

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING OF LYPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 1st MARCH 2021.

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

The Chairman welcomed and thanked everyone for attending LPCs first virtual meeting after an exceptional and difficult year. The Chair then outlined the rules for the virtual meeting:

It would be automatically recorded.

The meeting would be locked.

All microphones to be kept on mute until asked to unmute and speak as appropriate.

Raise your hand either physically or virtually to speak and you would be asked.

Members of the public would have a maximum of three minutes to speak.

She added that it was lovely to see everyone again to interact and discuss issues raised. The next virtual PC meeting would be held on the 12th April (due to Easter Monday) at 7.30pm. Anyone could attend a meeting by writing to or emailing the Clerk with an email address and invited to the meeting.

Public session

A member of the public queried the proposed landscaping of the new Green area opposite the Church as it appeared to have lost many trees on the new drawings. Mr White from RBL Homes explained that they had wanted to keep the space 'open' but were happy to work with the PC, the public and EDDC with ideas for the area. RBL wanted to keep the area open within the spirit of what the architect and the conservation officer had wanted when putting the scheme together. This was the only scheme that had been submitted. The original site plan did not entail any of the detailed landscaping. The Chair added that, if agreed, more trees could be planted at a future date. The previous owner of the site explained that they had always envisaged and intended to keep an open vista in front of the Church. She added that trees would change the view and the PC would have more maintenance and cost. She added that a variety of smaller trees would provide the appropriate screening and keep the beautiful view from the Church steps to the bottom meadow. The member of the public replied and shared his concerns that any landscaping changes had not gone to public consultation. Mr White added that only now had RBL been asked to provide a soft landscaping scheme. Cllr Jung added that EDDC are yet to approve the landscaping scheme and ultimately it would be between the PC and the developer to agree on the suitable landscaping. He added that he felt this was the planting scheme being discussed not the landscaping.

Another member of the public asked about the proposed development variations to some of the new buildings and felt disappointed that the PC had supported this. He explained, in detail, the percentage increased size of some of the properties and wanted to know if the PC still felt these were minor changes. Cllr Young explained that he had looked in detail at the variations and the increased footprint but still fully supported the proposals. Mr White added that he understood how sensitive the issues were around the site and converted the percentages into actual meterage for all present to fully understand what the increases meant. He also explained the impact of this increased footprint would not be visible unless you were in the said properties garden. Therefore, the impact on the environment and outside space would be minimal. Cllr Jung explained that the extensions to these properties would be included within permitted development. The member of the public wanted it noted that you would see the increase in size of the three properties from the top of Church Path.

21/09 Apologies

None

21/10 Minutes

Cllr Atkins proposed the minutes were accurate. Cllr Young seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the PC minutes of the meetings held on 12th February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/11 To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Atkins declared a personal interest with 21/0395/TRE.

Cllr Beatty declared a personal interest with 21/0260/VAR.

21/12 Clerk's Report**21/12.1 Finance - Payments / Financial summary / Budget report**

The Clerk presented the PC finances for February 2021. She also highlighted the additional funding received to the Parish through grants for the community during the Covid19 pandemic and thanked DCC Cllrs and EDDC Cllrs for all their support with this.

Cllr Atkins proposed and approved the finances for February 2021 was a true and accurate account. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the following finances were approved.

Payments Feb 2021:

01/02/21	DD	PNET3453454-1 REFERENCE: PNET3453454-1	£41.59
04/02/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671024465401 (Toilets)	£26.00
12/02/21	2802	Whimble Joinery - H. Trimblett (50% deposit for info boards at GBG)	£595.00
15/02/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829135 (YC)	£64.00
15/02/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829166 (YC)	£54.00
15/02/21	DD	EDFENERGY CUST PLC REFERENCE: 9208111111 (Candys field)	£69.68
26/02/21	2803	SWW - (01/12/20 - 09/02/21)	£117.98
26/02/21	2804	Optima Graphics Topsham Ltd (Herald printing Mar Ed 21)	£230.00
26/02/21	2805	CW Rowsell (Exmouth drain clearance - Unblocking drains)	£95.00
26/02/21	2806	Miss L Tyrrell - wages Feb 21	£875.07
26/02/21	2807	Miss L Tyrrell - expenses Feb 21	£221.57
26/02/21	2808	HMRC - NI Feb 21	£11.33

Receipts Feb 2021:

03/02/2021	DR	DCC - LPS use of Candy's Field	400.00
03/02/2021	FPI	Herald Advert - Peter Tosh Optica	25.00
05/02/2021	FPI	Herald Advert - J P MOFFATT	45.00
06/02/2021	FPI	Herald Advert - McKenzie Gail	5.00
16/02/2021	FPI	Herald Advert - Wilkinson Grant	500.00
16/02/2021	FPI	Herald Advert - McKenzie Gail	5.00
18/02/2021	DR	DCC - LFRG grant	1,500.00
19/02/2021	FPI	Herald Advert - TWIST AND SHOUT	100.00
20/02/2021	FPI	Herald Advert - PASSMORE D J	75.00

Financial Summary Report Feb 2021:

Opening balance 1st April 2020:	59,987.87
Total receipts (1st April 2020 to 28th February 2021)	144,607.53
Total Payments (1st April 2020 to 28th February 2021)	121,251.46
Running balance as of 28th February 2021:	83,343.94
Balanced carried forward at 28/02/21:	83,343.94

Expenditure	Budget monitoring 20/21			
Code	Item	Budget	Spent	Balance
G	VAT	£4,000.00	£13,027.96	-9,027.96
H	S137	£100.00	£25.00	75.00
I	Other Grants	£1,000.00	£11,183.70	-10,183.70
J	Clerk's Salary	£10,500.00	£10,665.00	-165.00
K	Clerks Expenses	£900.00	£725.89	174.11
L	Office expenses	£1,200.00	£789.08	410.92
M	Village Hall Hire	£0.00	£0.00	0.00
N	Chairman's Allowance	£200.00	£200.00	0.00
O	Subs	£500.00	£622.20	-122.20
P	Courses, Travel etc	£500.00	£153.80	346.20
Q	Insurance, Audit, Elections	£3,500.00	£2,101.56	1,398.44
R	Miscellaneous	£1,000.00	£25.00	975.00
S	Herald Printing	£4,500.00	£1,954.00	2,546.00
T	A Western	£3,500.00	£3,885.00	-385.00
U	Grass and hedge cutting	£1,000.00	£312.00	688.00
V	Other Maintenance	£500.00	£752.00	-252.00
W	General tree work inc Candys Field	£500.00	£0.00	500.00
X	Bin emptying	£700.00	£714.17	-14.17
Y	Handyman	£4,000.00	£0.00	4,000.00
Z	Notice Boards - Maintenance	£100.00	£0.00	100.00
AA	Play Equipment Mtce	£1,000.00	£89.50	910.50
AB	Lighting in Candy's field	£700.00	£721.63	-21.63
AC	Toilets inc: wages, consumables, rates, elec, utilities, repairs	£5,000.00	£10,779.58	-5,779.58
AD	Flood equipment and Maintenance	£300.00	£555.46	-255.46
AE	LFRG expenses	£400.00	£0.00	400.00
AF	Gulliford Cemetery	£800.00	£200.00	600.00
AG	Burial Ground	£500.00	£0.00	500.00
AH	Youth Club Building Maintenance	£1,000.00	£2,970.55	-1,970.55
AI	YC Utilities	£1,500.00	£1,352.33	147.67
AJ	Website etc	£500.00	£142.00	358.00
AK	Adverse weather	£200.00	£0.00	200.00
AL	Gully cleaning and jetting	£2,000.00	£0.00	2,000.00
AM	Parishes Together	£1,500.00	£7,700.00	-6,200.00
AN	Community Hub Projects	£3,000.00	£1,982.58	1,017.42
AO	Cont to repairs to VH Car Park	£500.00	£0.00	500.00
AP	DCC Funding	£0.00	£0.00	0.00
AQ	YC Recharge	£0.00	£0.00	0.00
AR	Emergency funding	£5,000.00	£0.00	5,000.00
AS	Gulliford BG (HLF)	£66,500.00	£46,540.00	19,960.00
	Total	£124,600.00	£107,142.03	£17,457.97
	Add VAT		<u>£13,027.96</u>	
	Total		£120,169.99	

Code	Receipts - Budget Performance			
		Budget	Actual	Balance
F	Precept	47,000.00	47,000.00	0.00
G	Council Tax support grant	0.00	0.00	0.00

H	CIL	1,825.90	0.00	1,825.90
I	DCC re Candys Field	400.00	400.00	0.00
J	Herald Adverts	4,000.00	4,648.00	648.00
K	Burial fees	2,000.00	140.00	1,860.00
L	Lympstone FC re Cliff Field	50.00	0.00	50.00
M	Flower beds	0.00	0.00	0.00
N	Western power re Wayleaves	10.00	7.54	2.46
O	Miscellaneous (eg refunds)	0.00	0.00	0.00
P	Website adverts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Q	Parishes Together	1,500.00	7,700.00	6,200.00
R	External Grants	0.00	22,988.80	22,988.80
S	VAT Refund	5,000.00	1,638.19	3,361.81
T	Youth Club	0.00	0.00	0.00
U	VHMC car park	411.00	0.00	411.00
V	MoD Community Covenant	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	DCC error	0.00	0.00	0.00
X	Community Hub Projects Income	0.00	100.00	100.00
Y	Woodbury PC (Gulliford BG grass cutting)	100.00	60.00	40.00
Z	Gulliford Burial Ground	66,500.00	59,850.00	6,650.00
	Total	128,796.90	144,532.53	15,735.63
	Allocated balances 31st March 2020			
	Elections	2000	0	2,000.00
	Reserve for Village hall car park	1500	0	1,500.00
	NP Projects	6000	0	6,000.00
	Works to Youth Club	1000	0	1,000.00
	Public Conveniences	5000	0	5,000.00
	Play area	5000	0	5,000.00
	Total allocated balances	20500	0	20,500.00

21/12.2 Clerk's Action List

The Clerk went through her action list during lockdown and highlighted where ongoing PC work and additional workload had taken place. The Chair thanked the Clerk for all her hard work and ongoing efforts to complete tasks set by the PC during lockdown. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Council received and noted the Clerk's action list for Lockdown March 2020 – January 2021.

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Ongoing	Additional
Emails	•			•	
Phone calls	•			•	
Finances			•	•	
PAYE			•		
Correspondence from public and Cllrs (Parish, District and County)				•	
Covid19 news and updates		•		•	
Liaise with Church re Covid19				•	
Herald report			•		
YC correspondence inc Covid19, RA and policies, users, insurance, electrical safety checks				•	
EDDC Planning apps and responses				•	
VHCIO emails and solicitor				•	•

DCC (inc Highways) and EDDC officers				•	
DALC and SLCC queries (inc Covid19)				•	•
EA correspondence				•	•
New defibrillator pads (April) and batteries (Nov) in the Strand defibrillator					•
Defibrillator checks			•		
Cliff field warning signage 'danger of cliffs'					•
Notices: Closed toilets, Gulliford burial ground, play area in Candy's Field and Covid19 guidelines for open spaces (Candy's, Avenue, Cliff Fields and the Green)					•
Alternative work for YC leader					•
Redundancy for public toilet cleaner					•
LPC Internal audit – finance and correspondence				•	
LPC external audit – PJK Littlejohn (AGAR)				•	
Gulliford - HLF online portal, grant application, correspondence and phone calls with L Emmerson (HLF), McNeillage conservation, joint committee, neighbours and K Perry. Gates – A Hall at Powderham, GJK Conservation (drawings and planning). Finance update to HLF (Oct). Neighbour correspondence (Oct), Whimble Joinery (notice boards- Jan 21)				•	•
HLF Grant application approved £66,500.00					•
Site meeting at Gulliford (McNeillage, surveyor, joint committee, neighbours – 16 th May 20), minutes and actions (23 rd July Joint committee, surveyor) mins and actions				•	•
Meet at Candy's Field re YC (KR, DY, SB, JC – 2 nd June 2020), minutes and actions				•	•
Public toilets refurbishment – site meeting, ongoing correspondence and phone calls with Michael Clarke contractors, A Priest at EDDC (minutes and actions) and Howdens (5/6). Meet contractors - builders, plasterer, decorator: 17 th March, 2 nd /3 rd /11 th /16 th /18 th June 20, 1 st /9 th July.				•	•
Grants applied for and banked: DCC Covid19 £450.00 and EDDC Business rate relief £10,000.00 (returned rate relief grant 3/7 and repaid to LPC again), DCC Covid 19 £500 (Nov 20)					•
Primary school consultation re the Play park in Candy's Field, created PowerPoint to use and ongoing correspondence				•	•
Advert for PC link with Youth					•
SWW (toilets)					•
Sort, file and update paperwork, emails				•	
Registered Cllr Hill as LPC Advocate for Police					•
Identify cleaners and tenders for Public toilets Contract for cleaner and meeting with JC 6/8/20 (inc files and procedures, additional Covid19 signage) Locksmith, EDDC toilet hygiene advice 14/9				•	•
Burials and correspondence				•	
DCC online report of damaged gate and fence on cycle path					•
Tree meet with Cllrs and tree warden – Candy's, Avenue and Cliff Field (16/06) minutes and actions				•	•
Meet with G Collins re YC maintenance (18/6) minutes and actions					•
Meet with LPC and LFC in Candys field (01/07) minutes and actions					•
Bench delivery in Candys field (3/7)					•
Councillor vacancies correspondence x2				•	•
Exmouth Town FC (Youth)					•
Update and new Policies			•		•
Play areas Covid19 Risk Assessment for Candy's Field					•
Meet with JBL Homes, BR, JR, KR, DY, DB, (22/7/20) Correspondence with solicitor and RBL (ongoing)				•	•

Covid19 meeting prep and RA					•
PC public Meet – finances and audit (27/7) and minutes					•
ETC Clerk advice re street trading					•
Art community event arranged (27/9) and cancelled to Covid19.					•
New street name proposals (EDDC)					•
Covid19 notices in telephone box book exchange					•
Budget				•	
Remembrance service changes due to Covid19					•
Strand Defib service advice					•
Register Methodist Hall as a community asset and Nick Wright				•	•
Pri sch and update on trees					•
PC vacancies – NL (nov 20)					
Updated info for website inc notices, planning, finance				•	
Meet with DGA at burial ground and minutes (12/11/20)					•
Headstones					•
Road closure notices				•	
Censor notices					•
Communication with toilet cleaner and related contractors				•	
Highways online report re footpaths, pavements, flooding, fallen wall, grit bins				•	
Play area inspection					•
Finance, invoices, post, scanned bank statements				•	
Ongoing updating herald payments to S.Morgan			•		
DALC, EDDC correspondence re S91 Order and scanned documents – declarations and precept					•
Emergency meeting prep, agenda, attachments and minutes (12/2/21)					•
Ongoing LPC decisions document during lockdown				•	•
Ongoing planning application and LPC decision document during lockdown				•	
Zoom license					•
FOI request					•

21/13 Wotton Brook

Cllr Eastley explained that the water in Wotton Brook should be tested sporadically for purity and cleanliness. He added that in the past he had always found the EA very helpful. Cllr Eastley had no objection to spending Parish money on regular testing but wanted the Clerk to find out the cost of this. He also wanted it noted that the Brook was registered as a designated River and this would have different rulings to a Brook.

A member of the public felt passionate about this issue and spoke. She explained that she had spoken with the EA in the past where they were interested in the ecology of the Brook above the water and rarely came out to test the water. Any sewage reports would have to go to SWW. However, she explained another way to gather evidence; the River fly monitoring scheme where interested parties tested their own water courses using a net and a tray. This would be done twice a month for three minutes by kicking back the bottom layer of the Brook and recording the Caddis, Stone and May flies present as these were susceptible to change and the health of the water. This would be recorded to the river fly monitoring scheme online and used as evidence, it would be one way to start testing the water. She believed there was currently very little living in the Brook.

Cllr Atkins supported the testing of pollution in the Brook on an adhoc basis. He added that on rainy days brown water did wash off the roads and fields. He believed that the water must be tested to identify what was in the water course. Cllr Atkins proposed that the water should be tested.

Cllr Roger supported contacting the EA and SWW regarding the water testing and discuss the Brook as a designated River. Cllr Eastley proposed and added that it was paramount these agencies understood that LPC had suspicions of pollution in the Brook. Cllr Young seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the EA and SWW regarding the rulings of testing a designated river.

Cllr Atkins added that SWW would test the water when instructed by the EA.

Cllr Rogers asked the member of the public if she would like to lead this project. Cllr Rogers proposed that the Clerk work with the member of the public. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk work with the interested member of the public regarding the Wotton Brook.

21/14 Nursery Site car park

Cllr Hill clarified that the car park at the nursery site would be leased to the Church from the PC for the Church use only and not a general public car park. Small trees would be planted around the edge of the car park for screening. In agreement with the church, this lease would be for as long as the church wanted it. A lease would simplify the use by the church and could be returned by letter to the PC if the church no longer wanted the car park.

The new Rector of the Church, Rector Revd Jones, was present and introduced himself with the warmest welcome and looked forward to working with the PC and the community.

Rev Jones asked if there had ever been a plan for the Church to own the car park. Cllr Hill explained that initially this could have been discussed but the costs and process would not have met with requests from the previous owners, so a lease was the best solution. The Church would oversee the use and management of the car park. Rev Jones then asked if it would be a lease in perpetuity at a peppercorn rate. Cllr Hill explained that the lease would last 999 years for 1p a year. Rev Jones asked about the maintenance and public liability insurance regarding the car park. Cllr Hill explained that the car park would be the Church's responsibility and the Open Space would be the PCs responsibility. Rev Jones asked what would happen if the PC were not able to take the car park back one day e.g. if the PC dissipated then would the Crown take the land. Cllr Hill explained that if anything happened to the PC, any land or property owned by the PC would transfer to the local district council responsible for the area and not the Crown. Cllr Ingham added the Cllr Hill was correct and that any LPC assets would go to the next public authority. Cllr Hill added that the lease would remain regardless. The previous owner of the site interjected and would ensure that this land was sacrosanct and to stay in the Parish.

Rev Jones thanked the owners and the PC for this gift to the Church and the positive impact it would have on the Church community. He requested that a copy of the lease would be given to him for the Diocese. Cllr Hill added that the lease would be discussed and written together with both the PC and the Church.

A member of the public queried the wording used by EDDC planning of a 'public car park' rather than a 'church car park' as EDDC had told him that the planning application would be invalid if only restricted to the use of the church in accordance with the S106. He believed that the PC should get a legal agreement written so no one would be liable. Cllr Hill explained that he had been conversing with the PCs solicitor who felt that the lease would be suitable for this situation. Cllr Ingham understood that the car park could be constrained to the use of the church only. Mr White explained that in the S106 agreement it was written that the car park was available for 'members of the public using the Church'. He added that the right of way road access would only be for church visitors. There would be a lockable drop post/bollard for the Church to decide when it was used.

Rev Jones left the meeting.

21/15 East Devon 'The Local Plan'

Cllr Atkins felt it was necessary for the PC to respond to the new plan proposed regarding concerns of potential over development in the area. He believed this had to be done by the 15th March. Cllr Atkins proposed that two or three Cllrs could meet either virtually or socially distanced to write a response. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk arrange a meeting to discuss an appropriate response from LPC with two or three Cllrs.

21/16 Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hill reported that he would research further a review of the LNP and believed only parts needed to be updated and strengthened. Cllr Atkins added that it was important the wording was tightened especially with the CIL money due to Lympstone from the upcoming Goodmores development. The Clerk added that a member of the public had shared his concerns about

LNP and how he felt it allowed developers to use loopholes and lever building applications through. Cllr Atkins added that was why it was necessary to tighten the wording used in the LNP.

21/17 Bank Account

Cllr Young explained the necessity of a petty cash account for online purchases by the Clerk where a cheque could not be used. Cllr Rogers proposed to allow the Clerk a small petty cash bank account of £500 and top up as and when needed. Cllr Hill seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would discuss this with the internal auditor before proceeding.

RESOLVED that if the internal auditor agreed, the Clerk would open a new bank account.

21/18 Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors

The Chairman thanked for all attending this evening. She thanked Mr Corcos and LFRG for their continued dedication and hard work in keeping the community safe, resolving dangerous issues quickly and effectively. She also thanked FOGBG, especially Mrs Moffat and Mrs Coles for their continued efforts with Gulliford Burial Ground and for working closely with the local primary school to share and educate pupils with some of the history of Lympstone. The Chair updated all members present with the work achieved over the year by the PC including the refurbishment of the toilets and employing a new cleaner, the book swap in the telephone box and the registering of the Methodist Hall as a community asset. She also thanked the owners of the Mill Fields for the exceptional work completed through the fields to redirect the footpath and the replanting of 500 new trees. The Chair also thanked the many volunteers who continued to work hard to support neighbours and the community in these ongoing difficult times.

District Cllr Ingham explained that there were two upcoming meetings to be held at EDDC:

1) A Working Group to look at the Management Structure at EDDC which would cost £25,000 for an independent team to investigate and 2) Stress and Wellbeing of Staff at EDDC where a full report from the CEO raised concerns. Cllr Ingham would report back to LPC the outcomes of these meetings.

District Cllr Jung reported on EDDCs budget. He explained a small £5 council tax rise for an average Band D property for 2021/22. The proportion for EDDC from this average Band D property would be £151.78 a year or £2.92 a week for all services it provided. EDDC took 7p in every £1 for its services, the rest went to DCC, Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon & Somerset fire service, Town and Parish Councils. He added that EDDC had seen a fall in its income and a rise in its expenditure plus EDDC were legally bound to provide a balanced budget each year, for example, the waste and recycling volumes had increased exceptionally over the last year however the payments for recycling and cardboard had reduced substantially. EDDC Discretionary services such as sports centres, swimming pools, parks and public toilets hoped to continue. EDDC had supported LED who ran the sport centres and swimming pools, and up until March, had given £1.3million to keep them afloat due to the restrictions and lockdowns. EDDC had only received £282,000 from the Government to offset this financial support. Increased car park charges would be postponed for another 12months. £300,000 had been taken from EDDC reserves and could not continue to do this. Cllr Jung announced that with all the additional pressure this year and people working from home, he was proud of how staff had performed and hoped all could understand why this increased rate had happened. Cllr Jung explained that it had been a challenging year and the next few years, would be just as challenging, but he felt that EDDC were ready to make that challenge.

County Cllr Trail welcomed everyone back and explained that both he and County Cllr Scott had been busy with Highways and flooding issues.

He explained DCCs budget for this year of £578,482,000 with an increase of 6.6% being spent on services. Additional: 8.3% for Adult care and health, 7.8% for children's services, 0.2% for communities, public health and environment prosperity, 7.5% for corporate services, 0.5% for highways, infrastructure, development and waste. Highways also had received an addition £600,000 for potholes and an extra £100,000 for street furniture. Cllr Trail also explained that from today he and Devon County Cllr Scott had granted Lympstone additional funding for LFRG and local street furniture and maintenance.

The Clerk thanked both Cllr Trail and Cllr Scott for this additional funding for the community.

District Cllr Ingham, County Cllr Trail and County Cllr Scott left the meeting.

21/19 Planning applications

21/0395/TRE - T1, Walnut : Reduce eastern aspect by 3m away from new dwelling, MDC 50mm; crown raise to 2.5m above ground level, MDC 25mm; remove major deadwood Reason for works: To reduce over dominance over small garden, appropriate arboricultural management at Blue Haze.

Cllr Young read the tree wardens report regarding this tree. Cllr Rogers proposed to object to this application due to the fact if this tree were pruned to the extent proposed then it would not tolerate it and ultimately die. Cllr Hill seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk send the recommendation of object from LPC to EDDC.

21/0394/TRE - T1, Beech : Reduce height by a maximum of 1m, MDC 25mm.; reduce southern half of tree by no more than 3m, MDC 75mm; reduce northern half of tree by 3-4m to match southern aspect, MDC 100mm; operations to leave a well balanced crown. Reason for works: Due to nearby trees that have now been removed by others the tree is out of shape and has some long extending branches that if left will become unstable at Fircones

Cllr Young read the tree wardens report regarding this tree. Cllr Young proposed to support this application. Cllr Hill seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk send the recommendation of support from LPC to EDDC.

21/0409/FUL - Construction of single storey rear extension at 34 Jackson Meadow

Cllr Rogers believed that this application would be permitted development and proposed to support this application. Cllr Young seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk send the recommendation of support from LPC to EDDC.

21/0467/FUL - Construction of rear first floor extension and rear canopy at 2 Malt Field.

Cllr Rogers proposed to support this application. Cllr Carter seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk send the recommendation of support from LPC to EDDC.

21/0260/VAR - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 17/1015/FUL (Construction of first floor extension and associated balcony to rear, and construction of second floor balcony to rear) to install additional dormer to the front elevation at second floor. At 6A Dawlish Park Terrace.

Cllr Rogers proposed to object to this planning application due to the unclear submitted plans to EDDC. Cllr Eastley added that it was overdevelopment. Cllr Atkins felt it was out of keeping. Cllr Carter seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk send the recommendation of object from LPC to EDDC.

26/2/21: **21/0354/FUL** – Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic to provide a driveway to Blue Haze and construction of an agricultural storage building.

Cllr Young briefed the PC on the planning application which came in on 26th Feb but felt a site meeting was necessary for this application with a virtual planning meeting open to the public after. The Clerk explained that this application expired to consultees on 21st March.

Cllr Atkins declared an interest.

Cllr Rogers proposed a site meeting and zoom planning meeting. Cllr Carter seconded. Unan

RESOLVED that the Clerk arrange a site meeting and follow up with a public Zoom planning meeting.

21/20 Planning decisions

None

21/21 Reports of Lead Councillor

Any reports requiring a decision are attached.

21/21.1 Facilities and Estates

Cllr Atkins had been notified that a tree had been cut down at the Village Hall. He explained that the Cherry Tree at the Village Hall had been cut down because the roots were bringing up the footpath and could be affecting the sewers. The Village Hall had planted four new whips near the waste bin area to replace the tree. Cllr Beatty wanted to know why the VH committee were able to remove the tree with no consultation. She also believed that a larger tree should have been replanted rather than whips. Cllr

Atkins explained the Village Hall committee were now a CIO and he believed they could do this. A member of the public interjected and explained that she had seen the VH premises manager taking the tree down who told her it was a Lime tree; anyone could take the wood and apart from the pavement issue they were planning on extending the village hall there. Cllr Atkins believed the VH were possibly considering creating a disabled access. Cllr Hill added that he would raise this concern with the VH at their next CIO meeting on 17th March.

Cllr Atkins reported that he had observed the trees between the tennis courts and the footpath in Candys Field were getting large and would need pollarding in the very near future. He added that the DCC report regarding the uprights on the Lime tree by the play area in Candys Field was something that had been previously highlighted a year ago by Lympstone tree warden. The tree contractor last year working on the trees did not feel this work was necessary however, this particular contractor was also DCCs tree inspector and was now suggesting it needed doing on his report. Cllr Atkins wanted the Lympstone tree warden to look at the uprights on the Lime tree by the play area and have them removed. This would not be completed though until the Autumn due to the sap rising and bird nesting season.

RESOLVED that the Clerk visit Candys field with Lympstone tree warden and discuss the necessary work.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would let Lympstone Primary School know that this work would be completed in the Autumn.

Cllr Jung left the meeting.

21/21.2 Transport, Parking and Planning

Cllr Hill reported that the car park at the top of Underhill was still ongoing with EDDC.

21/21.3 Community

Cllr Hill reported that the Community Hub had cancelled the postponed VE Day 76th anniversary event again due to Covid19. He added that it was likely that Prince Philip's 100th birthday celebration and the Furry Dance would also be cancelled.

Cllr Hill updated all present that Mr Don Mildenhall was stepping down as Chair to the VH CIO and Ms Carrie Darby was proposed as his replacement.

21/21.4 Environment

Cllr Young reported that LFRG had been extremely busy and there was now a section on the website for LFRG updates and news.

21/21.5 Heritage and Structure

Cllr Rogers reported that the new metal gates and wooden information boards for Gulliford burial ground were currently being made and would be installed later in the year.

21/21.6 Finance, Grants, Funding and Compliance

The Clerk reported that during Lockdown she had reviewed LPCs policies and found model policies for the PC to use; it was imperative that LPCs policies were updated.

21/22 Matters raised by Councillors

Cllr Atkins reported that the telephone box at the Swan was in a disgraceful state and he did not know if it was still in use. The Clerk added that it would make a perfectly good case for the defibrillator in the village. Cllr Rogers added that BT would have to be contacted to find out. Cllr Carter explained that he used the public telephone there only six weeks ago.

Cllr Atkins highlighted the fact that the railway embankment was overgrown and untidy. He explained that this area used to have an efficient working group who looked after the bank. Cllr Rogers proposed a group could be reinstated to oversee this area and either left neatly natural or tightly maintained. She suggested this could be added to the Herald to ask for volunteers.

Cllr Beatty added that there was a lot of overgrown brambles that needed dealing with.

RESOLVED that the Clerk add this information to the Herald for volunteers.

Meeting closed at **9.35pm**

Chairman:

Date: