ training | 27/3 |
|  | Met with JC and KR | 29/3 |

**224** **Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors** if any.

There were no reports received from District or County Cllrs. County Cllr Scott sent County Cllr Trail’s apologies (which had already been previously received by the Clerk).

Cllr Ingham referred to the NP review and was sorry that it had turned out the way it had. He understood why it had been postponed and felt the decision was justified. He believed that good progress had been made to date and that the momentum with the current focus group ‘Getting Around’ must be kept going and moving forward.

He explained that the boundary commission for Woodbury/Lympstone ward had been reviewed. EDDC had decided to add the ward Woodbury Salterton. Cllr Geoff Jung would be running with Cllr Ben Ingham as Independent. The Raleigh ward had been moved to Budleigh Salterton. Cllr Corcos thanked Cllr Geoff Jung for his help and support with the LFRG.

1. **Planning Applications**

**19/0436/LBC** – Construction of replacement rear extension, changes to internal doorway at 1 Lower Harefield Lodge.

**19/0435/FUL** – Construction of replacement rear extension (revised scheme to approved application 18/1211/FUL) at 1 Lower Harefield Lodge. ***SUPPORT.*** This scheme is similar to that previously approved and will provide much needed additional accommodation without seriously damaging the character of the building.

**19/0549/FUL** –  Demolition of existing two storey extension and construction of replacement two storey extension at Ivy Cottage. ***SUPPORT.*** This is a simple replacement of an extension in a poor state of structural repair.

**18/2589/MFUL** – Revised plans for: Demolition of existing polytunnels/greenhouses and erection of 10 dwellings, public open space and a car park for use by the church at Lympstone Nuseries. ***SUPPORT.*** These amended plans meet most of the concerns outlined in the Council’s earlier comments. The Council is disappointed that there are still no affordable or smaller properties in the scheme as sought by Policy 4 of the Neighbourhood Plan It is recognised that the development extends beyond the built up area boundary (BUAB) in the Neighbourhood Plan. In most instances the BUAB follows existing property boundaries but in this case it simply follows a rather arbitrary line across the site reflecting the original submission to the SHLAA process. The amended scheme does not extend as far beyond the BUAB as the original scheme. The dwellings are all within the area which has existing structures on it. The whole site extending to the Brook is also identified by EDDC as’ brownfield land’ . It is government policy to encourage the re-development of such land (NPPF para 118) The revised scheme now provides additional land for public open space adjacent to the Brook. This will provide a pleasant route to join the footpath to the East and soften the view of the development from Mill Field. Care has been taken to provide a green boundary to Plots 8-10 rather than a standard boarded fence.

The Council considers that the benefits of this carefully designed scheme outweigh the encroachment of the development beyond an arbitrary boundary line and meet the aspirations for the area expressed in the Neighbourhood Plan Policy 17.

**19/0592/VAR** – Variation of condition 2 (plans condition) of planning permission 18/0462/VAR (erection of detached dwelling and garage), to allow alterations to roof, addition of basement, external changes to approved scheme, including new garden boundary walls, Land On The West Side Of Exmouth Road (Longmeadow Road) Lympstone

The Council while not objecting to the amended scheme in principle,( although it hardly complies with the design principles set out in Policy 7 of the Neighbourhood Plan!) does have concerns about the surface water drainage. It is appreciated that the scheme seeks to reduce the run off from the site and that the existing totally inadequate linear drain will be replaced with a more substantial one. However the attenuation tank into which the surface water is intended to flow is not working properly and this should be rectified before any further surface water is directed into it. There are also concerns about the construction of a basement . This will involve considerable excavation and if the material is to be removed off site, the use of heavy lorries to remove it. The access is quite constricted and lorries turning in or out have to run over the pavement.

**226 Planning decisions**

Cllr Dimond drew all members attention to the Planning Application of the land at Meadowgate had been refused by EDDC.

*RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.*

**227****Candy’s Field grass cutting**

Cllr Atkins had written to Lympstone FC regarding the grass cutting of the pitches and whether they wanted to pay for the PC to cut the pitches or cut the grass themselves. All cuttings would have to be cleared. LFC agreed to cut the pitches themselves and clear the cuttings. Unfortunately, the grass cuttings had been piled up along the hedgerow of the field and the boundary around the pitches up to the hedge had not been cut.

The tree warden shared concerns of the damaged to the trees in Candy’s Field by the FC kicking balls up into the trees. He also explained that the trees would die from piled up grass cuttings that produce nitrogen leach and any surrounding flora and fauna. Grass cuttings should be left where it falls or collected up and taken away.

Cllr Atkins proposed that the PC should meet the FC on site to discuss these issues. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the PC and FC meet to clarify the land and boundary to cut and remove the cuttings. Discuss the protection of the trees with FC. In addition, PC and LFC to discuss the grass cuttings in Cliff field.*

Cllr Atkins told all members that GMC contractors had now stopped grass cutting and, therefore, for the present moment, the precise details of the Handyman’s contract must be discussed. Cllr Atkins felt Mr Tyrrell should cut the remainder of the grass in Candy’s field.

*RESOLVED that Cllr Atkins, Cllr Acca, Cllr Clark and the Clerk to meet and write up Handyman’s contract.*

The tree warden highlighted the trench that remained in Candy’s Field from when the Pre School was built remained a hazard and the grass growing could not be cut properly. He added that if it was filled in, grass seed needed to be sowed by April.

*RESOLVED that Cllr Young to contact David Cox (DCC) regarding the trench.*

**228 Exe Estuary**

It had been brought to the PCs attention from a member of the public the concerns of the mud removed from the boat shelter at the Harbour had been dumped further down on the shoreline at Sowden End.

Cllr Rogers expressed her concerns of what may be contained in the mud removed from the boat shelter. Cllrs Atkins explained that the EA could only look at the mud whilst it was being dug out and English Nature should deal with the mud after it has been dumped. Cllr Hill added his concerns of not only it looked unsightly but the dangerous fact that children could run from hard standing mud on to the soft dumped mud and sink. Cllr Atkins reminded all members that this is a recent initiative as it used to be removed and taken away. Cllr Dimond proposed that the Harbour Board was contacted for an explanation. Cllr Atkins seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the Clerk to contact the harbour board for an explanation of this issue.*

**229 20 mph speed limit in the village**

Cllr Corcos explained that he had received this from residents to be considered. Mr Stratford explained it would be looked at from the NP focus group ‘Getting Around’. He had researched the pros/cons for a 20mph speed limit and would send the Clerk the link to circulate amongst all Cllrs. Cllr Jung (WPC) had successfully had this implemented in Otterton and identified that most people kept to the speed limit. He suggested the best case Lympstone had would be the leverage of the cycle path and the necessity for slowing vehicles down.

*RESOLVED that Mr Stratford and the focus group would gather the necessary evidence and report back to the Council with their findings.*

**230** **Reports of Lead Councillor**

**Facilities and Estates** – Cllr Acca and Cllr Atkins

Cllr Atkins explained there would be a Village fete on Sunday 7th July 2019. There would be more information regarding this in the June edition of the Herald.

*(Rotated monthly:)*

**Communications** – Cllr Hilton and Cllr Young *(was Herald/Website)*

**Transport, Parking and Planning** – Cllr Dimond

Cllr Dimond reminded all members that there was currently a consultation document out on Affordable Housing and Heritage Assets.

**Community** – Cllr Atkins, Cllr Clark, Cllr Rogers *(was YC/VH/NP/CTCRM)*

A resident shared his concerns of why the PC and Church do not communicate and vice versa.

Cllr Rogers had reported a fence panel down to CTCRM as a security issue.

**Environment** – Cllr Corcos *(was Flood/Emergency/Allotments)*

Cllr Corcos wanted to ask Cllr Young to be the link Cllr for LFRG once he stepped down.

**Heritage and Structure** – Cllr Rogers and Cllr Clark *(was Gulliford/Exe Estuary)*

Cllr Rogers reported that the foundations of the fallen wall repair at Gulliford Burial Ground were laid. She added that the FOGBG were in the process of applying for a lottery funding grant for a repair of the entire wall.

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The Cllrs discussed a suitable landing site for a military helicopter to land for the Primary School children. Cllr Atkins reminded all members that Cliff and Avenue Field were both the property of National Trust and the PC managed the fields. Permission would also have to be granted from the National Trust to use these fields.

*RESOLVED that Cllr Ducker would find out more details and requirements from the helicopter pilot and report back to the PC.*

Cllr Hill suggested that an informal meeting for new residents to come along and meet the community would be a welcoming initiative to incorporate in our Parish. Mrs Lyons from the Community Hub explained that they are going to be working with the Church and welcomed a project for ideas to target people in the community.

*RESOLVED that Cllr Hill and Mrs Lyons to meet and share community ideas.*

Cllr Atkins asked the tree warden his opinion on the dead oak tree trunk being left in Candy’s Field as a natural habitat. The tree warden explained that the dead oak contained Honey Fungus and recommended the trunk should be removed in its entirety so the spores from the fungus do not transfer on to the other trees, including the Lime trees and any new young replacement trees planted.

*RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Stuart Baker, the EDDC Arboriculture Officer and inform him of this.*

Meeting closed **10.00pm**

Chairman: Date: