

**MINUTES OF A LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2021.**

PRESENT:	
Councillors	D Atkins, D Beatty, K Hill, J Payne, K Rogers, L Staddon and D Tyrrell
Clerk	Miss L Tyrrell
County Councillors	None
District Councillors	B Ingham
Public	2 members

NB. The Clerk had provided the Councillors and members of the public present with a sign in sheet for track and traces purposes (all details would be destroyed after two weeks) and hand sanitiser on entry. All present sat socially distanced in the Function Room of the Village Hall. It was a paperless meeting.

Public session

The Chair welcomed everyone present and thanked all for attending. She invited the public to speak.

A member of the public explained that a new Government initiative was now up and running called 'Active Travel' - *Putting pedestrians, cyclists & horse-riders at the top of the new hierarchy of road users. The car no longer king. A Prime Minister backed initiative, "The most radical change to our streets since the arrival of mass motoring."* More information about this initiative could be found at [About Us | Active Travel | Encouraging a 15% Spend on Cycling & Walking](#) He asked for the PCs support in encouraging Parishioners to help set up a new committee to aid Active Travel in Lympstone to make the Parish a more friendly pedestrian place. He added his concerns of emergency vehicles trying to pass all the parked vehicles and the importance of attempting to resolve this issue. He thanked the PC for taking the time to listen. The Chairman supported the idea and suggested that this request was added to the Herald.

Another member of the public raised the issue of electric charging points and shared his concerns of how, in practice, they could effective and efficiently operate. He had seen street charging facilities in operation and noticed how users were plugging their cars in and leaving them parked in the space indefinitely. He felt this was causing many problems for all users needing to share the charging points. He added that a manned space was necessary like the Village Hall car park for example. The Chair explained that this was something that DCC and EDDC needed to investigate further. The Chair added that she would raise it with Devon County Cllrs.

District Cllr Ingham spoke and fully supported the Active Travel scheme raised. He believed it was the future and the PC had to be prepared for the change with a group and funding. It was positive action to take. He also raised the Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) and reviewing it in time for the East Devon Local Plan which was due to be finalised in 2025. He felt the PC needed a group to review the LNP made up of half Parish Cllrs and half members of the public. He explained that the LNP simply needed tightening at this stage and not rewritten. He felt it was paramount that the PC ensured this review was completed in time to tie in with the new local plan. The Chair explained that LPC currently had two Parish Cllrs looking at the LNP to bring recommendations to full council. A steering group could be created after.

District Cllr Ingham left the meeting at 7.47pm.

A member of the public raised the recycling collections across East Devon. He felt that currently the system was inadequate and inefficient. He had seen other operations in place where one bin was used for all recycling, apart from food waste, and a factory sorted all materials quickly and safely. He felt the recycling lorry and sorting on the doorstep did nothing

but hold the traffic up and polluted the air which outweighed the benefit of recycling. He strongly believed that EDDC needed to revise their recycling policy. The Chair suggested the Clerk write to EDDC Streetscene and copy in the District Cllrs about their policy and reviewing it.

21/82 Apologies

Parish Cllr Linfoot and District Cllr Jung – summer vacation

Parish Cllrs C and R Eastley – precautionary health measures (due to Covid19)

Cllr Atkins proposed to approve the apologies. Unan.

RESOLVED that the apologies received were approved by the PC.

The Clerk explained that a reason for the apologies must be recorded and approved by the PC. The Clerk had attended a recent SLCC agendas and minutes training webinar and it was highlighted that the six-month rule could be overruled if the PC agreed to apologies that may span over six months e.g. long term illness, military service or a global pandemic. If the PC agreed to accept the apologies for something completely unavoidable then an individual Councillor or entire Parish Council would not automatically lose their seat after six months. The Clerk then added and pointed out that Lympstone Parish Council should never have been made to dissolve due to the unavoidable global pandemic Covid19.

21/83 Minutes

Cllr Atkins proposed the PC minutes of the meeting held on the 19th July 2021 accurate. Cllr Beatty seconded. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that the PC minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/84 To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Atkins declared an interest with item 21/85.2

21/85 Clerk's Report:

21/85.1 Correspondence received – Mr Eaton Terry re Bench

Cllr Atkins explained that the current bench at Sowden End was broken and needed replacing. The Chair proposed to support this request of a new bench at Sowden end and allow a memorial plaque. Cllr Hill seconded. Unan.

RESOLUTION that the Clerk contact Mr Eaton Terry with the cost of a new composite bench.

21/85.2 Housing Needs Survey

Cllr Atkins declared an interest and left the room.

Cllr Rogers stated that although she lived near the site of the owner who had requested the housing need survey, she had no financial interest.

Cllr Hill proposed to object to the request as the need for housing in the village was not necessary at this time. Cllr Payne seconded. Unan.

RESOLUTION that the Clerk contact let the Housing Hub coordinator know that the PC would not support a housing needs survey.

21/85.3 Finance

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

RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

Payments – July and August 2021:

01/07/21	2850	PVM Supplies - Public Toilets Inv: IN066524	£104.98
01/07/21	2851	Optima Graphics Topsham Ltd Inv: 26249	£474.00
01/07/21	2852	L Tyrrell - wages May 2021	£1,196.90
01/07/21	2853	L Tyrrell - expenses May 2021	£87.59
01/07/21	2854	HMRC - Income tax and NI	£114.30
05/07/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671024465401 (Toilets)	£14.00
15/07/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829166 (YC)	£65.00
15/07/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829135 (YC)	£32.00
15/07/21	DD	EDFENERGY CUST PLC REFERENCE: 9208111111 (Candys field)	£77.21
15/07/21	2855	A Western June 2021	£610.00
19/07/21	2856	Graham Collins - Works to Youth Club	£134.47
19/07/21	2856	Graham Collins - New door, painted and fitted in ladies toilets	£287.53
30/07/21	DD	Plusnet REF: PNET3453454-1 (YC)	£28.29
02/08/21	2857	Michael Clarke - public toilets Inv no: SI-3553	£180.00
02/08/21	2858	Optima Graphic Topsham Ltd Inv: 26299	£443.00
02/08/21	2859	L Tyrrell - wages July 2021	£1,318.44
02/08/21	2860	L Tyrrell - expenses July 2021	£152.06
02/08/21	2861	HMRC - Income tax and NI	£171.56
04/08/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671024465401 (Toilets)	£14.00
05/08/21	2862	J Cowe – Public toilets cleaning June and July 21	£900.00
08/08/21	2863	Friends of Gulliford Burial Ground - Printing posters	£85.00
08/08/21	2864	Zurich Insurance renewal	£1,400.28
08/08/21	2865	SLCC - Clerks training Agendas and Minutes	£72.00
16/08/21	2866	A Western July 2021	£462.00
16/08/21	2867	Source for Business (SWW 21/5/21-3/8/21) Cust No. 2151 9709 01	£139.95
16/08/21	2868	Shift It (Cliff field corrugated iron removal) Inv no: INV-10504	£36.00
16/08/21	DD	EDFENERGY CUST PLC REFERENCE: 9208111111 (Candys field)	£79.14
16/08/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829135 (YC)	£32.00
16/08/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829166 (YC)	£65.00

Receipts – July and August 2021:

01/07/2021	FPI	Laura Sissons - GoFundMe (Play areas)	1,818.48
02/07/2021	FPI	Laura Sissons - GoFundMe (Play areas)	19.17
09/07/2021	FPI	Herald Advert -QUICK I G HOUSE	30.00
09/07/2021	FPI	Herald Advert -TAYLOR M T	9.00
09/07/2021	FPI	Herald Advert -BYERS DM	25.00
10/07/2021	FPI	Herald Advert -TOOKE JE & E	15.00
10/07/2021	FPI	Herald Advert -TWIST AND SHOUT	100.00
14/07/2021	DC	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829135 (YC)	£263.55
14/07/2021	FPI	Laura Sissons - GoFundMe (Play areas)	145.15
19/07/2021	FPI	ORCHARD MEMORIALS CANNING	45.00
23/07/2021	FPI	Laura Sissons - GoFundMe (Play areas)	19.17
28/07/2021	FPI	Herald Advert - TWIST AND SHOUT	100.00
30/07/2021	FPI	Laura Sissons - GoFundMe (Play areas)	96.85
30/07/2021	FPI	Laura Sissons - GoFundMe (Play areas)	48.30

03/08/2021	500026	A Crisp - donation towards play areas	20.00
03/08/2021	500026	C Wintrell - donation towards play areas	100.00
06/08/2021	FPI	Herald Advert - TWIST AND SHOUT	100.00
09/08/2021	FPI	Laura Sissons - GoFundMe (Play areas)	193.95

Financial Summary Report:	
Opening balance 1st April 2021:	95,828.47
Total receipts (1st April 2021 to 31 st August 2021)	31,527.06
Total Payments (1st April 2021 to 31 st August 2021)	20,503.72
Running balance as of 31 st August June 2021:	106,851.81
Balanced carried forward at 31/08/21:	106,851.81

	Budget Monitoring 2021 - 2022		
Expenditure			
Code	Item	Budget	Spent
G	VAT	£4,000.00	£352.68
H	S137	£100.00	£0.00
I	Other Grants	£1,000.00	£0.00
J	Clerk's Salary	£11,000.00	£6,323.76
K	Clerks Expenses	£900.00	£329.95
L	Office expenses	£1,200.00	£250.56
M	Village Hall Hire	£0.00	£0.00
N	Chairman's Allowance	£200.00	£0.00
O	Subs	£650.00	£415.00
P	Courses, Travel etc	£500.00	£60.00
Q	Insurance, Audit, Elections	£3,500.00	£1,455.28
R	Miscellaneous	£1,000.00	£280.00
S	Herald Printing	£4,500.00	£2,164.00
T	A Western	£3,500.00	£2,530.50
U	Grass and hedge cutting	£1,000.00	£0.00
V	Other Maintenance	£1,500.00	£196.00
W	General tree work inc Candys Field	£500.00	£0.00
X	Bin emptying	£750.00	£0.00
Y	Handyman	£4,000.00	£0.00
Z	Notice Boards - Maintenance	£100.00	£0.00
AA	Play Equipment Mtce	£1,000.00	£214.55
AB	Lighting in Candy's field	£800.00	£518.62
AC	Toilets inc: wages, consumables, sates, elec, utilities, repairs	£5,000.00	£3,133.63
AD	Flood equipment and Maintenance	£300.00	£0.00
AE	LFRG expenses	£400.00	£0.00
AF	Gulliford Cemetery	£800.00	£0.00
AG	Burial Ground	£500.00	£0.00
AH	Youth Club Building Maintenance	£500.00	£209.47
AI	YC Utilities	£1,000.00	£745.80

AJ	Website etc	£500.00	£132.50
AK	Adverse weather	£200.00	£0.00
AL	Gully cleaning and jetting	£2,000.00	£285.00
AM	Parishes Together	£1,500.00	£0.00
AN	Community Hub Projects	£3,000.00	£0.00
AO	Cont to repairs to VH Car Park	£500.00	£0.00
AP	DCC Funding	£0.00	£0.00
AQ	YC Recharge	£0.00	£0.00
AR	Emergency funding	£5,000.00	£0.00
AS	Gulliford BG (HLF)	£5,024.00	£665.84
	Total	£63,924.00	£19,910.46
	Add VAT		<u>£352.68</u>
	Total		£20,263.14

Code	Receipts - Budget Performance 2021-2022	Budget	Actual
F	Precept	47,000.00	23,500.00
G	Council Tax support grant	0.00	0.00
H	CIL	0.00	0.00
I	DCC re Candys Field	400.00	0.00
J	Herald Adverts	4,000.00	2,327.00
K	Burial fees	2,000.00	90.00
L	Lympstone FC re Cliff Field	50.00	0.00
M	Flower beds	0.00	0.00
N	Western power re Wayleaves	10.00	7.54
O	Miscellaneous (eg refunds)	0.00	0.00
P	Website adverts	0.00	0.00
Q	Parishes Together	1,500.00	0.00
R	External Grants	0.00	2,877.90
S	VAT Refund	5,000.00	0.00
T	Youth Club	1,500.00	263.55
U	VHMC car park	411.00	0.00
V	MoD Community Covenant	0.00	0.00
W	DCC error	0.00	0.00
X	Community Hub Projects Income	0.00	0.00
Y	Woodbury PC (Gulliford BG grass cutting)	100.00	0.00
Z	Gulliford Burial Ground	6,650.00	0.00
	Total	68,621.00	29,065.99

Allocated balances 31st March 2021	Budget	Spent	Remaining
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	209.47	790.53
Public Conveniences	5000	£3,133.63	1,866.37
Play area	20,000	0	30,000.00
Emergency funding	5000	0	5,000.00

Total allocated balances	40500	3,343.10	37,156.90
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21/85.4 Clerk's Action List

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

21/86 Report from the Chairman.

The Chair hoped everyone had an enjoyable summer break, she thanked all for attending and welcomed everyone back. The Chair explained that Gulliford Burial Ground was hosting two Heritage Open Days on the 11th and 12th September, and all were very welcome to attend. She added that two bespoke gates were being made for the burial ground and would be installed at the start of October in time for the official opening date at the end of October. The Chair explained that EDDC pest control had been in to investigate the Youth Club and no rats had been found. The overgrown vegetation behind the YC and Preschool would be cut back and tidied from the end of September. She reminded all present that Covid19 was on the increase in the area and asked everyone to continue to remain cautious and safe.

21/87 Website

The Chair asked if there was a Cllr who would be able to shadow and support Mr Young with the website. No Cllr felt they were technologically confident enough to do this. Cllr Payne offered to ask a few members of the public that she felt maybe able to help.

21/88 Land at Combe Farm

Cllr Staddon felt this invitation had been for a very closed meeting held by the Woodlands Trust and the representatives from the Trust would not answer any direct questions about their proposals. Cllr Tyrrell read his report:

Councillor Staddon and I attended a meeting with the Woodland Trust at Coombe Farm on the 4th of August. Other Cllrs from Woodbury Parish Council and interested residents were also present.

We were introduced to the team from the Woodland Trust.

Initially it was explained that the Woodland Trust were there to listen the future plans of the land and listen to any concerns that any of us might have.

In my opinion, the Trust representatives seemingly avoided any direct questions, and as the afternoon unfolded it felt like the consultation was a closed tick boxing exercise rather than an open forum.

Whilst walking the fields the apparent insect life was a sight to see. The amount of wildlife lifelines was also very apparent. The whole area is a designated area of outstanding natural beauty.

The Trust explained that they wanted to encourage walkers and cyclists to use the area by constructing paths/cycle paths and car parks.

I felt dismayed at their seemingly lack of knowledge regarding fauna and flora.

In my opinion I believe if this is allowed to go ahead it will destroy the Coombe Valley forever for the following reasons.

1. Planting Trees will destroy the grass land of the Coombe Valley along with the grassland insects, lizards, frogs, toads, field mice, voles, moles and rabbits which will have a knock-on effect to entire life cycles; insect eating birds, small mammal eating birds and larger mammals eating the smaller mammals.

The destruction of all of their lifelines will be lost forever.

The answer given by the Woodland Trust was that they were going to create wildlife corridors, but no one could explain how they envisaged doing this proposal.

The Coombe Valley have a very small wild deer population and to combat them from eating the new trees the Trust are proposing to erect deer fencing. This fencing is approximately 6 feet high closed wired which would prevent most mammals

accessing their lifelines.

To explain a lifeline.

A lifeline is an ancient track which animals and birds use to source food and water and escape from predators.

If they cannot use their lifelines the mammals run up and down the fence line for a few hours then die through stress.

The proposal to open to the public will only accelerate the loss of wildlife.

2. Along with members of the public there will be dogs, litter will increase and ultimately a café, visitor centre and toilet facilities.

Currently, the Coombe Valley has no visitors. The public and wildlife do not mix as we have Woodbury Common for that.

3. To accommodate car parks and footpaths means a faster water runoff into the Wotton Brook as this site is a huge catchment area for the Brook and I have concerns for the consequences for the residents of the village.

4. The current roads up to this site are somewhat narrow and difficult to navigate besides Devon County Council withdrawing money from the maintenance of these roads and indeed closing off some altogether.

In conclusion, the Coombe Valley has for centuries been an open space of land which wildlife has been able to use freely.

For several hundred years the farmers of the Coombe Valley have farmed the land allowing the wildlife a free rein to eat some of their crops. Now a large Trust will own the area in its entirety and effectively destroy the very thing they say they are going to help.

What the Woodland Trust have planned would attract short term financial gain and Government Grants rather than the longevity for the countryside and all wildlife that live there.

In my opinion, this is a huge unnecessary development on our doorstep for the approximately 250 plus acres of prime agricultural land.

Cllr Tyrrell added that he did not know if the Woodlands Trust had ever bought open land before. He felt the planting of numerous trees would disturb the soil and cause more water run off towards Lympstone which was geographically below the area. He recommended that everyone should go and visit the land as it was a beautiful and scenic span of land. Cllrs could then envisage the before and after events that unfolded. Cllr Beatty believed the PC should oppose this change, the land and wildlife was currently a perfect balance. Cllr Staddon explained that LFRG were speaking with the EA about these proposals. Cllr Atkins proposed that this was something that could be raised once LPC had their meeting with the MP. Cllr Beatty proposed that Cllr Atkins met with the current owner of the land and raised the concerns highlighted in Cllr Tyrrell's report and whether the sale to the Trust could be revoked. Unan.

RESOLVED that Cllr Atkins met with the current owner of the land to discuss the proposals in more detail.

21/89 Planning applications

21/2044/FUL - Installation of dormer window on second floor at Lympstone Nurseries.

WITHDRAWN

21/2211/FUL - Erection of a shed at Orchard Barn, Sowden Lane

Cllr Atkins proposed to support the application. Cllr Payne seconded. Unan.

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

21/2327/FUL - Proposed first floor extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension at 3 Spring Meadow Jackson Meadow.

Cllr Rogers felt that this would be permitted development and proposed to support the application. Cllr Payne seconded. Unan. Cllr Hill abstained.

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

21/90 Planning decisions

RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.

21/91 Reports of Lead Councillor

21/91.1 Facilities and Estates:

Cllr Atkins briefly reported on the benches in the Parish. He proposed that new picnic tables were needed at: the lookout point beyond the Green and two in Candy's Field. New benches were needed: two in Candy's Field in front of the Preschool, and one outside Gulliford burial ground.

He proposed they should be replaced using composite material.

Cllr Hill seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk purchase the necessary new picnic table and benches.

Cllr Atkins also reminded all Cllrs that the necessary remedial works in Candy's Field still needed to be completed. Cllr Atkins reported that the fence between the school and lower car park was rotten and needed replacing. He highlighted that the vehicular gate post was rotten and also needed replacing. Cllr Atkins proposed that three quotes were sought as soon as possible to replace the entire fence and gate with metal for longevity and heightened safety for pedestrians walking past the cars. Cllr Hill seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk identify three quotes for the necessary work.

21/91.2 Communications: Vacant

Website: The Clerk read the report on behalf of Mr Young regarding the website:

Mary and I will be experimenting on the website with using a QR code in addition to the usual links for the latest PC Agenda. This will enable people to download the latest version to their device – usually a mobile phone rather than, say, printing a copy.

We are also aware that often after the hardcopy of the Agenda has been published additional material had to be added – finance, planning etc. 'Occasionally, new material has to be added to the Agenda after the publication date – for the latest version please visit the website lympstone.org'

All Cllrs unanimously agreed to include the final quote to every agenda to allow for any additional necessary information.

RESOLVED that the Clerk add a sentence explaining any additional information added after the published agenda on to the website.

21/91.3 **Transport and Parking:** Cllr Hill highlighted that there would be a rise in electric cars and charging points. He also added his concerns of the possibility of EDDC discontinuing parking permits for residents in the public car park.

21/91.4 **Community: Youth Club:** Cllr Payne reported that the Youth Club was hoping to open in October. She explained that there was an issue with the bank account closing and trying to find a new bank account which allowed a community account. Cllr Beatty requested for the Youth Club and Preschool accounts as she had not seen any and the PC were liable to check these. Cllr Payne explained she would get something from the Youth Club by the end of the year for the PC. The Chair highlighted the fact that a new committee had to be formed.

Friends of Lympstone Open Spaces: Cllr Payne reported that she had begun a grant application from the Marines Charity and would update the PC on this in due course. She added that LPC and FLOS would be holding a zoom meeting regarding updates on Thursday 16th September at 1.30pm.

Community Hub: The Clerk reported on behalf of Mrs Lyons an update from the Community Hub: *The community hub had provided between 30-35 meals a month to the most vulnerable members of the Parish. This averaged a cost of £85 per month. The Hub had been provided with three grants to help towards the cost of this:*

Devon County Councillors £500 – grant specific to Covid19 support

Lympstone WI £400 – grant specific to be used in Lympstone

Harlow Consultancy £300 – grant specific for Community lunches

These grants had covered all costs from January 2021 and should last at least until Dec 2021.

The Community Hub propose to continue delivering the lunches and in December, hire the village hall to host a community Christmas meal with entertainment. From January the village hall would be booked out once a month to continue a social event.

21/91.5 **Environment: Lympstone Flood Resilience Group:** Cllr Atkins reported that he would like more detail regarding the LFRG spending money to tell farmers in the area how they should run their land. He felt this money spent was not necessary as many farmers in the community did not want this advice. Cllr Atkins proposed to contact Mr Corcos from LFRG to discuss this. Unan.

RESOLVED that Cllr Atkins would contact Mr Corcos about this issue.

Exe Estuary: Cllr Hill (EEMP rep) explained he would be attending an EEMP forum on Wednesday 15th September.

Wotton Brook: Cllr Tyrrell read his report and displayed photographic evidence regarding the pollution in the Wotton Brook:

You have all received the many photographs I have circulated regarding the state of Wotton Brook.

The numerous times I have sent out photographs makes me so disappointed that our authorities who are supposed to help and support the public seemingly ignore that our water courses are so polluted.

In the present climate when global warming and pollution is so high on our authorities list to tackle and change why there is nothing investigated to rectify the situation on our doorstep. The PC is the bottom tier of authority which

gathers evidence first-hand and is seemingly ignored by the larger authorities with the power to make a difference.

In the second week of August, I met SWW testing the water at the Ford where a large amount of white foam was floating on the water. Recently this has become a very common sight there. I asked the SWW official about the foam who stated it was froth. I explained that this froth was not upstream (by the waterfall and above) and he could not answer me.

His final words to me were that as a parish you must contact the EA as it is obvious that someone's private sewage plant is not working. I pointed out that there was a private plant just over the hedge. He again suggested to ask the EA to find out if the owner of the sewage plant had a permit to discharge into the Wotton Brook and if they had then to ask the EA why as the main sewer is so close.

He also stated that the EA could analyse the water quality far better than he could and request that too.

Therefore, I would like to propose that LPC write to the EA to test the water in the Brook and specify the following:

1 The PC would like to observe the time of testing

2 The PC would like a full report of what exactly are the chemicals in the water making the froth.

Unfortunately, it means that we must give up more of our time to try and sort out an issue where paid officers from larger authorities should be regularly doing as a matter of course regarding public health. I haven't even seen a dragon fly in the Brook this year. It is shameful that an open sewer is in existence in this day and age. It should also be noted that the River Trust has found evidence of Covid19 in some rivers in this country.

I would like to also propose that the PC get advisory information signage to put up at all the public access points i.e. The waterfall, Ford and the Boat Shelter end to advise the public that the Brook is potentially polluted and until tested clear to please avoid children and dogs entering and playing in the water.

As a responsible council I believe it is our duty to inform and we may also get more public to start taking notice of the state of Wotton Brook.

The Chair seconded Cllr Tyrrell's proposal of writing to the EA. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk draft a letter to the EA using points raised in Cllr Tyrrell's report.

Cllr Hill seconded Cllr Tyrrell's proposal of advisory signage for members of the public. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk draft a sign to get printed.

Cllr Staddon reported that she had now received a water testing kit from the River CSI Project and would be able to regularly test the water and enter findings online to a national database to monitor.

21/92 **Items for the next Agenda**

Lympstone Football Club – using the fields and the LPC and LFC contract.

Meeting closed **9.30pm**

Chairman:

Date: