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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 2nd March 2020** 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.

The agenda and all attachments can be found online at www.lympstone.org

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Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA

	Public Session	7.30
1	INFORMATION: Apologies	7.45
2	ACTION: Minutes To confirm the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 3 rd February 2020 attached.	7.50
3	INFORMATION: To receive any Declarations of Interest	7.55
4	Clerk's Report (see attachments): ACTION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Dog Owners Group – consider the creation of a group due to the heighten concerns in the Parish of irresponsible dog owners with the support of Ms K Arnett, EDDC Environmental Health - Protection Team ii) Public Toilet refurbishment – open tenders received iii) Budget heading – suggest a to ringfence £5000 for 'Immediate Response Fund' iv) LPC Internal Audit – agree the Internal Auditor for LPC's Finance DISCUSSION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v) Correspondence Received – Lt Cdr Alex Hampson: Permission to use Cliff Field for a Merlin helicopter landing in conjunction with Lympstone Primary School. 	8.00

	<p>INFORMATION:</p> <p>vi) Replacement bin in Candy's Field – Update from EDDC</p> <p>vii) Drainage Maintenance Responsibilities - Identifying who is responsible for maintaining and clearing drainage systems on and around the highway. https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/factsheet/roads-and-farmers/</p> <p>viii) Public Consultation - Three year extension plus minor variations to its Public Spaces Protection Orders for dogs, seagulls and anti-social behaviour in central Exmouth and Sidmouth: www.eastdevon.gov.uk/communityengagement/public-space-protection-order-consultation</p> <p>ix) Finance - Payments / Financial summary / Budget report</p> <p>x) Clerk's Action List</p>	
5	<p>ACTION: Free Tree Scheme from the Woodland Trust – Discuss the free scheme, decide on a suitable tree pack and locate space for planting in the Parish.</p>	8.10
6	<p>INFORMATION: Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors if any.</p>	8.15
7	<p>ACTION: Planning Applications</p> <p>20/0194/FUL - Demolition of existing walls and widening of existing opening to provide driveway (part retrospective) at Abbotsford, Longmeadow Road.</p> <p>20/0262/FUL - Proposed single storey extensions for restaurant, WC, prep area and rear lobby, installation of accessible WC at Saddlers Arms, Exmouth Road.</p> <p>20/0099/FUL - Construction of single storey extension and balcony, replacement door and windows and installation of new first floor side facing window at Shoestring Cottage, The Strand (amended plans).</p> <p>19/2819/FUL - Construction of single storey rear extension at 4 Malt Field (amended plans).</p>	8.20
8	<p>INFORMATION: EDDC Planning decisions - See attached list: February 2020</p>	8.25
9	<p>INFORMATION: Reports of Lead Councillor Any reports requiring a decision are attached. Facilities and Estates – Cllr Atkins</p> <p><i>Reports received as and when necessary from the following:</i> Communications – Cllr Young (<i>Herald/Website</i>) Transport, Parking and Planning – Cllr Hill and All Cllrs (<i>Getting Around Group</i>) Community – Cllr Atkins, Cllr Rogers and Cllr Hill (<i>YC/VH/NP/CTCRM/Community Hub Group</i>) Environment - Cllr Young (<i>Flood/Emergency/Allotments/LFRG Group</i>) Heritage and Structure – Cllr Rogers and Cllr Young (<i>was Gulliford/Exe Estuary/EET Group</i>) Report received from Mrs Carter, Trail Action Group (see attached) Finance, Grants, Funding and Compliance – All Cllrs</p>	8.30
10	<p>DISCUSSION: Matters raised by Councillors</p>	8.35

4) Clerk's Report:

ACTION:

i) Dog Owners Group

23/1/20: **19/05221/GNDGFO - Dog Patrol Candys Field, Lympstone.**

Hi Lucy,

Just an update regarding my visit to Candys Field, Lympstone on Monday 20th January 2020 at 14:15hrs, duration 1 hour. I noted a total of 6 dog walkers, 4 of them all had their dogs on a lead and were picking up after their dogs if the dogs fouled. 2 people were spoken to regarding the offence on failing to keep their dog on a lead and the information is as follows:

First offender: Lady with a small Jack Russell puppy known as ****, tri colour, was on a lead when being walked into Candys Field, but as soon as they reached the basketball court play area they let the dog off the lead to run. I spoke to them and explained the purpose of my visit and the strict rules to keeping their dog on a lead, the dog was immediately placed on the lead and they apologised. I did not serve a fixed penalty on that basis.

Second offender; Mr ****, had 2 x scotty dogs, 1 was on a lead and the other was not. When I spoke to him about the rules regarding dogs on lead, he explained the dog off lead becomes anxious and show signs of aggression to other dogs, I strongly advised that dog on lead is a requirement in candys field and that I could serve a fixed penalty of £80, however, I made the informed decision that words of advice were given at this stage, no further action will be taken.

NB: All the dog walkers were local to the area and are fully aware of the dog on lead signs, so both offenders chose to ignore them. I have advised that I am in the area again and witness or receive information of a second offence they will be served with a fixed penalty of £80.

Kind regards, Karen Arnett, Technical Officer, Environmental Health - Protection Team

23/1/20

Hi Lucy,

I found a pdf version of my power point for you to look at, it does need updating so if the school wish for me to visit during school assembly please let know. Also a copy of our daily wag.

NB: we provide to all children a copy of the daily wag, card 10 do and don'ts, wrist band and pencil they can take home with them and show their parents, passing on the messages.

Karen Arnett, Technical Officer, Environmental Health - Protection Team

ii) **Public Toilet refurbishment** – open tenders received

iii) **Budget heading** – suggest to ringfence £5000 for 'Immediate Response Fund'

iv) **LPC Internal Audit** – agree the Internal Auditor for LPC's Finance

February 2020: Sarah Jenkins, 7 Ross Close, Pinhoe, Exeter EX1 3UE Sejenkins40@aol.com

Appointment as internal auditor

I have worked as a Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer since July 2009 and have experience in smaller Parish Councils and larger Town Councils. Recent experience includes working as Deputy Town Clerk for Honiton Town Council from September 2009 to July 2017 and a one-year fixed contract covering maternity leave at Cranbrook Town Council from September 2017 to September 2018. From May to November 2019 I was employed as Locum Clerk at Moretonhampstead Parish Council. I am currently working at East Devon District Council as a Democratic Services Officer.

Since November 2014 I have delivered various training courses for the Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC), including New Councillors, New Clerks, CiLCA, Chairmanship, Budgets & Precepts and Planning.

I provide internal audits, locum cover and am a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

18 February 2020: **Quotation for Internal Audit for the financial year 2019/20**

To: Lympstone Parish Council

For the provision of an internal audit in accordance with proper practices as set out in the latest version of Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England. The internal audit will report on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Parish Council's system of internal control.

Cost: £200.00 (VAT is not applicable)

Mileage charged at 45p per mile from EX1 3UE for all office visits.

The invoice will be sent with the internal audit report, following the conclusion of the work, and is payable within 30 days from the invoice date.

DISCUSSION:

v) Correspondence Received

20/2/20 Aircraft visit to Lympstone Primary - 20 May 2020

Lucy.

I write requesting your help to arrange a Commando Merlin helicopter visit to Lympstone Primary, similar to the one that we conducted last year.

Having discussed the visit with Emily Mellor, we've decided that Wednesday 20 May 2020 is the best option and I'd like to ask for same landing site again.

I plan to include CTCRM and possibly a small number from St Peters as well. Can you help with necessary permissions for the Cliff field?

Best. Lt Cdr Alex Hampson, Senior Pilot & Executive Officer 845 NAS, RNAS Yeovilton

INFORMATION:

vi) Replacement bin in Candy's Field

10/2/20

Dear All

It was brought to my attention at Februarys PC Meeting that the bin at the top of Candy's field had still not been replaced. I have spoken with Streetscene this morning to chase this up.

I reported the original burnt out bin on the 27th October 2019. Streetscene explained to me that the bin use was reviewed on the 17th December as not required and the situation would be monitored.

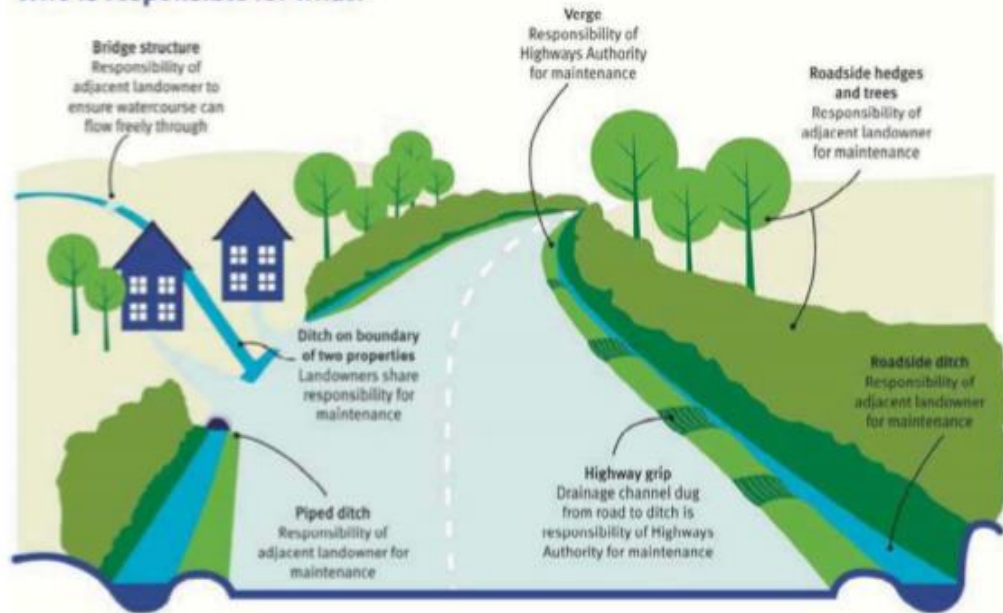
Therefore, if anyone reports the missing bin to the PC, please ask them to report it to EDDC and explain it is used and needs to be replaced. They will need to quote reference number: 931 422 to have it logged on EDDCs system. If enough people individually complain then it will put the pressure back on EDDC to replace it if members of the public feel strongly enough.

Thanks, Lucy

vii) Drainage Maintenance Responsibilities - Identifying who is responsible for maintaining and clearing drainage systems on and around the highway.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/factsheet/roads-and-farmers/>

Who is responsible for what?



viii) **Public Consultation** - Three year extension plus minor variations to its Public Spaces Protection Orders for dogs, seagulls and anti-social behaviour in central Exmouth and Sidmouth: www.eastdevon.gov.uk/community-engagement/public-space-protection-order-consultation

Have your say on East Devon's Public Spaces Protection Orders for dogs, seagulls and anti-social behaviour

Council consults on three year extension plus minor variations to its Public Spaces Protection Orders for dogs, seagulls and anti-social behaviour in central Exmouth and Sidmouth.

East Devon District Council is proposing to extend its three existing Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs), which it made in May 2017. The PSPOs largely incorporated existing controls relating to dogs.

Each order has a life span of three years, which is due to expire shortly. So the council is proposing to extend the existing orders for a further three years and at the same time take the opportunity to make a few minor variations.

Every Town and Parish Council within East Devon was invited to review the controls in their areas and request amendments. This process was completed in mid-January and the council is now informing the wider community of the requested variations and inviting people to make comments.

The orders being consulted on:

Require dog owners to pick up after their dogs.

Ban dogs from some public places, such as some beaches during the summer, and require them to be kept on leads in others.

Prohibit people feeding seagulls on or near our beaches.

Restrict certain anti-social behaviour in areas of central Exmouth and Sidmouth.

Local authorities are only permitted to make orders, which are likely to have a detrimental effect on quality of life and which relate to persistent and continuing behaviours.

Cllr Geoff Jung, East Devon District Council's Portfolio Holder for Environment, said: "Dog Control Orders have been in place for many years and these and the Public Spaces Protection Orders which replaced them have helped us to achieve a very high level of responsible dog ownership in East Devon, and also help to ensure that our beaches and promenades are clean and welcoming places for both residents and visitors. We intend to retain these Orders for the next 3 years to ensure that these high standards are maintained."

The consultation, plus current PSPOs, and proposed amendments can be read in full on the council's website www.eastdevon.gov.uk/community-engagement/public-space-protection-order-consultation

Please send any comments on the proposals to the Environmental Health Team by email: environmentalhealth@eastdevon.gov.uk or by post to Environmental Health, East Devon District Council, Blackdown House, Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, EX14 1EJ.

If you need a copy of this consultation sent to you by post, or in large print or in any other format please email: jbuckley@eastdevon.gov.uk or call 01395 517569. This consultation will run for eight weeks ending on 20 March 2020.

Richenda Oldham roidham@eastdevon.gov.uk

INFORMATION:

ix) Finance - Payments / Financial summary / Budget report **(to add...)**

Payments (February 2020):

02/01/20	DD	PNET3453454-1 REFERENCE: PNET3453454-1	£41.65
06/01/20	2661	Village Hall Hire for Community Hub Event 17/01/20	£20.40

Receipts (February 2020):

09/01/2020	FPI	THE LITTLE PLUMBING COMPANY (UK) LIMIT	135.00
14/01/2020	FPI	EVERNDEN D & J OLD DAIRY	126.00

Financial summary (February 2020):

Opening balance 1/4/19:	59,756.00
Total receipts as of 29 th February 2020:	54,187.08
Total Payments as of 29 th February 2020:	55,784.55
Running balance as of 29 th February 2020:	58,158.53

Budget (February 2020):

Expenditure			
Code	Item	Budget	Spent

x) Clerk's Action List - Lympstone Parish Council: Clerks Action List – February 2020

Month and Minute	Response	Date Actioned
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Sept – 19/56.8	Write to DCC on behalf of LPC to oppose the order. Clerk to also copy letter to Mrs Goddard.	
Oct – 19/68	106 Agreement – arrange legal advice with PC solicitors.	
ACTIONS from NT – S Fitzgerald and R Skinner 28/10/19:		
Cliff field	Ask both LFC and Scouts for their own risk assessments for using the field regularly. (LFC done)	6/11
Nov - 19/77.1	Identify further quotes for a full refurbishment of all fixtures and fittings.	26/11, 5/12, 16/1
Nov - 19/77.3	Amend the noted budget headings for the next financial year.	
Dec - 19/86.4	Contact the contractor already agreed to complete remedial works in Candy's field.	5/12, 10/2
Jan - 20/09	Add info to the Herald regarding illegal parking on double yellow lines and junctions	4/2

Feb – 20/14.1	Purchase a new post with an access code lock for the Green.	
Feb – 20/14.2	Add free training regarding Crowdfunding to the PC Herald report.	4/2
Feb – 20/14.3	Clerk submit a letter of support from LPC for LFRG.	7/2
Feb – 20/14.3	Forward Mrs Hawkins correspondence on to Mr Sartain	5/2
Feb – 20/14.3	Write to LFC Youth Chairman regarding roadside parking.	11/2
Feb – 20/19	<p>19/2833/FUL - Proposed re-modelling of chalet bungalow including construction of roof extensions and provision of cladding and widening of access to Hulham Road at Backenhayes Acres. LPC RECOMMENDATION: Support</p> <p>19/2819/FUL - Construction of two storey rear extension at 4 Malt Field. LPC RECOMMENDATION: Object on the grounds of overdevelopment and loss of light to neighbouring property.</p> <p>19/2707/FUL - Construction of 2no. two bedroom dwellings at Leighton Cottage. LPC RECOMMENDATION: Object on the grounds of overdevelopment, lack of parking (parking in pub is not a consideration), contravenes NP, impact on the water course, added overloaded sewage system, change of streetscene on entering the village, dangerous access to the highway; current road already too congested.</p> <p>19/1801/FUL - Demolition of Highcliffe Bungalow and Highcliffe Mews, and construction of one replacement dwelling at Highcliffe Bungalow Sowden Lane. LPC RECOMMENDATION: Object on the grounds of the balcony overlooking the properties below and the leaning boundary wall into the highway which limits the visibility of access.</p> <p>20/0088/FUL - Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage with workshop at Sowden Lodge. LPC RECOMMENDATION: Support</p> <p>20/0092/ADV - A refurbishment of the current signs at the Saddlers Arms. LPC RECOMMENDATION: Support. It was also noted that a resident had the original signage of the Saddlers Arms with their coat of arms. The resident welcomed the managers to view the signs if they were interested.</p> <p>20/0099/FUL - Construction of single storey extension and balcony, replacement door and windows and installation of new first floor side facing window at Shoestring Cottage. LPC RECOMMENDATION: Support</p> <p>20/0103/FUL - Construction of single storey side extension at 17 Birch Road. LPC RECOMMENDATION: Support</p>	RESOLVED that the Clerk submit the recommendations from LPC to EDDC. 5/2
Feb – 20/21	Respond to the request of ashes with either option available.	5/2
Feb – 20/21	Contact the contractor to remove the tree and stump.	7/2
Feb – 20/21	Send relevant information to Sailing Club and Scouts regarding community water taps.	5/2
Feb – 20/22	Contact DCC and inform them of the deteriorating stile.	5/2
Additional actions:		
	VH Legal info – ongoing	From 14/10
	Correspondence with Zurich insurance – ongoing	From 11/9
	Herald Report	4/2
	Emailed planning west with agreed planning decisions	5/2
	Building control Re: dangerous leaning walls	6/2
	VAT Claim	10/2
	Monthly PC Defib report x2	11/2
	Updated draft risk assessments regarding LPC public shared spaces: The Rag, candy's Field (inc vehicular access), The Green, Burial ground, Youth Club, Public toilets, Cliff and Avenue Fields	12/2
	Reported 101: vandalism in public toilets AR96601	13/2
	Reported:Devon Highways - Hazardous Trees, Leaning, unstable, dying or diseased trees - W201311551	20/2
	Met with KR and contractor @ public toilets	24/2
	Arranged meet with NT and Cllrs	27/2
	Met with KR and DY	27/2

5) **ACTION: Free Tree Scheme from the Woodland Trust** – Discuss the free scheme, decide on a suitable tree pack and locate space for planting in the Parish.

Tree packs:

Hedge

Make a natural screen or connect existing woodland to help wildlife stay on the move. You will get a variety of each species for 8 metres of full, easy to manage hedging.

For a longer length, our Wild Harvest, Year Round Colour, Wildlife, and Wild Wood packs also make great hedgerows and are available with 105 or 420 saplings.

Trees: 30

Species: dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple, dogwood

Size of land: 6-8 metres of double-row hedging

Copse

Plant a mini forest school classroom or a peaceful spot that's an oasis for birds. You will get 10 of each species for a small, tranquil copse.

Trees: 30

Species: silver birch, rowan, wild cherry

Size of land: tennis court

Wild harvest

Grow an array of fruits and nuts to produce your own jams, jellies, wines and more.

Trees: 105 or 420

Species: hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, dog rose, elder, rowan

Size of land for 105 saplings: 4x tennis courts or 20-25 metres double-row hedge

Size of land for 420 saplings: 1x football pitch or 85-100 metres double-row hedge

Year-round colour

Enjoy beautiful blossoms, bright berries and stunning autumn displays.

Trees: 105 or 420

Species: hawthorn, dogwood, wild cherry, silver birch, rowan, hazel

Size of land for 105 saplings: 4x tennis courts or 20-25 metres double-row hedge

Size of land for 420 saplings: 1x football pitch or 85-100 metres double-row hedge

Working wood

Fuel a log burner in 7-10 years, or channel your creativity and learn to carve or weave willow.

Trees: 105 or 420

Species: rowan, silver birch, wild cherry, common oak, field maple, grey willow

Size of land for 105 saplings: 4x tennis courts

Size of land for 420 saplings: football pitch

Wild wood

These hardy native species can tolerate exposed sites and help dry up wet areas.

Trees: 105 or 420

Species: hazel, crab apple, downy birch, hawthorn, holly, goat willow

Size of land for 105 saplings: 4x tennis courts or 20-25 metres double-row hedge

Size of land for 420 saplings: 1x football pitch or 85-100 metres double-row hedge

Wildlife

Establish food and shelter for wildlife and create a living legacy for future generations.

Trees: 105 or 420

Species: hawthorn, rowan, blackthorn, silver birch, hazel, common oak

Size of land for 105 saplings: 4x tennis courts or 20-25 metres double-row hedge

Size of land for 420 saplings: 1x football pitch or 85-100 metres double-row hedge

Urban trees

Easy to manage, this pack is designed for residential areas with limited communal space. If no shared space is available, applications to split between neighbouring front gardens to green up your street are considered. Tree packs for private use can be found in our shop.

Trees: 15 – a mix of three native species chosen to thrive in urban environments

Species: crab apple, rowan, hazel

Protection: spirals and canes

8) INFORMATION: EDDC Planning decisions - February 2020

November 2018:

18/2589/MFUL - Demolition of existing polytunnels/greenhouses and erection of 10 dwellings, public open space and a car park - Lymptone Nurseries Church Road **(LPC Support)**

APPROVED 19/2

November 2019:

19/2503/TCA - G1, Silver Birch : reduce height of both trees by approximately 6m, 25cm diameter cuts; reduce sides by approximately 1 -2 metres to shape at Longbrook Cottage **(LPC Support)**

WITHDRAWN (5/2)

19/2208/FUL – Amended plans; Removal of windows in the northern elevation and retention of existing shutters at Strawberry Fields Livery Yard. **(LPC Object) APPROVED (7/1)**

January 2020:

19/2833/FUL - Proposed re-modelling of chalet bungalow including construction of roof extensions and provision of cladding and widening of access to Hulham Road at Backenhayes Acres Hulham Road. **(LPC Support) APPROVED 11/2**

19/1801/FUL - Demolition of Highcliffe Bungalow and Highcliffe Mews, and construction of one replacement dwelling at Highcliffe Bungalow Sowden Lane. **(LPC Object) APPROVED 19/2**

20/0092/ADV - A refurbishment of the current signs at the Saddlers Arms. **(LPC Support) APPROVED 19/2**

9) INFORMATION: Reports of Lead Councillors

TRAIL ACTION GROUP

UPDATE TO LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL, 2nd March 2020

Action taken since mid 2019

- Continued discussions with Network Rail and Devon County Council on the required process for completing a feasibility study for an off-road route for the EET (Network Rail's GRIP process).
- Obtained quotes from 2 qualified consultants (Arcadis and Pell Frischmann), and a verbal quote from Network Rail – see Box 1 below.
- Contacted Network Rail to confirm the estimate of their costs associated with the BAPA (Basic Asset Protection Agreement). However, a written estimate has not yet been provided.
- Met with Devon County Council again to help secure commitment to implementing a scheme for an off-road route – including Jamie Hulland, DCC Transportation & Road Safety Manager, and Lee Meaden, DCC Project Manager, Engineering Design Group. See Box 2.
- Arranged and attended meetings with potential private donors in Lymptone.

- Prepared and submitted an application for funding from Great Western Railway's Communities Improvement Fund.
- Engaged with local residents with engineering and development expertise to conduct another preliminary assessment of the route options in light of new information (to help decision-making re. funding and conducting a feasibility study).

Box 1 – Summary of costs for a feasibility study that meets Network Rail & DCC requirements (Network Rail's GRIP Stages 1 & 2)

Consultants' cost for GRIP stages 1 & 2 = £30,000 ex VAT (with an option to terminate after GRIP stage 1, ~£16,000 ex VAT).

Network Rail's costs for BAPA* = £20,000 ex VAT (initial verbal estimate; not yet confirmed in writing).

Total estimated costs excluding VAT = £ 50,000

Total estimated costs including VAT = £60,000

**Basic Asset Protection Agreement which sets out the commercial arrangements, including costs and liabilities, for work associated with Network Rail land.*

Box 2 - Summary of DCC's requirements for considering an off-road route in its capital programme (ref. emails between Lee Meaden (DCC) & Sara Davies (TAG), June 2019)

1. Confirmation of land availability and legal agreements for surveys, construction access and permanent infrastructure (part of GRIP 1 & 2).
2. Submission of a pre-planning application, including drawings and other relevant information (part of GRIP 1 and 2). (Note: Seeking planning permission would be DCC's responsibility).
3. Provision of cost estimates for a potential scheme, and an outline business case to demonstrate that a successful bid for capital funding could be made.
4. Network Rail approval in principle for an outline scheme design (GRIP 1 & 2)
5. Confirmation of technical feasibility of a single option (part of GRIP 1 & 2).

Preliminary conclusions and recommendations

As shown in Box 1 on the previous page, the estimated cost to conduct a feasibility study that meets Network Rail and DCC requirements is high. Although several potential private donors have been identified, and a grant applied for, we are concerned about this high cost and the associated risks, despite recognising the potential opportunities (see table below). We now believe that the overall cost and risks are too high for a small community to take on. The complexity of the project requires DCC ownership and management.

Summary of the risks and opportunities associated with a community-funded feasibility study

Risks	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High total cost (~£50K ex VAT) for a feasibility study (that might not necessarily lead on to a new off-road scheme). • Uncertainty about Network Rail's costs, and potential for increased costs and delays caused by Network Rail. • Several technical challenges associated with the potential off-road routes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opportunity for the community to show its strength and vision. • It could potentially make an off-road route for the EET 'ready for delivery' by DCC (and this would provide a safer, more direct route for commuters and families, and help to retain the character of the village). • We have already engaged positively with DCC, Network Rail, and qualified consultants, and agreed

<p>(although these do not rule out the possibility, they highlight the potential difficulties and the need for strong political will to take action).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncertainty about the availability of funding for a future scheme. 	<p>the feasibility study scope and the consultants' budget.</p>
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We, therefore, recommend the following next steps:

1. TAG to meet with DCC to discuss the risks of no action (i.e., continuing with the on-road route through Lympstone), the work undertaken by LPC and the community to date, and next steps.
2. Update the community.
3. Continue to monitor the use and impact of the EET in Lympstone.
4. Be alert to future opportunities (e.g., additional government funding and other related projects such as projects driven by climate change and flooding).