

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY
6th January 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT:	
Councillors	D Atkins, C Carter, K Hill, K Rogers and D Young.
Clerk	Miss L Tyrrell
County Councillors	R Scott and J Trail
District Councillors	B Ingham
Public	9 members

The Chairman welcomed everyone back after the Christmas break and wished all present a very Happy New Year. She reminded the public they had three minutes to speak on any item on the agenda and invited members to participate.

Public Session

Mrs Lyons updated all members with the Community Hub group. She reported that there would be an upcoming VE Day celebration in May and added that they would be contacting all local school to participate. Additionally, other volunteers would be needed to support. A full article for the VE day event would be publicised in the Herald. The community Hub would also be organising many free events for the community, the first of these free events would be on the 17th January in the Village Hall with Jenny Moon for storytelling, songs and supper.

Mrs Carter reported that the Exe Estuary Trail group were looking into funding and future grants with a more detailed report being submitted to the PC in February.

A member of the public asked about the smashed car on a trailer outside the marine camp to warn of the dangers of drink driving. Although he felt the message was positive it was also a distraction to road users and if it was aimed at the marines then it should be inside the camp gates and not along the roadside. The resident added that the stones on the road at the Saddlers Arms had still not been cleared and the debris, which still posed a danger, had been there for 6 weeks. Both the Clerk and Cllr Atkins explained they had reported this to Highways after the last PC meeting. The resident also mentioned the new traffic lights in Courtlands dip were changing too quickly when pressed by pedestrians and did not give enough time for road users to react. The County Cllrs present added that they would investigate this. The resident also enquired as to why the boards along Exmouth seafront during the Christmas Day swim had not been removed. They were high and dangerous to climb over at the top of the steep steps and should have been removed for the large volume of people wanting to use the beach on the one day. District Cllr Ingham added that he would investigate this for the future.

20/01 Apologies:

Parish Cllrs Ducker and Eastley. District Cllr Jung.

The Chairman announced that Cllr Ducker had resigned due to family commitments. There were now five Parish Councillor vacancies.

20/02 Minutes

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

RESOLVED that the PC minutes of the meetings held on 2nd December 2019 and Part B minutes 19th November 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20/03 To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Atkins declared an interest in the accounts due to a payment to him.

20/04 Happy to Chat Benches

The PC invited a guest speaker, Mr Gary Winter, who gave a presentation regarding an initiative to get people talking and interacting with each other. *(See Appendix 1)*

The PC unanimously supported Mr Winters idea who would work with the Community Hub Group to implement and roll out this initiative in the Parish.

20/05 Clerk's report:

20/05.1 EDDC Parish Tax Base and Precept Letter 2020/21

Cllr Atkins proposed to agree the Parish Tax Base and Precept from EDDC of £47,000. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk submit the agreed precept of £47,000 to EDDC.

20/05.2 Grant application

Heathfield Allotments had applied for a grant from the PC of £642.00 for removal of the identified asbestos sheeting on site. Cllr Atkins believed it should not be granted. Cllr Rogers and Cllr Young believed the project should be supported. Cllr Atkins declared an interest and took no further part in discussions. Cllr Carter believed it was an important issue and the asbestos must be removed. A resident queried whether the sheeting had been asbestos tested to find out how contaminated the sheeting was. Cllr Hill explained that the sheets were not top asbestos but contained the dangerous substance and must be removed. The resident also queried the costs and questioned whether it was being disposed of correctly. The Chair of Heathfield Allotment Trustees, Mrs Corcos, interjected and explained that they had been assured it would be disposed of correctly. She added that the sheets were old and degrading and they had to be removed. She also added that the rents in the area were of the lowest for an allotment.

Cllr Young proposed to support the grant request in its entirety. Cllr Rogers seconded. Cllr Carter and Cllr Hill supported. Cllr Atkins abstained.

RESOLVED that the Clerk inform Heathfield Allotments that their grant application had been awarded by the PC for £642.00.

20/05.3 Gully Cleaning

LFRG (Lympstone Flood Resilience Group) with Cllr Atkins had investigated the gully's around the Parish and believed there were sixteen that needed additional work. Mr Corcos from FLRG explained that Highways were prepared to complete the necessary work if funds were provided by the PC. He added that DCC funds only allowed for cleaning gully's once a year on the gritter route and all other routes were cleaned once every three years. The funding asked for would ensure the highlighted sixteen gullies would be cleaned to prevent surface water flooding. He added that central government did not allow for sufficient funding to pay for this. The Chair asked for an approximate cost. Mr Corcos explained that he would liaise closely with Highways, schedule a specification with them and report back in a couple months to the PC with more information. A resident added that this would be the taxpayer paying twice for this service. Cllr Young explained that there was no funding available for the necessary works. Another resident added that they had not seen Longmeadow Road cleaned for many years and questioned what Highways did clean. Another resident added that it should not be up to the Parishioners to keep paying out for more and more responsibilities that seemed to be falling on the PC.

Cllr Young support the LFRG proposal. Cllr Rogers seconded.

The Chair added that there was excellent communication between DCC Highways and LFRG. Cllr Atkins questioned the route and felt DCC should be persuaded to complete more regular cleaning due to the unique complications in the Parish. He felt Richard Elliot from Highways should come out, go around and assess the issue. Cllr Atkins also thanked LFRG for all their hard work and effort.

Cllr Atkins proposed that a meeting be arranged with the County Cllrs, PC, LFRG; Mr Corcos and Mr Brewer, along with Mr Richard Elliott and Meg Booth Chief County Officer, before any PC funding was agreed. He also proposed that the cleaning route and time scale was established. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that County Cllrs would arrange a meeting.

20/05.4 Emergency Plan

Cllr Carter pointed out that there had been a lot of work gone into writing the plan, but it was incomplete in parts. It needed updating. For example, pg. 40 had missing important contact details.

Cllr Rogers proposed to complete the missing details and add the completed document to the next agenda. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk complete the missing information required and present in February.

20/05.5 Correspondence Received

Leaning Wall – Mr Douglas

The Clerk read correspondence received from Mr Douglas regarding a leaning wall that posed a danger between his property and Harefield Estate.

Cllr Rogers proposed to contact the Estate agent 'Mr Skinner' to highlight this issue. Cllr Young seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Harefield Estate.

The Clerk also updated all members on additional correspondence received regarding another dangerous leaning wall at Sowden House. The Clerk had contacted the owner who were being proactive to resolve the issue. The owner had contacted EDDC and was contacting Highways and a Stone wall specialist for further advice.

Cllr Atkins suggested that EDDC should investigate making another entrance to the property where the wall was deteriorating.

20/05.6 Finance - Payments / Financial summary / Budget report

Cllr Atkins proposed and approved the financial summary and budget report was a true and accurate account. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

Payments (December 2019):

02/12/19	DD	PNET3453454-1 REFERENCE: PNET3453454-1	£39.98
02/12/19	2651	Amplio Training - LFRG first aid training	£180.00
02/12/19	2652	Chairman Mrs K Rogers - expenses	£85.00
02/12/19	2653	DALC - AGM	£25.00
02/12/19	2654	Optima Graphics - Herald printing (Dec)	£438.00
02/12/19	2655	Miss L Tyrrell- wages Nov 19	£837.31
02/12/19	2656	Miss L Tyrrell- expenses Nov 19	£90.29
02/12/19	2657	Mrs C Edworthy - wages Nov 19	£234.90
02/12/19	2658	HMRC - NI Nov 19	£16.13
02/12/19	2659	ALRUG Annual Membership	£5.00
04/12/19	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671024465401	£31.00
16/12/19	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829135	£34.00
16/12/19	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829166	£56.00
16/12/19	DD	EDFENERGY CUST PLC REFERENCE: 9208111111	£67.97
20/12/19	2660	A Western - Nov	£511.25

Receipts (December 2019):

29/11/2019	FPI	Orchard Memorials BJS	140.00
29/11/2019	FPI	DCC DEVCOMMRESILIENCE - LFRG GRANT	678.44
04/12/2019	FPI	Herald Advert - M C Bragg Barton Lane Boxes	25.00
05/12/2019	FPI	DCC 4252835 LOCALITY GRANT FOR CANDYS FIELD	900.00
09/12/2019	FPI	Herald Advert - Lypstone Village Hall	50.00
16/12/2019	500405	Memorial	45.00

Financial summary (December 2019):

Opening balance 1/4/19:	59,756.00
Total receipts as of 31 st December 19:	113,682.08
Total Payments as of 31 st December 19:	51,653.32
Running balance as of 31 st December 19:	62,028.76

Budget (December 2019):**Expenditure**

Code	Item	Budget	Spent	Balance
10	VAT	£5,000.00	£1,367.81	3,632.19
100	S137 *	£500.00	£25.00	475.00
101	Other Grants	£1,000.00	£531.94	468.06
201	Clerk's Salary	£10,000.00	£8,747.31	1,252.69
202	Clerks Expenses	£800.00	£721.54	78.46
203	Office expenses	£1,200.00	£880.86	319.14
208	Village Hall Hire	£0.00	£0.00	0.00
209	Miscellaneous	£500.00	£0.00	500.00
301	Chairman's Allowance	£150.00	£85.00	65.00
302	Subs	£600.00	£625.78	-25.78
307	Courses, Travel etc	£500.00	£295.00	205.00
308	Insurance, Audit, Elections	£3,500.00	£2,043.68	1,456.32
313	Miscellaneous inc Beacon bonfire	£500.00	£6,995.47	-6,495.47
400	Herald Printing	£4,500.00	£3,738.00	762.00
602	Grass Cut	£4,000.00	£3,787.50	212.50
605	Other Maintenance	£1,000.00	£1,870.70	-870.70
608	General tree work inc Candys Field	£500.00	£692.20	-192.20
612	Bin emptying	£500.00	£686.67	-186.67
616	Handyman	£4,000.00	£1,040.00	2,960.00
618	Notice Boards - Maintenance	£100.00	£0.00	100.00
633	Play Equipment Mtce	£1,000.00	£167.50	832.50
640	Lighting in Candy's field	£600.00	£593.00	7.00
701	Toilets inc: wages, consumables, rates, elec, utilities, repairs	£5,600.00	£3,698.76	1,901.24
702	Flood equipment and Maintenance	£500.00	£635.30	-135.30
703	LFRG expenses	£500.00	£301.44	198.56
706	Gulliford Cemetery	£800.00	£9,260.00	-8,460.00
800	Burial Ground	£500.00	£125.00	375.00
1101	Youth Club Building Maintenance	£1,000.00	£283.03	716.97
1102	YC Utilities	£2,000.00	£1,125.29	874.71
1300	Website etc	£400.00	£563.00	-163.00
1400	Adverse weather	£200.00	£30.00	170.00
1500	Gully cleaning and jetting	£2,000.00	£0.00	2,000.00
2100	Parishes Together	£1,500.00	£1,575.00	-75.00
2300	Community Hub Projects	£0.00	£1,516.55	-1,516.55
2400	Cont to repairs to VH Car Park	£500.00	£0.00	500.00
2500	DCC Funding	£0.00	£0.00	0.00
2600	YC Recharge	£0.00	£0.00	0.00
	Total	£50,950.00	£52,640.52	-£1,690.52
	Add VAT		<u>£1,367.81</u>	
	Total		£54,008.33	

20/05.7 Clerk's Action List

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

20/06 Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors

Unfortunately, the Chairman announced that she had received a resignation from Cllr Ducker and that there were now five vacancies on the Council. The Chairman was pleased to report that the Heritage Lottery Grant had been applied for Gulliford Burial Ground and it was now a

case of waiting to hear if the grant would be successful. There had also been three letters of unanimous support from the local schools submitted with the application. She also added that the WI had successfully funded, obtained and fitted a new defibrillator at the Saddlers Arms. The Chair also proposed to call a public meeting to discuss the changes at the Village Hall on Thursday 30th January at 7pm in the Main Hall. Cllr Young seconded. Unan.

Cllr Atkins reminded all that from the 1977 charity commission letter; paragraphs 2 and 3 state that the Custodian Trustee is the Parish Council. He pointed out that item 3 clearly stated that the land is vested in the custodian trustee and held in trust for the charity. He added that the VHMC manages the Hall and LPC is the Holding Trustee for it. Cllr Hill added that the solicitor and the charity commission both agree that the CIO did not need the Deeds to the property.

RESOLVED that the Clerk book the main hall for the 30th January 2020 at 7pm.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report the date of the Public meeting in the Herald, local papers and produce posters.

RESOLVED that Cllr Young add this notice of a public meeting to the website.

County Cllr Trail wished all present a Happy New Year; he had noted all points raised in the meeting so far and would feed back with his findings in due course. He would also arrange a meeting with LFRG and DCC regarding the gully cleaning. He also explained that he was on the fire authority and would be attending a meeting regarding the options of the future of the fire service. Although he could not elaborate on what may be discussed he wanted to reassure all members that he would have the residents and fire fighters' best interests at heart.

County Cllr Scott highlighted that DCC budget would not be decided until February. There would be an increase of 6.5% interest and 4% of that would be found through Council Tax. Grants would make up the rest. The overspend of £30million had been reduced to £13million. The Government would be investing in SEND (Special Education Needs and Disability). Highways would receive a 3.5% increase to £56million. That included an additional £1million for drainage alone. Cllr Scott also reminded all present about the grants available to tackle loneliness.

District Cllr Ingham reported that it had been brought to his attention the difficulty in spotting pedestrians after dusk. It was politely requested that all pedestrians using the road at night; wear white or reflective clothing to ensure they are seen.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report the importance of being seen at night in the Herald.

Cllr Ingham added that he agreed and supported the PC in the discrepancy with the VHMC. He also added that Sowden House had previously received planning permission for a new drive but that was a different issue to the wall. He added that the development at Strawberry Fields was being debated at DMC and agreed with the PC views on this planning matter of objecting as it contravened both Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan and the East Devon Plan. Cllr Ingham felt that the 'Happy to Chat' benches initiative was a great idea and would also be fitting in the new Green once developed.

District and County Cllrs left the meeting at 8.42pm.

20/07 Planning Applications

19/2556/FUL- Proposed new agricultural storage building (amendments to Planning Permission 19/1247/FUL, to re-position building) at Land North Of Badger Down Marley Drive. Cllr Young pointed out that the amendments submitted were a minor change. He proposed to support the application. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk submit the recommendation from LPC to EDDC.

19/2640/TRE - T1, Walnut : remove large, low overhanging branch at Blue Haze.

The Chairman asked the tree warden his opinion. Mr Tyrrell believed the overhanging branch was low and a danger so needed removing. The Chairman proposed to support the application. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk submit the recommendation from LPC to EDDC.

19/2682/FUL - Construction of single storey rear and side extensions including roof terrace (revision to 19/2050/FUL) at 42 Jackson Meadow.
Cllr Atkins proposed that the application is objected on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk submit the recommendation from LPC to EDDC.

20/08 EDDC Planning decisions

RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.

20/09 Matters raised by Councillors

Facilities and Estates – Cllr Atkins explained that the Ash tree at the base of the lane between Candy's field bottom entrance and Burgmanns Hill, he believed, had Ash die back. He proposed it should come down and Mr Coleman from EDDC had agreed. Mr Coleman would inform the PC of a suitable tree replacement. Cllr Atkins proposed obtaining a quote for removing the current tree and replace with something more manageable. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain a quote for the removal of the Ash tree.

A resident asked about the overgrown hedges in the Parish and that soon it would be bird nesting season when hedges could not be touched. He added that many hedges are so overgrown that pedestrians must walk in the road to avoid the vegetation. He reminded all that people must remember their responsibilities when they buy a property to maintain it and its boundary. Cllr Atkins added that he would meet with the Clerk in due course to go around the Parish delivering reminder letters.

RESOLVED that the Clerk and Cllr Atkins survey the Parish for overgrown hedges.

Transport, Parking and Planning – Cllr Hill noted that the enforcement officer was due to visit more regularly over Christmas but had not seen a heightened present yet. He believed illegal parking was becoming more of a problem in the village. A resident asked if parking opposite junctions could be highlighted. The Chairman reminded all that road users must be considerate when parking and not to park opposite or near road junctions, only blue badge holders could park on double yellow lines for up to 3 hours. The Chair proposed this message of parking was added to the Herald and website. Cllr Young seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk add this info to the Herald.

RESOLVED that Cllr Young add to the website.

Cllr Atkins explained that recently the public car park had been full. He added that the Clerk had reported to EDDC and Network Rail the overgrown brambles on the railway embankment at the car park.

Environment - Cllr Atkins highlighted the information sheet that LFRG had written regarding the new pump, its use and maintenance. (See Appendix 2)

20/10 Matters raised by Councillors

No additional matters were raised.

Meeting closed **9.00pm**

Chairman:

Date:

Appendix 1:

20/04 Happy to Chat Benches – Guest speaker Mr Gary Winter

Happy to Chat Benches - Why the Need? There is clear evidence that loneliness is a major factor today in the UK, not only in the elderly, but equally with younger people as well. It has a major impact on people's physical and mental health.

Loneliness can be caused by:

- Change in your personal circumstances children moving away, loss of network of friends, difficulty communicating, sight, hearing.
- In the UK, more than a million older people say they are always or often feel lonely, according to Age UK.
- Silverline get over 10,500 calls per week with many callers saying that they are the only people that they are likely to talk to this week.
- Whilst there are many groups and societies, that help. There is for many a big hurdle to get over to start with. Its difficult making the first contact.

History of "Happy to Chat Benches" How did "Happy to Chat" benches start?

A lady called Alison Owen-Jones from Cardiff came up with the simple idea following a walk in a Cardiff park, she noted the following:

- For 40 minutes an elderly man sat on a bench in a busy City Centre park - alone.

So that is how it started.

They are already in place in Newport, Cardiff, Aberdare, Cardiff, Porthcawl, Altringham, Towns and Villages in the Medway area, Barry, Burnham-on-Sea, Barnstable, Jersey, Guernsey, Merseyside, and towns and villages in Greater Manchester. The list goes on...

There are also many places already around the world that have started these benches.

All these are being supported by Citizens Advice, Cardiff Council, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, with many other councils coming on board.

Word has spread through social media and now "Happy to Chat" benches are popping up all over the world - with the exact same words composed by Allison.



"Happy to Chat" signs have appeared in Kiev in Ukraine, Burnham-on-Sea, Newport, Tenby, London and Chester



Detective Sergeant Ash Jones awarded MBE, from Aberdare, said he was "very humbled".

People from Canada, the United States, Australia, Switzerland and Ukraine have contacted each other, all interested in copying the idea to get people talking.

Citizens Advice Liaison Team are promoting this around the world.

5 Benches in Jersey.



It has already set up partnerships with both Avon and Somerset Police and Gwent Police to have permanent benches across their areas and arrange volunteers to "chat-bench".

So What Next for Lympstone?

- Does Lympstone want to be part of this important activity
- If so we can highlight a number of benches that are in suitable locations around the village. Possibly 3 – 4.

Happy to Chat Benches - How do we tell people that these are out there for them

- Advertise in the Herald
- Social Media – Lympstone Facebook pages
- Posters on the telegraph poles within the village
- Talks and posters at meetings such as W.I, Playgroups, GP Surgeries, Village Hall, the village pubs, Café, etc
- So what do we need from the Parish Council. Support with the idea, your help getting it started, a little funding to produce posters etc
- I'm also looking for other like minded people who would assist me in getting it launched and keeping it alive

Lympstone Flood Resilience Group
Guidelines for use of Water Pump (Honda WB30)
December 2019

Purpose: The pump is part of the LFRG's inventory of flood equipment. It will be used to clear standing water in known local flooding hotspots at times of potential threat to property, and/or when pedestrian or vehicular thoroughfares are flooded or very difficult to access. The pump has a maximum discharge rate of approximately 1000 litres per minute which is sufficient to clear most small to medium areas of flooding.

Training and Use: The LFRG Leaders of the Estuary and Inland Team have overall responsibility for the training of Flood Wardens in the operation of the pump, (Appendix 1, Pump Manual). They will also decide when and where the pump is to be used, and the most appropriate route for the dispersal of standing water.

Storage: Subject to final confirmation, the pump and its accessories (flexible hoses, attachments and fuel) will be stored in a secure area of the Lympstone Sailing Club. Keys are held by members of the LFRG. After use the pump is returned to the Sailing Club. The pump is moved to its required location by a 4 wheeled trolley.

Maintenance: A Maintenance Officer (MO) is to be appointed by the LFRG and will be responsible for keeping the pump clean and properly maintained. Should any servicing or major parts be required for the pump, the LFRG will apply to the Parish Council for appropriate funds. An operating budget of £50.00 per annum for fuel, lubricants and minor parts is requested from the Parish Council. After each use, the MO or his delegate records the date, time, location, purpose and duration of use of the pump in the Log. (Appendix 2, Log)

Liability: The LFRG is a working group of the The Parish Council, and as such, its members, and the Flood Wardens, are covered for personal and third party liability when using the pump. Unauthorised use of the pump is not permitted.

Phil Corcos
LFRG
December 20, 2019

Appendix 1, User Manual

<http://cdn.powerequipment.honda.com/pe/pdf/manuals/00x31yg36100.pdf>

Appendix 2, Pump Log

Date	Time	Location	Purpose	Duration	Signature