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To All Members of the Assets and Amenities Committee of the Parish Council,

You are invited to attend an Assets and Amenities (AAC) Committee meeting of Lympstone Parish Council, to be held **6.30pm on Monday 24th April 2023 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.

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

DG Atkins

Cllr DG Atkins
Chairman to AAC Committee

AGENDA

	Public session
AAC 23/12	INFORMATION: Apologies
AAC 23/13	ACTION: Minutes – Reference approved minutes 27 th February 2023 (attached)
AAC 23/14	DISCUSSION: Matters raised - From PC meeting 3 rd April 2023.
AAC 23/15	ACTION: Front Meadow – Actions raised from the meeting held on 18 th April.
AAC 23/16	ACTION: Parish Council cemetery: Gate repairs. Update on hedge between cemetery and Village Hall. Review of charging policy re burials. Estimates re path renewals and replacements. Work required to uneven ground and headstones. Bench request (see correspondence attached).
ACC 23/17	ACTION: Parish Council Maintenance Contractor – To consider a new maintenance contractor due to resignation of current contractor.
ACC 23/18	ACTION: Candys and Cliff Field – Consider modus operandi pertaining both fields.
ACC 23/19	ACTION: Goal Posts – LFCs goal posts in Cliff Field.
AAC 23/20	ACTION: Candys Field hedge – Consider Autumn laying of Eastern hedge and part of Northern hedge and cleaning out ditch.
AAC 23/21	ACTION: The Avenue – Consider the long-term pollarding of Avenue trees.
AAC 23/22	DISCUSSION: Avenue field – To discuss the cost of a new access point between North East and South East entrances to alleviate road safety concerns.
AAC 23/23	DISCUSSION: Pétanque pitch – To discuss request from correspondence received (attached).
AAC 23/24	DISCUSSION: Items for the next Agenda

Minutes of Assets committee meeting
Monday 27th February 2023 6pm
Councillors Atkins (chair), Hill, Lewis, Staddon, Beatty & Linfoot

23/1. No apologies

23/2. Minutes of last assets meeting proposed as correct and accurate by Councillor Atkins, seconded by Councillor Hill. Passed unanimously.

23/4. Candy's management review

The plan proposed by Councillor Lewis was discussed.

A) Air ambulance access must be maintained

B) The path that cuts across Candy's Field will be managed, but not resurfaced.

C) Hedge behind preschool. The hedge can't be removed as it was part of planning to create a barrier between the preschool and the houses. Councillor Lewis proposed that the hedge be managed/cut back during the year in preparation for selected planting in the Autumn .

Action- Councillor Lewis to prepare a specification for work required. (Proposed Councillor Atkins, seconded Councillor Beatty, Unanimous)

D) Ground under the Oak tree with the swing.

A discussion took place re the swing which is regularly removed and then replaced. Major Latham to be spoken to and asked to issue an update to the Marine staff not to replace, (will speak on March 20th).

The 2 picnic benches are regularly moved over to the tree, a quote will be obtained to place concrete pads down to pin the benches to.

Action- Councillor Atkins to obtain a quote to complete work (proposed Councillor Linfoot, seconded Councillor Hill, Unanimous).

E) Jubilee Oak to be monitored over the summer, if no improvement a replacement sourced and planted in the Autumn.

F) The tree that was protected by a TPO will be replaced in the autumn.

23/5 Trees in Front Meadow.

Councillor Lewis discussed the trees, at this time a Lucombe Oak not available at this time (will be available in autumn). Councillor Lewis also reported that the main Oak has a particular fungus (ganoderma) which is untreatable and an indicator of poor plant health, so any planting should be successional.

Councillor Lewis has 3 proposals, but after further discussion it was agreed that a meeting with RBL, the Russell's, the church and the PC to discuss altogether and then act on.

Action Lucy to arrange a meeting ASAP. (Councillor Atkins proposed, seconded Councillor Beatty, Unanimous).

23/6 Avenue Trees

Councillor Lewis highlighted that several Trees required work/pollarding for safety reasons. Councillor Beatty raised concerns about Wrens nesting, Councillor Lewis will ensure impact to the nesting sites will be minimal.

Action- Councillor Lewis to contact Dartmoor Trees who have quoted £1400 and available in March to arrange the work (Proposed Councillor Linfoot, seconded Councillor Hill Unanimous)

23/6 Temporary membership of the assets committee was discussed and it was proposed Councillor Lewis join (pre election).
(Proposed Councillor Atkins, seconded Councillor Hill, Unanimous)
Councillor Lewis then had to leave to attend an appointment.

23/7 Kissing Gate Cliff Field

Discussion on report from Skinners re repair or cut a new gate.

It was proposed that a new gate is built, in the design of the old gate, but is replaced on the field as a gate (like Avenue Field) and not try to replicate/replace the curved fencing (proposed Councillor Atkins, seconded Councillor Staddon, Unanimous)
Lucy to inform Skinners to go ahead with the build.

23/8 Rag safety fence

Councillor Atkins discussed a quote he had to install a fence, which would consist of wood posts and stock wire. The entrance would be opened up to allow the fence to stretch straight across. Quote was for £1284 (approximately).

It was agreed that this was needed as we approach the summer, and people will want to use it.

(Councillor proposed work be carried out, seconded Councillor Staddon, Unanimous)

23/9 Cemetery work

The policy on burial was discussed, it was agreed that only qualified gravedigger be allowed to work in the Cemetery.

That the secretary have discretion on implementing the fees when deciding double fees (not for people who have lived the majority of their life in Lymptone).

If two sets of ashes are to be interred in one casket, the second set will be charged 50% of the burial fee.

Proposed Councillor Hill seconded Councillor Atkins Unanimous in support of above.

Hedge between Cemetery and village hall will be layered outside of the nesting season.

The path was discussed, a quote will be obtained from RBL to remove the bricks and replace with a concrete path (narrower than present). Councillor Atkins has this in hand.

A survey is under way of the headstones, those that have sunk, families will be contacted, if not quotes obtained to correct.

Mr Pring will be told the soil in the corner must be moved ASAP.

Main gates will be inspected, Mr Morrish will correct the gate posts to ensure they close properly. Consideration to have the gates rubbed down and repainted

(Councillor Atkins to report back).

23/10. Avenue Field footpath (NE corner to SE corner)

The Getting around Group suggestion was discussed.

It was not clear who may use this footpath and how often.
Proposed that Councillor Atkins obtain a quote to open the hedge up and install a gate (same as new gate far end).
(Proposed Councillor Linfoot, seconded Councillor Staddon, Unanimous).

Items for next agenda.

Solar lights in Front Meadow
Additional bench in Front Meadow
Petanque pitch

Meeting concluded **7.35pm**

Chairman:

Date:

AAC 23/16 Correspondence received:

8/4/23

Hello Lucy, I hope you are well.

John and I would like to provide a no-maintenance bench for the 'new' burial ground. There is a suitable place by the far hedge, at the end of a path, where the sunset could be seen. It would be a peaceful place to sit and remember so many people.

We would like to dedicate it to the Delahaye family...grandfather came to Lympstone in 1926...with a small plaque and simple message...

"for the love of Lympstone.

from the Delahaye family"

Does this sound feasible Lucy? I have found a possible supplier incl plaque, delivery and anchor kit...at our expense of course. Will send a link in a separate email.

Thank you, Jenny

AAC 23/23

26/2/23

Hi Nick and Lucy

At a relevant meeting could Members please consider installing a petanque pitch with a bench. The pictures are of East Budleigh's pitch recently installed and which is very popular and cost in the region of £5k.

It is simple to install and a regulation size petanque pitch is 4 m wide x 15 m long; the surface can be dolomite, sand, gravel, red shale or similar.

Many villages have set up successful village teams and it is popular with all ages. I personally think it would be a great asset to Lympstone.

It can be positioned anywhere even if the land is uneven and it would not take up much room or be detrimental to other facilities.

There are loads of images and information on how to install etc just by searching "petanque ptich".

Thanks

Anne-Marie