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To All Members of the Parish

You are invited to attend an Annual Parish Meeting of Lympstone to be held **7.00pm on Monday 4th April in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall.** The business to be transacted is set out below.

Members of the Public are cordially invited to attend. There will be a strict Covid19 safe seating plan. Face masks or shields must be worn. Hand sanitiser and a track and trace system will operate on entry. It will be a paperless meeting.

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

Cllr Keith Hill
Chairman to the Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - AGENDA

	Apologies
1	Chairman
2	Clerk
3	County Councillors
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5	Link Cllrs
6	Lympstone Flood Resilience Group
7	History Society
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9	Gulliford Burial Ground
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11	Lympstone Village Hall CIO
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14	Lympstone Youth Club
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Lympstone History Society

Lympstone History Society activities include talks, activities associated with the LHS archive, the production and sales of written material of relevance to history and the village, specific projects and some linking with other bodies with similar interests on this side of the Exe. In terms of events of particular note this year is the agreement of the Parish Council to take on support for the archive. This has relieved the Society from ongoing pressure to earn from running talks (see below). Speakers cost increasing sums and since covid the audience numbers have been smaller.

A project that will have a direct impact on the village is the History Points project, which is near to completion. Nine small plaques will be attached at locations of historical interest in the village. These will show a QR code and the viewer will be 'taken' to information on the topic on the village website. A map and introduction to the locations will be provided in the first of these sites so it can be seen as a 'trail'.

The less good news is that as a committee, as with other organizations in the village, we are struggling to fulfil the tasks we have traditionally set for ourselves. The number of us on the committee has dwindled and unless we can find some more people to join us, we will be unable to run the series of talks as we have done in the past. It would be possible to run talks on a less regular basis, but we will have lost our 'slot' at the Village Hall and so then accommodation for any such talks will be a problem.

Jenny Moon
Lympstone History Society

Lympstone Community Hub

Despite ongoing COVID restrictions, the Lympstone Community Hub was able to support a number of initiatives over the past year

Monthly Community Lunches Apr21 - Mar 22

A hot 2-course Sunday lunch has been delivered to isolated village residents every month over the past year. In December, a full turkey roast dinner, with a Santa 'goody-bag', was made and delivered for over 40 village residents. The monthly lunches will continue this year.

Afghan Refugees Donation Appeal Sept 22

Donations were collected in the Parish Church over 3 days in September and about 12 car loads were delivered to Exmouth Churches for immediate distribution

Freecycling in October 21 and March 22

The Hub supported the introduction of 'Freecycling Days' in the village

Advent Calendar Windows Dec 21

The Hub facilitated the second very successful year of windows in the village

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations June 22

The Hub is planning and organising this very important 4 day event in the village
Linda Lyons

Friends of Gulliford Burial Ground Report (Since 2020)

Dear Chairman & Parish Councillors

This is the end of year report from the Friends of Gulliford Burial Ground. As you re aware, the Heritage Lottery Fund paper work has now been completed and signed off, I would like to record thanks to Justin Smallwood & Lucy Tyrrell for their help. This means any repairs in the future ie on going repairs to the top course of the boundary wall, will have to be raised elsewhere. The site has a wildlife project to improve the wildflowers, this is being dug over and new varieties including Yellow Rattle added. Last summer the bird box was used with a family of Blue Tits successfully rearing its chicks, however the Wren family still used its traditional spot without any help. The compost heap/ rock pile provides wildlife homes, with the bug hotel still on going. Events to draw people to Gulliford are in the planning stage for this summer, last year we were part of the Heritage Open Days arranged by the National Trust. Plus, power point presentations given to groups for free, as was the talk to Lympstone History Society recently. Finally, the Gulliford Book is on sale at Sussanah's Cafe or available at Amazon for £10, packed with stories such as how Bonnie Prince Charlie's actions stopped marriages at Gulliford for roughly 90 years, to people in Burgmann's Hill complaining about the smell of boiling whale blubber, and Charles Baring buried at Gulliford, who featured on Who Do You Think You Are ? with Josh Widdecombe, who had an even more famous relative that Josh.

Angela Coles,

Chairperson of the Friends of Gulliford Burial Ground

Gibraltar Road Phone Box Book Swap

The phone box book swap continues to be well used. There are regular donations of books, and there is a considerable turnover of stock.

We ask people to stack books carefully and, when the book swap is full, to bring books back later to avoid damage to the stock.

Thank you to all those who donate books, and to all those who give the books a tidy-up every now and then.

kind regards

Mary Turner

LYMPSTONE VILLAGE HALL - REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The newly-formed management team of eight, supported by the other Trustees of the Charity, have embarked on a comprehensive programme of improvements at the Village Hall this year.

We are proud to report:

- Introduction of Blue Science UV technology in our air conditioning system to sanitise circulating air. This has been wholly funded by a grant from Devon County Council, for which we are very appreciative.
- Completion of our major electrical works upgrade to the Above Stage Lighting, a new Main Hall Projector, and a new electric screen in our Community Room. These improvements were part-funded by grants from some of our Village Societies, East Devon District Council, and Lypmstone Parish Council for which we are very grateful.
- Further improvements to our AV technology. We can now offer full AV facilities (Projector/Electric Screen/Audio) in all of our three lettable rooms, and also for major events (for example the Garden Show); audio can now be linked between all three rooms.
- New signage, a new .org domain and website, a new Hirer Guide, and a simplified bookings procedure.
- Redecoration throughout to give a more contemporary feel.
- Smart new seating in our patio area, and a stunning mural completed by Debs Mitchell.
- Carpeting in our Community Room.
- Outside CCTV, 150 Mbits/second Wi-Fi provided by Jurassic Fibre, and the introduction of smart technology to control our systems remotely.
- Replacement lighting in both the Community Room and the Meeting Room.
- Loan of a Smart card reader to Clubs and Societies.
- Completion of a Fire Safety audit, with the audit recommendations already undertaken and planned.
- Finally, we are currently upgrading the AV connectivity and hardware in the Main Hall to facilitate a “plug and play” capability for film shows and presentations. This will allow for multiple inputs.

We have a challenging project ahead of us, “Project First Serve”, a joint venture with Lypmstone Tennis Club aiming to improve disabled access to the back of our building and the stage, and from the car park to Candy’s Field. The project also aims to provide terraced seating for the Tennis Club. This will require Grants and a fundraising campaign. It is a challenging time to find contractors, and so the timing of the project is unclear. A planning application for disabled access to the main door of our Community Room is also in progress.

LYMPSTONE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT TEAM

Ian Bethwaite (Premises Trustee), Greg Crum (Premises Trustee), Carrie Darby (Chair, Trustee), Miles Freeman (Premises Manager), Steve Morgan (Treasurer, Trustee), Doreen Murrey (Vice-Chair, Trustee), Mary Turner (Secretary, Trustee), Caron Winter (Bookings Coordinator, Trustee)

HEATHFIELD ALLOTMENT TRUST - REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Another busy year and great growing.

The Trust continues to improve its site with repairs to our road, the painting of our Trustee Shed and Notice Boards and the removal of planting that is not appropriate for an allotment site.

We celebrated the award of a Grant from South West Water for 30 water butts worth over £1000. There has been great support from plot holders to get these connected and we are so pleased that now there are very few greenhouses or sheds on site that do not have water harvesting in place. Better for the plants, better for the environment and reduces our water bills.

Demand for plots from Lympstone residents is currently around 20 and we anticipate increased demand with the expectation of future increases in the cost of produce. As plots become vacant, large plots are being halved to reduce our waiting list as fast as we can to get everyone growing.

The site is actively managed and monitored by the Trustees, who ensure plots are well cultivated and used primarily for the growing of edible crops as required by our Governing Document, and we are pleased with the overall condition the site is currently in.

Carrie Darby
Chair of Trustees

Lympstone Village Website - Report to Lympstone Parish Council April 2022

Lympstone.org continues to provide information about and for the village. We do our best to keep the information up to date and accurate.

We also maintain content for the parish council, including meeting agendas and minutes, and planning applications. These can be accessed in several different ways from the home page, as well as on the parish council pages.

We are in the process of contacting all the local groups and businesses to check their details are correct - we usually do this every year. We ask people to watch out for emails from webmaster@lympstone.org and reply to confirm content or make any changes.

The website is maintained by two volunteers. We also have a presence on Facebook and on Twitter (both of which are visible on the home page).

We are the official online presence for LPC and work with our LPC rep Susan Francis to seek to ensure we do this effectively.

We rely on input from local groups and residents, so if you are aware of items that are incorrect or out of date please do let us know!

David Young and Mary Turner
Webmasters

Lympstone Youth Club

It was the long awaited opening of The Youth Club this month. We are back to running seniors and juniors.

The hut is now being used 6/7 days for clubs and organisations. Some days we have more than one group in. We also have some courses and parties booked in for the Saturdays.

The new bank account is really helpful and making it all run smoothly.

Susan Briggs

Youth Club Leader