

**MINUTES OF A LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2021.**

PRESENT:	
Councillors	D Atkins, D Beatty, C Carter, C Eastley, R Eastley, K Hill, N Linfoot, J Payne, K Rogers, L Staddon and D Tyrrell
Clerk	Miss L Tyrrell
County Councillors	None
District Councillors	B Ingham and G Jung
Public	10 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 Committee Room of the Village Hall. It was a paperless meeting.

Public session

The Chair welcomed everyone present and thanked all for attending. She reminded all that they would have three minutes to speak and invited the public to speak.

A member of the public asked about the excess water flowing down Longmeadow Road from the new development. He explained that the excess water was adding to the Harefield Drive development, which never had a problem before with water run-off, but now was overloading the gully which prevented the water draining away slowly. The Chair explained this had been reported to DCC and LPC would continue to report this to both DCC and EDDC. Cllr Atkins added that this issue had been reported to County and as there wasn't a footpath along the new road to the new development they were powerless to do anything. He had notified the owners who were investigating it. Cllr Atkins explained he would go back to the owners as he did have dye he was able to add to their tank and see the water run-off.

A representative of the owners at Southerleigh asked to speak on the planning application at the appropriate time.

The Chair invited the EDDC Cllrs to speak. She added that as from next month the County and District Cllrs would have their report item reinstated as stated in LPCs standing orders.

Cllr Jung read his statement to LPC: *I do my utmost to work with you, Lympstone Parish Council, and your residents to have a joint coherent voice but unfortunately, I am very disappointed with your conclusions that are minuted regarding the proposed Woodland creation proposed between Lympstone and the Pebblebed heaths.*

Firstly, there is a "press embargo" and you as a council were invited to attend a site meeting prior to the conclusion of the sale to provide openness and transparency. You then discussed the project in an open meeting and then published the minutes. To then recommend a representative to try to encourage the vendor to change his mind was I believe unfortunately beyond the remit for any Parish Council to do.

East Devon has a massive balancing act, we are told we must provide 850 new dwellings a year, but we must protect the Exe Estuary and the Pebblebed Heaths. As Coast Country and Environment Portfolio holder it's my job to provide alternatives for opening more access to the countryside, and the Clyst Valley Regional Park and this proposal for woodland are just a few of the pieces to a massive jigsaw.

As I see it, a native broadleaf woodland with provision for access for people to enjoy, the creation of a natural bridge between your village and the Pebblebed heaths is a far better alternative to intensive farming or mass housing development.

The current strategies of Green Wedges to prevent the merging of towns and villages, just like Green Belts are under threat nationally, because they simple are a "do not develop" strategy, restricting the landowners to continue as before but farming in these restricted pockets is not always viable. Here in East Devon, we want to increase a woodland canopy cover from a

dismal 13% to at least double for our Climate Change Targets. To me encouraging further tree cover in areas that we don't want development is a no brainer!

I'm very supportive of this proposal and I will explain why.

The land proposed is 134 acres not as you state 250 acres, it not prime agricultural land nor is it in the "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty" and only has been managed for approximately 200 years for agriculture. It is not unique but very similar to many rural farms in the East Devon and the UK. However, the proposal will improve and increase wildlife and biodiversity dramatically.

The grassland is of relatively low ecological value in its current condition. The planting of trees will not cover the whole, but wildflower meadows will replace some the current pasture as part of the project which will be a major benefit to the existing flora and fauna and will dramatically improve the carrying capacity for wild biomass. A thriving semi natural ecosystem will be far more beneficial to the animals and plants in the area than managed farmland could ever be. The broad leaf tree planting will substantially increase the biodiversity of the area and help reduce water run off during a flood event.

It has been identified that this area will benefit from careful upper catchment measures to retain and slow down the flow of water during a storm event which would be a great advantage and benefit to your village that has a history of flooding during storm events.

I nor the ecologists I have spoken to are familiar with the term "lifelines" but if it refers to "ancient tracks" these probably were lost when the land was originally cleared, ploughed, hedged, fenced and drainage channels constructed a few centuries ago.

The whole of East Devon has a roaming deer population with mainly native roe deer and many escapees of Muntjac, that traverse substantially. New planting of trees will be protected but will not restrict the general movement of the roaming deer.

Because of the high designation of the Pebblebed Heaths and the Exe Estuary there is a statutory requirement to provide access to alternative open countryside locations through the creation of parkland, the creation of more woodland and by increasing the number of footpaths routes by using some existing country lanes and providing extra links.

There will be possibly 2 small car park (for the less agile and disabled) but no toilets, visitor centre, or café are planned. Unfortunately, there will be dogs and litter as experienced at any public location, but this will be carefully managed and funded.

The Drainage from any hard services such as a carpark will be suitably managed, and the work already carried out by the Lympstone Upper Catchment studies will be used intensively to manage the water flow along the Wotton brook.

I do hope that we can work together, to enhance and improve our surrounding countryside, for better biodiversity, better wildlife, help reduce flooding and to help this area to be a brilliant example of being one of the first counties in England to be carbon neutral.

Cllr Hill stated that LPC only wanted to clarify points raised to the PC. The PC did not want additional buildings, car parks or 6ft deer fencing. Cllr Tyrrell highlighted that wildlife corridors did not work, animals use ancient life and flight lines. Additional deer fencing would only diminish the wildlife. Car parks would enhance the risk of flooding to Lympstone, any additional water to the Brook should be avoided.

Cllr Ingham explained that District Cllrs make evidence-based step by step decisions. He was keen that any decision made was as a community rather than an opinion.

A member of the public raised the issue of vast areas of trees cut down on Woodbury Common with no replacement trees planted and no explanation given of why this had happened. Cllr Jung explained that this was in separate ownership and therefore a separate issue.

21/93 Apologies

County Cllr Trail and Cllr Scott due to nothing further to report to LPC at this time.

Cllr Atkins proposed to approve the apologies. Unan.

RESOLVED that the apologies received were approved by the PC.

21/94 Minutes

Cllr Atkins proposed the PC minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September 2021 accurate. Cllr Beatty seconded. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that the PC minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/95 To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr C and R Eastley declared an interest with 21/1312/FUL.

Cllr Tyrrell declared an interest with 21/2433/FUL.

21/96 Clerk's Report:

21/96.1

Asset Register Policy

The Clerk presented LPC's Asset Register Policy previously circulated to all Cllrs. Cllr Atkins proposed to agree and adopt the Asset Register Policy. Cllr C Eastley seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Asset Register Policy was agreed and adopted by LPC.

21/96.2

Correspondence received

The Clerk read the letter received from both Mr Hine and Sam Jeffcoat, PROW Officer. The Clerk asked the Cllrs to consider the options of refurbishment, replace like for like or another solution including the cost and aesthetics. After a brief discussion, Cllr Rogers proposed to get a new bespoke like for like gate made. Unan. Cllr Payne proposed to ask DCC what type of metal gate they could also provide to compare. Unan.

RESOLVED that a new bespoke made gate would be costed.

RESOLVED that DCC would be contacted for more information regarding a metal gate.

The Clerk asked Cllrs to consider to either repair or replace the vehicular access gate at the Estuary end of Avenue Field. The Clerk also asked the PC to consider installing a new pedestrian gate at this end to be able to lock the vehicular access gate. Cllr Atkins explained that it was practical and necessary to have two vehicular access gates at either end of the field. He added that he would view the Estuary end vehicular access gate and let the PC know whether it could be rehung or needed replacing.

Cllr Linfoot also highlighted the fact that both medium size and small dogs were able to escape the field easily under both the wooden vehicular and pedestrian gate. Cllr Atkins added that he would also look at this and make recommendations to the Council.

21/96.3

Notice of conclusion of audit

Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2021 – The Clerk reported that LPC had been externally audited and no financial concerns had been raised. The Clerk added that the public notice had to be posted by 30th Sept and this had been completed by the 21st Sept on both the notice boards and website.

The Clerk also explained that the PC needed to consider the internal auditor for next year. Cllr Rogers proposed to use the same auditor as last year. Cllr Atkins seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Mrs Clapham regarding the PCs internal audit for 2021/2022.

21/96.4 Finance

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

RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

Payments – September 2021:

06/09/21	2869	Alison West - Bespoke Web Designs Inv no: 2567	£100.00
06/09/21	2870	L Tyrrell - wages August 2021	£1,115.80
06/09/21	2871	L Tyrrell - expenses August 2021	£111.09
06/09/21	2872	HMRC - Income tax and NI	£76.20
06/09/21	2873	VHCIO - LPC grant awarded	1,683.00
06/09/21	2874	Benchworks Groundworks Ltd - Paths at Gulliford Burial Ground	4,549.03
06/09/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671024465401 (Toilets)	14.00
15/09/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829166 (YC)	£65.00
15/09/21	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829135 (YC)	£32.00
30/09/21	DD	Plusnet REF: PNET3453454-1 (YC)	£29.99

Receipts – September 2021:

08/09/2021	FPI	Laura Sissons - GoFundMe (Play areas)	48.04
10/09/2021	FPI	Heral Advert - Peter Tosh Optica	25.00
14/09/2021	FPI	Herald Advert - R Sissons	15.00
14/09/2021	FPI	Herald Advert - Rodney Spiller	100.00

Financial Summary Report:	
Opening balance 1st April 2021:	95,828.47
Total receipts (1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021)	55,215.10
Total Payments (1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021)	28,309.82
Running balance as of 30th September 2021:	122,733.75
Balanced carried forward at 30/09/21:	122,733.75

Budget Monitoring 2021 - 2022			
Expenditure			
Code	Item	Budget	Spent
G	VAT	£4,000.00	£1,327.23
H	S137	£100.00	£0.00
I	Other Grants	£1,000.00	£1,683.00
J	Clerk's Salary	£11,000.00	£7,634.96
K	Clerks Expenses	£900.00	£395.94
L	Office expenses	£1,200.00	£360.34
M	Village Hall Hire	£0.00	£0.00
N	Chairman's Allowance	£200.00	£0.00
O	Subs	£650.00	£586.00
P	Courses, Travel etc	£500.00	£60.00

Q	Insurance, Audit, Elections	£3,500.00	£1,855.28
R	Miscellaneous	£1,000.00	£280.00
S	Herald Printing	£4,500.00	£2,638.00
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	£472.50
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, rates, elec, utilities, repairs	£5,000.00	£3,146.93
AD	Flood equipment and Maintenance	£300.00	£166.66
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	£894.93
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	£8,221.70
	Total	£63,924.00	£32,482.88
	Add VAT		<u>£1,327.23</u>
	Total		£33,810.11

Code	Receipts - Budget Performance 2021-2022		
		Budget	Actual
F	Precept	47,000.00	47,000.00
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	2,467.00
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	52,705.99

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	20,000.00
Emergency funding	5000	0	5,000.00
Total allocated balances	40500	3343.1	37,156.90

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Clerk's Action List

The Clerk explained that responses to any emails requiring a decision would be given seven days to respond. If no responses of objection were received the Clerk would accept the decision was unanimously agreed by the PC. All Cllrs agreed to this suggestion.

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

21/97 Report from the Chairman.

The Chair reported that two children in the village had been awarded certificates of recognition and thanks from the PC for their fundraising efforts towards the play area raising over £300. She also thanked the three ladies who had completed a marathon (in the rain) who raised over £1,000 towards the play area. The Chair updated everyone with the progress of work at Gulliford burial ground. She explained that the funding from HLF for the planned refurbishment was complete and a grand opening day with Prof Todd Gray would be held in the last week of October. She thanked FOGBG and Mrs Coles for all their hard work and dedication in overseeing and implementing the necessary work to get the refurbishment completed. The Chair thanked the Community hub for quickly acting and resourcing clothes, shoes and toys for Afghan refugees.

21/98 Clerks Appraisal

Cllr Tyrrell and the Clerk left the room.

Cllr Rogers and Cllr Hill reported the clerks review and appraisal to all members. They felt that the Clerk's wages needed to be more in line and representative of the coverage of work expected. They fully praised the Clerks ability and felt she was still being underpaid. Cllr Atkins felt the DALC pay scale did not represent an appropriate wage scale. Cllr Rogers proposed to move the Clerk up the pay scale to a more appropriate point and attend the necessary CiLCA training. Cllr Hill seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk and Chair complete the Clerk's job elevation sheet and present to the PC.

21/99 Community Asset re Methodist Hall

Cllr Atkins presented a report regarding this: *The Primitive Methodist School building (Methodist Hall). This building has at last been confirmed it is 'for sale'. Miss Helen Dimond brought the matter to the attention of Cllr David Atkins some months ago, she was interested as to whether the Parish through the Parish Council and/or create a Charity. The property is situated in the heart of the village and was used by many organisations of the Parish. Cllr Atkins contacted EDDC Officer, Mr Nick Wright, who he had previously worked with regarding Community Assets. The Parish has six weeks to affirm with EDDC their continued interest in acquiring the building, for use by the community, naming all the uses and users that would wish to continue to use this marvellous facility situated as it is near to the car park and train station. It was also acknowledged that the Methodist fraternity would very much like to continue its use for worship and social activities. Mr Wright acknowledged the strategic value of the building and registered it, thus giving the community the opportunity to acquire it, at an open market price. It being hoped negotiations could be entered in to establish a discount for its continued use. If the Parish Council agreed the proposal the Parish would have six months to raise the required funds to acquire it, thus grants and crowd funding would be urgently needed. An idea has been put forward that it could accommodate a Parish Office and a new meeting place for the Parish Council and all the uses above. Footnote: for all those who do not understand local views, the Parish Councils in the Country are the "Grass roots of society" and are much valued by District, County and Government. It is disappointing to learn that some views are being expressed that Parish Councils are interfering.*

Cllr Atkins explained that a charity could be created as this was advised by Mr Wright as the best way forward. He added that crowd funding could be used to support raising the necessary funds. Cllr Atkins explained that at this current time, no one knew the cost of the building, but an agent was due to phone him to discuss the cost. The Methodist Church would allow the PC in for their own surveyor and a way forward with the funding. Cllr Tyrrell proposed that any further discussion regarding money should be delivered in a Part B. Cllr Atkins explained a Part B would allow the PC to deliver a statement to the public without going into fine detail. Cllr Hill proposed the PC express a formal interest in the community asset to EDDC. Cllr C Eastley seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would register an interest with EDDC for the Methodist Hall on behalf of the PC.

21/100 Chairman and Clerk Honours Board.

Cllr Atkins explained the board was originally 'St Thomas District Council offices board of Chairman'. It was removed and Cllr Atkins rescued it to use the other side for Lympstone's record of Chairmen and Clerks. He felt upset and passionate about the board being removed from the Committee room wall and the historical value it held. He suggested it could be moved to the changing room entrance. Cllr Rogers added that it could be moved to the Youth Club building. Cllr Beatty did explain that she felt the board was large and dated. Cllr Rogers also requested for the picture given to the PC by HM Royal Marines marking the Royal Marines 365th anniversary also be returned. Cllr Atkins added that the Britain In Bloom items were going to be removed and locked away and they should be on display. Cllr Beatty explained that the Garden

Club had the Britain In Bloom items safe. Cllr Eastly agreed with Cllr Atkins, he felt he had given up countless hours of time and own expenditure to serve the community and felt the removal of the board was disgraceful. He felt the PC needed to take possession of the board for the interim. Cllr Rogers proposed to move the board to the Youth Club. Cllr Atkins seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that Lympstone Parish Council's Chairman and Clerk board be moved to the Youth Club.

21/101 Lympstone Football Club

Cllr Staddon declared an interest.

Cllr Hill read his statement:

The LPC is not required to provide a football pitch on any of the land it owns or manages. The LPC provides free of charge the use of Cliff field (Owned by NT) and Candys Field (Owned by LPC) – NB – There is a small charge for Cliff Field for use of a small area of land for a storage container. Both these spaces are Public Open Spaces and must be maintained as such. The agreement with the LFC reflected this and it was made clear that this space was not for the exclusive use of the LFC. Furthermore, the LFC agreed to limited use of these spaces. LFC also agreed to maintain the spaces they used so that they were safe for use by players and suitable for use by the public at other times. To this end the LPC agreed times of usage and clearly stated terms and conditions, so they complied with the needs both users. Regrettably the management of the LFC often blatantly ignored these usage times and terms and conditions and have treated the spaces as its own property. This was brought to a head when the LFC, without any full prior consultation with the owners of these spaces, other a quick note that they were doing some minor maintenance, arranged for Cliff Field, a Public Open Space, to undergo major works that involved the area to be initially sprayed with a weedkiller which required use under controlled conditions.

LPC have tried to negotiate with the LFC over this treatment intended to improve the quality of the pitch. Regrettably due to initial gross misrepresentations made by the LFC to its contractor they both still seem unable to recognise that these spaces not the property of or under the control of the LFC. The final straw was when we recently reported to the LFC some of our concerns over some issues we had with these areas, the response was that LPC were interfering busybodies who did not have clue of what they are talking about – despite having one Councillor who worked in Agrochemical Research for over 20 years and others who have spent most of their lives farming and maintaining land. There was also an email in a similar vein from the LFC's contractor, which again clearly demonstrated the LFC's management's lack of respect for the terms and conditions under which they were permitted to use these spaces. This situation has arisen due to gross misrepresentations made by the LFC to KePring and it is likely that had the true situation been made clear before KePring agreed to the contract, they would never have agreed to it.

Finally, LPC is not stopping children playing ball games, including football, on these spaces, it is just terminating the LFC permission to use Candys Field with one month's notice and reviewing the permission for the continued use Cliff Field.

Overview of the legal position.

- 1. Always made clear to LFC that they had limited use of public land at defined times. The land in question is not the property of LFC and LFC do not have exclusive use of the land.*
- 2. In exchange for its use the LFC undertook to do basic maintenance*
- 3. The Contract with KePring was arranged by LFC without consultation with the LPC or NT.*

4. Upon LPC becoming aware of the hazard created by KePring the LPC had a joint meeting where it was hoped the misrepresentation made by the LFC could be highlighted and to agree a way forward.
5. LPC advised LFC and KePring that land was Public Open Space and must be maintained as such with adequate notice, full risk assessment and limit the use of hazardous materials. I was also specified that the areas could not be cordoned off at any time as they were public spaces.
6. There has been further communication with KePring where they have held themselves up as the experts as disregarded any concerns raised by the LPC.
7. The LPC have always made it clear that our prime aim was the safety of the public and that these areas are not the property of LFC.
8. KePring have now threatened the LPC with the Ombudsman/legal action. The LPC's legal position is that the LFC hold the contract with KePring and the LFC provided a false impression to KePring in the way LFC held and managed the land. Any communication or information provided by LPC was to help clarify the situation and should the KePring need to sue the LFC for non-payment the LPC will aid KePring to recover their costs because the gross misrepresentations made by the LFC.

Cllr Atkins explained that today both himself and Cllr Hill had visited Candy's field and were not satisfied. He recognised the contractor was caught between LPC and LFC. He added that the field could not tolerate any further use as it is as it was being used far more than expected. However, Cllr Atkins felt that the little tots group was working well. The Chair supported Cllr Atkins and added that the contract between LPC and LFC for the use of Candy's field was terminated and monitor the use of Cliff field. Cllr Hill reiterated that the issue was the poor communication with the management of the club not the players. Cllr Tyrrell added that the club still had Cliff field to play on. Cllr Hill proposed to terminate the LPC and LFCs contract using Candy's field with immediate effect. Cllr Atkins seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED That the Clerk write to LFC and give the agreed months' notice for using Candy's field.

Cllr Hill added that the contractors must still be paid in full by LFC for the maintenance of the fields.

21/102 Planning applications

21/2317/VAR - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of 21/0490/FUL (Proposed new dwelling and car port) to allow the installation of a Packaged Sewage Treatment Plant at Land Adjacent To 21 Strawberry Hill.

Cllr Linfoot proposed to support the application. Cllr Beatty seconded. Unan. Cllr Tyrrell objected and Cllr Rogers abstained.

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

21/2318/FUL - Installation of timber gates to existing driveway, construction of porch and single storey extension to the east of existing dwelling with associated landscaping at Southerleigh, Church Rd and **21/2319/LBC** - Installation of timber gates to existing driveway, construction of porch and single storey extension to the east of existing dwelling with associated landscaping at Southerleigh, Church Rd.

Cllr Atkins proposed to support the application. Cllr Rogers seconded in line with listed building officer's recommendations. Unan.

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

21/2433/FUL - First floor extension at The Workshop, Longmeadow Road
Cllr Tyrrell declared an interest and left the room.

Cllr Atkins felt that the PC should object to the application due to the incorrect language of the application, it was not an 'extension' but a 'creation' of a first floor. He also added that the application was situated in the green wedge and a proposed conservation area. Cllr Rogers raised additional concerns of the additional sewage flow to the treatment plant. Cllr Atkins added that there were outstanding matters regarding this site that still needed resolving – the previously refused hard standing application which is still in situ and the polytunnels erected. He felt that before any further planning applications were considered the outstanding matters needed to be rectified.

Cllr Hill proposed to object to the application. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

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

21/2459/FUL - Removal and raising of roof, front pitched roof dormers and side flat roof dormers, and alterations to external materials at 1 Meadow Close.

Cllr Atkins 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.

21/0751/FUL - Siting of six shepherds huts with external decking, 3 boiler houses/log stores, one with decking area, and associated infrastructure (retrospective application) at Lymestone Manor Hotel.

Cllr Linfoot proposed to object to the application as before and include the coastal protection zone and listed building consent. Cllr Rogers seconded. Unan.

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

21/1312/FUL - Replacement garage and workshop at Three Acres Summer Lane.

Cllr Atkins proposed to support the application. Cllr Linfoot seconded. Unan. Cllr Rogers objected.

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

21/2404/FUL - Retention of 4 shipping containers for B8 storage uses, Farm Buildings At Meetings Lane.

Cllr Linfoot proposed to object to the application due to the site being agricultural land and not industrial in open countryside. Cllr Hill seconded. Unan.

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

21/103 Planning decisions

RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.

21/104 Reports of Lead Councillor

21/104.1 Facilities and Estates

Cllr Atkins reported that the contractors working with LFC had not brought the pitches up to standard and the FC needed to make the pitches good. Cllr Beatty reminded the fact that LFC had received a grant from the FA to pay the contractors for their work.

Transport and Parking

Cllr Hill reported that the Getting Around group were looking at suitable places in the Parish to recommend electric car charging points. Cllr Beatty explained that she and Cllr Staddon had volunteered to help with the gardening on the railway embankment.

Community

Youth Club: Cllr Payne reported that the Youth Club had opened a new bank account in both her and Susan Briggs' names. She was looking into transferring the old bank account to the new one. She had created a new finance sheet for the YC leader to maintain ongoing payments and receipts. Cllr Payne reported a new committee had been formed: Cllr Payne, Cllr Staddon, Mrs Susan Briggs and Mr Briggs. They would plan to meet quarterly. The Chair asked when the YC intended to reopen, and Cllr Payne hoped this would be after October half term. The Clerk asked about cheque signatories and the financial protection in place for drawing money. Cllr Payne explained she would investigate this.

Friends of Lympstone Open Spaces: Cllr Payne reported that the meeting with EDDC funding officer, Jamie Buckley had gone well, LPC and FLOS was on track to obtain the S106 and CIL funding available. She was also currently waiting to hear about the grant applied for from the Marines Charity.

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr C Eastley reported that a new NP group had been created to review the current NP. They had met with the new members and created an action list of priorities to implement. She believed the review should take 4-5 months to complete and would report each month back to the PC. District Cllr Jung reminded all that the proposed boundary of the conservation area was not confirmed yet and there was a Parish boundary meeting due. Mrs Lyons offered her husband to help with the group and explained she had a few hard copies of the NP she could return to the group.

Community Hub: Mrs Lyons reported that the community Hub had met to discuss the planned Christmas lunch event (Sunday 19th December) in the village hall including entertainment for the community who had been receiving lunches usually delivered by the Hub during the pandemic. The community hub had begun promoting the advent window trail throughout the parish again this year. Mrs Lyons also added that the Hub was planning a long weekend of events for the Queens jubilee (2nd-5th June) including a party on the Saturday and attempt a world record breaking time of the most cream teas served. The hub was planning the schedule and resources now and wanted the PCs continued support. She needed 12 volunteers to help the plans take form and needed to create a group. The Chair asked about planting a tree for the Queens Jubilee and Mrs Lyons added that the hub would like to see this happen in Candys field but also encourage others in the Parish to do the same. She would be emailing all village groups to coordinate activities and events. Cllr Payne and Cllr Staddon volunteered to help. Cllr Hill asked the Clerk to let the air ambulance know of any night time activities as the night landing site was also on Candy's field.

The Chair requested permission from all Cllrs to continue the meeting until 10pm. Unan.

Environment

Exe Estuary: Cllr Hill reported on the recent Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP) forum he had attended where water quality in the Exe was a major concern. This would be investigated further by the EEMP. Cllr Hill highlighted the fact that the letter received from Exeter Port Authority requesting financial support for fuel towards the patrol boat gave no contact details for a response. Cllr Rogers proposed County Cllr Trail was contacted for more information about the request. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Cllr Trail for more detailed information about the request.

Finance, Grants, Funding and Compliance

The Clerk reported that new policies would be rolling out to be adopted by LPC at each future PC meeting.

21/105 Items for the next Agenda

LFRG 10min item to report on progress from the group.

Burial ground fees, policy and risk assessment.

Clerk to present LPCs budget to submit to EDDC

LPCs 5 year draft action plan

CSI advanced water testing kit

History Society Grant application

Response from Cllr Trail re Exeter Port Authority

Finally, the Chair, Mrs Kathy Rogers announced that she would be stepping down from the PC. It was a very poignant moment, and everyone present supported her wholeheartedly with her decision, which had not been an easy one. She was thanked for her continued courage and passion to work tirelessly for our community. She will be very much missed as a valued leader, and friend. Thank you, Kathy.

Meeting closed **10.00pm**

Chairman:

Date: