

**MINUTES OF A LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2023.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	
<b>Councillors</b>	D Atkins, S Francis, K Hill, A Lewis, N Linfoot (Chairman) J Payne and L Staddon
<b>Clerk</b>	Miss L Tyrrell
<b>County Councillors</b>	J Trail and R Scott
<b>District Councillors</b>	B Ingham and G Jung
<b>Public</b>	9 members

**Public session**

The Chairman welcomed all present and invited members of the public to speak.

A resident asked when permission had been sought to redirect the public footpath through the Mill. County Cllr Scott explained that no permission had been sought and it was being investigated by DCC. The resident felt the diversion was over the top and unnecessary. She added that the Mill owner should also consider the overgrown Brook and if there was a flash flood the water would have no where to go and urgently needed cutting back. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact LFRG about this.

A member of the public raised item 23/63 and asked why the wider village and not been consulted on the plans proposed. Cllr Staddon explained that an initial consultation with immediate neighbours had been held then a future consultation would be planned for the entire Parish. Cllr Linfoot explained that full plans needed to be proposed then a series of public consultations could be held. Cllr Staddon reminded all present that the current building was open for anyone to view.

**23/54 Apologies**

Cllr M Moffatt due to work commitments.

Cllr Linfoot proposed to approve the apologies. Cllr Atkins seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the Apologies were approved by the PC.*

**23/55 Minutes**

Cllr Atkins proposed the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June were accurate Cllr Francis seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.*

Cllr Atkins proposed the minutes of the Assets and Amenities committee meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were accurate. Cllr Staddon seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the minutes of the Assets and Amenities committee meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.*

**23/56 To receive any Declarations of Interest**

None.

**23/57 Casual Vacancy**

The Chairman explained that there had been two applications of interest.

Cllr Atkins proposed that Mr Minter and Ms Culhane were co-opted onto the PC with immediate effect. Cllr Linfoot seconded. Unan. Mr Minter and Ms Culhane joined the

PC. They both signed and read out loud the declaration of acceptance of office and declaration of acceptance of the code of conduct.

*RESOLVED that Mr Minter and Ms Culhane were co-opted on to the PC with immediate effect.*

## **23/58 Clerk's Report:**

### **23/58.1 Financial Regulations**

The Clerk presented the reviewed financial regulations.

Cllr Linfoot proposed to approve the reviewed financial regulations policy. Cllr Staddon seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the reviewed financial regulations policy was approved.*

Cllr Atkins added that he would like the finance committee to review the regulations again once the bank account had been changed.

### **23/58.2 Finance – Payments / Financial summary / Budget report**

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

*RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:*

## **Payments – JUNE 2023**

05/06/23	3179	EDGE IT systems Ltd - 5 year package	£1,071.60
05/06/23	3180,81,82	Staff costs	£2,834.35
05/06/23	3183	Optima Graphics Topsham Ltd - Invoice No: 27403	£568.00
05/06/23	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671024465401 (Toilets)	£88.00
15/06/23	3184	Source for business - Toilets 16/2/23-16/5/23	£123.03
15/06/23	3185	Reformed Plastics (UK) Ltd (3 new benches)	£1,800.00
15/06/23	3186	LVHCIO - Inv-0749 (com hub lunches) Inv-0768 (AAC meet)	£76.00
15/06/23	3187	J Cowe - Toilets cleaning May 23	£465.00
15/06/23	3188	East Exe Electrical Ltd Inv: 2745 (Youth Club)	£204.00
15/06/23	3189	Martyn Skinner - Inv: MJS2100A, MJS2140	£1,437.50
15/06/23	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829166 (YC)	£134.00
15/06/23	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829135 (YC)	£52.00
15/06/23	DD	EDFENERGY CUST PLC REFERENCE: 9208111111 (Candys field)	£152.37
26/06/23	DD	EDF ENERGY REFERENCE: 671079829135 (YC)	£245.38

## **Receipts – JUNE 2023**

04/06/2023	FPI	Herald Advert	7.00
14/06/2023	FPI	Herald Advert	25.00
14/06/2023	FPI	Herald Advert	250.00

## **Financial Summary – JUNE 2023**

Opening balance at 1st April 2023	164,857.47
Receipts	£51,507.23
Total receipts	£216,364.70
less, Payments	£22,596.58

Net balance	£193,768.12
Unpresented cheques	£0.00
Receipts not on statement	£0.00
Balance at Bank	£193,768.12

### Budget reports – June 2023

Expenditure			
Code	Item	Budget	Spent
G	VAT	£5,000.00	£1,239.19
H	S137	£100.00	£0.00
I	Other Grants	£1,000.00	£0.00
J	Clerk's Salary	£27,000.00	£6,301.06
K	Clerks Expenses	£2,000.00	£204.00
L	Office expenses	£1,000.00	£146.52
M	Village Hall Hire	£1,500.00	£324.00
N	Chairman's Allowance	£200.00	£0.00
O	Subs	£1,500.00	£1,338.99
P	Courses, Travel etc	£1,000.00	£0.00
Q	Insurance, Audit, Elections	£2,500.00	£116.20
R	Miscellaneous	£2,500.00	£1,757.83
S	Herald Printing	£6,000.00	£1,846.00
T	J Morrish	£6,500.00	£0.00
U	Grass and hedge cutting	£2,000.00	£0.00
V	Other Maintenance	£5,000.00	£1,467.50
W	General tree work inc Candys Field	£3,000.00	£2,340.00
X	Bin emptying	£1,000.00	£298.33
Y	Handyman	£0.00	£0.00
Z	Notice Boards - Maintenance	£5,000.00	£0.00
AA	Play Equipment Mtce	£500.00	£0.00
AB	Lighting in Candy's field	£2,000.00	£421.00
AC	Toilets inc: wages, consumables, rates, elec, utilities, repairs	£15,000.00	£2,025.29
AD	Flood equipment and Maintenance	£860.00	£38.96
AE	LFRG expenses	£860.00	£0.00
AF	Gulliford Cemetery	£600.00	£0.00
AG	Burial Ground	£12,000.00	£0.00
AH	Youth Club Building Maintenance	£1,000.00	£220.00
AI	YC Utilities	£2,500.00	£763.21
AJ	Website etc	£500.00	£0.00
AK	Adverse weather	£200.00	£0.00
AL	Gully cleaning and jetting	£2,000.00	£0.00
AM	Parishes Together	£1,500.00	£0.00
AN	Community Hub Projects	£4,000.00	£1,635.00
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	Lottery Grant (Jubilee)	£0.00	£0.00
AT	FLOS Playarea refurbishment	0.00	£113.50

	Total	£122,820.00	£21,357.39
	Add VAT		£1,239.19
	Total		£22,596.58
Date	<b>CIL Budget 2021 - 2023</b>	Budget	Spent
	<b>CIL money from 21/22</b>	52,132	
18/10/2021	3 community picnic benches and 3 seat benches		2,000
21/12/2021	Safety fence between sch, public fpath, car park (materials, labour)		5,162
Apr 21 - Mar 22	Public toilets maintenance		1,804
Apr 21-Mar 22	The Hub building maintenance		362
Apr 21 - Mar 22	Herald Printing		5,497
	<b>CIL money c/f</b>	37,307	
	<b>CIL money from 22/23</b>	93,008.52	
	<b>Total</b>	130,315.05	
06/06/2022	CCTV at public toilets		£3,350.00
17/11/2022	Play area and trim trail shortfall in fundrasing		£22,000.00
05/01/2023	Burial ground hedge		£1,000.00
23/01/2023	Avenue field gate and posts		£560.33
Apr 22 - Feb 23	Public toilets maintenace		£1,806.18
Apr 22-Feb 23	The Hub buiding maintence		£1,134.72
Apr 22 - Feb 23	Herald Printing		£5,918.00
05/03/2023	The Hub roof repair		£2,700.00
14/03/2023	Safety fence at The Rag		£1,284.00
15/06/2023	Cliff field ornate kissing gate and burial ground gate		£1,437.50
15/06/2023	Two new benches in Front Meadow		£900.00
	Community notice boards		

Code	Receipts - Budget Performance 2023-2024	Budget	Actual
F	Precept	48,500.00	24,250.00
G	Council Tax support grant	0.00	0.00
H	CIL	0.00	22,738.28
I	DCC re Candys Field	400.00	0.00
J	Herald Adverts	3,000.00	1,148.00
K	Burial fees	2,500.00	875.00
L	Lympstone FC re Cliff Field	0.00	0.00
M	Flower beds	0.00	0.00
N	Western power re Wayleaves	10.00	0.00
O	Miscellaneous (eg refunds)	0.00	0.00
P	Website adverts	0.00	0.00
Q	Parishes Together	1,000.00	0.00
R	External Grants	1,000.00	720.00
S	VAT Refund	9,500.00	0.00
T	Youth Club	1,500.00	1,446.95
U	VHMC car park	0.00	0.00

V	MoD Community Covenant	0.00	0.00
W	DCC error	0.00	0.00
X	Community Hub Projects Income	100.00	0.00
Y	Woodbury PC (Gulliford BG grass cutting)	100.00	0.00
Z	Gulliford Burial Ground	0.00	0.00
AA	FLOS	0.00	0.00
	Total	67,610.00	51,178.23
	Allocated balances 31st March 2023	Budget	Spent
	Elections	3000	0
	Reserve for Village hall car park	2000	0
	NP Projects	2000	0
	Works to Youth Club	6455	0
	Public Conveniences	5000	£0.00
	Play area	0	0
	Emergency funding	5000	0
	Field maintenance eg fences, ground repairs	10000	0
	Building funding re Community Purchase	10000	0
	Cil money carried from 21/22	52,132	14,825
	Cil money carried from 22/23	93,008.52	42,090.73
	Total allocated balances	188595.95	56,915.73

### **23/58.3 Clerk's Action List**

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

### **23/58.4 Correspondence received.**

The Clerk kindly asked to read a letter submitted late to the PC from a resident:

*Dear All,*

*May I on behalf of my Little Team (CORD) of organisers and, indeed of all the "collaborators helping to make a success of the Wildlife Festival on 3rd June, thank the Lympstone Parish Council for their most generous support and encouragement. Cllr Staddon has written a most heart-warming tribute in this month's Herald.*

*which has made our efforts so worthwhile to try to expand our ideas for future village engagement in helping wildlife. Thank you so much, Lisa.*

*We were so delighted too that Cllr Jeff Trail from DCC had joined us with interest and encouragement for future enterprises to help Nature's struggling survival. Many thanks.*

*Remembering our newly crowned King, a dedicated lover of wildlife, who has sent us a charming card of good wishes, it was most heartening to see and to hear the enjoyment amongst our Lympstonians on a beautiful Summer's Day with a wealth of new, positive Thoughts and new initiatives evolving for even far greater action to Protect our wildlife.*

*Any more of these new suggestions always greatly received. Let our Lympstone Parish Lead! Profound thanks to everyone.*

*Mary Truell*

Cllr Linfoot proposed that the PC write a letter of congratulations and thanks to Mrs Truell for the event. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the PC respond with a letter of congratulations.*

## **23/59 Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors**

The Chairman read his report:

*Thanks and well done to Lucy for ordering and arranging the fitting of the new noticeboards under the railway arch. They have massively improved the area, and importantly lock as we recently had an incident at the noticeboard opposite School Hill. Some idiot opened the noticeboard and threw the notices across the road, our thanks to the parishioner who tidied them up.*

*This weekend Cliff Field hosts the Hospiscare charity walk and Picnic. I hope all partaking have a good day.*

*As we head into the summer, we look forward to the regular summer events, School sports day, Shakespeare in the garden, sailing club regatta, Garden Club summer show and the Furry Dance (if I've missed any I apologise in advance) I hope they go well and the sun shines on you.*

*Congratulations to our two new councillors and thank you for volunteering.*

*A big thanks to all Councillors for the work so far this year. We head into our summer break, but undoubtedly we will be meeting at either committee meetings or full Council meetings to discuss planning applications.*

*Have a good summer.*

District Cllr Jung read his report:

### **Lypstone PC 03.07.2023 - Bio diversity**

*Slowly it's been recognised by government that Nature is in decline, with new national policies finally obtaining support and filtering down to County and District Level.*

*East Devon District Council will now be required by the new Environment Act to start delivering Biodiversity Net Gain duties this November.*

*What does this mean? Basically, any development from November above 10 houses and from next April any development will need to demonstrate that the development will provide a net gain of 10% Biodiversity from the existing site. Our new emerging local plan will it is hoped will increase the percentage to 20%. This will bring forward brown field sites and less productive land forward first. If sites cannot provide a net gain, then developers will be required to do this off site, but there will be an incentive to do it locally.*

*We have actually 2 major emergencies, our dwindling Nature, and our changing Climate. We have declared a Climate Emergency, but we have not yet declared a Nature Emergency. Yet we know that without reversing the dramatic decline in Nature we have little chance in achieving zero carbon any time in the future!*

*Enhancing and reversing the declining trend to Nature goes hand in hand with Climate Change.*

*Our ecological work already assists on current planning applications plus involved in the multi-agency, multi county River Axe catchment area where at present no building work can proceed due to nutrient neutrality, (basically the river is dying!) plus supporting our already strong nature recovery work, plus working on a new Tree Policy, and shortly our emerging Nature Recovery Plan along with Devon County Council.*

*As I see it, we want to boost nature and work with nature to tick as many boxes as possible.*

*In no particular order*

- Flood resilience*
- Fish Passage.*
- Increase Biodiversity,*
- Reduce invasive species and increase native species*
- Carbon offsetting*
- Woodland creation.*
- Increase public access (which benefits Habitat Mitigation)*

- Reduce hard engineering.
- Reduce Soil Erosion.
- Cleaner rivers and coastal waters.

*We already have the Seaton Wetlands, which last week had the fabulous news that Avocets have successfully bred there, (the first in Devon for 175 years!) and Sand Martins now nesting, we have the Lower Otter being returned to a natural salt marsh estuary again after 200 years and the emerging Clyst Valley Regional Park, plus we are already protecting the Pebblebed Heaths and the Exe Estuary, but with the help of Biodiversity net gain we will be able to do so much more.*

#### *Recent Flooding*

*An area around Newton Poppleford was severely affected by the recent floods with over 100 properties damaged.*

*Early Assessment would seem this storm was very intensive, far higher than normal, and no amount of preventive measures would have much effect.*

*The multi-Agency response worked well, and I would like to thank Devon County staff and East Devon staff for their contribution in the clear up and recovery work.*

*DCC as the local flood authority are now busy working on finalising a report on the reasons for the flooding, the damage, and lessons learnt. I was pleased that representatives from Lympstone Flood Team have been involved in the recovery briefings and the report will provide help and assistance to all resilience groups once published.*

The Chairman asked Cllr Jung who measured the 10-20% biodiversity? Cllr Jung explained that this would be the EDDC ecology officer. The developers would first assess then the ecology officer would assess. Cllr Minter asked where the net gain off site would be expected by developers? Cllr Jung explained that the off set would be close to the site being developed. Cllr Culhane asked if a point framework was used? Cllr Jung explained it was and had proved to work well. Cllr Minter enquired if it was simply a developer ticking as many boxes as possible? Cllr Jung added that it could only be judged by outcomes and conservationists believed this worked. Cllr Culhane asked how the EDDC ecological work and Nature Recovery Plan dove tailed with current building developments? Cllr Jung explained due to housing needs and climate change it had to work. Cllr Culhane asked for a timescale for the local plan review to be completed. Cllr Jung explained that it could not be completed until the government released their targets.

Cllr Atkins asked if the electric charging points in the car park were working. Cllr Jung was not entirely sure but understood they were.

District Cllr Ingham added with offsetting and previous developers he had a cynical mind. He added that it was important to search for correct evidence. Cllr Ingham explained that EDDC had their first strategic planning committee meeting, and the government was still to deliver on housing numbers. He believed there was hope for local authorities to set own housing numbers and it had been a challenge to identify alternative strategies.

County Cllr Trail, on behalf of himself and County Cllr Scott, welcomed the two new members to the PC. He explained that with upcoming events planned for the summer there had been no submission to Highways for any road closures. He apologised for not letting the PC know about the new speed camera installed at Courtlands Cross but he had not been informed himself to pass on the information in time. He explained that two cameras monitored traffic speed; the other two cameras had been installed at the request of the police. He explained that all revenue raised went straight to the Treasury. County Cllr Scott added that all data from the cameras could be submitted to the PC.

Cllr Linfoot explained that he had attended the 20mph seminar and added that this would be raised again in September for the PC to investigate.

**23/60 Anti-social behaviour**

No police report had been received.

**23/61 Memorial planting**

Cllr Lewis reported that in his experience there were issues with planting individual trees for a particular cause eg if the tree died or was diseased etc it was a very emotive area to deal with. He suggested that the PC should receive donations towards memorial tree planting instead. Cllr Lewis added that an overall review of planting trees in the Parish was necessary. The Chairman reminded all present that last year a copse in Candys field had been discussed and this idea should be revisited. He proposed a location for this initiative be discussed at the next assets committee meeting. Unan.

*RESOLVED that a suitable area in Candy's field was identified for trees by the Assets committee.*

**23/62 Planning applications**

**23/1095/LBC** - Proposed Replacement Render to Front and Rear Elevations, (Part Replacement Render to Rear Elevation of Haymore Thatch), Proposed Replacement Casement Windows W.7 and W.8, Proposed Replacement 10 Panel Glazed Door D.2, Proposed Replacement Stable Door D.3, and Proposed Replacement Windows and Door to Garden Room at Town Dairy Cottage Church Road.

Cllr Linfoot proposed to support the planning application in line with the conversation officers' recommendations. Cllr Francis seconded. Unan.

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

**23/0859/LBC** - Proposed replacement steps (between C18 cottage and C19 rear extension) including alterations to realign partition and reposition bathroom door at Town Dairy Cottage Church Road.

Cllr Linfoot proposed to support the planning application in line with the conversation officers' recommendations. Cllr Francis seconded. Unan.

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

**23/1194/LBC** - Remove a contemporary partition within the upstairs master bedroom and provide an en-suite to second bedroom at first floor, and installation of vent slate on north elevation at 2 Nutwell Cottages Exmouth Road.

Cllr Linfoot proposed to support the planning application. Cllr Staddon seconded. Unan.

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

**23/1259/FUL** - Provision of silage clamp at Thorne Farm, Exmouth Road.

Cllr Lewis reported that this proposal was a more environmentally conscious choice and supported the application.

A resident asked where the storm water would go as he was concerned with flooding issues further down the village. The applicant explained that the rainwater would go to the Brook and the foul water would go to a tank. They had considered and mitigated flooding issues.



Cllr Linfoot proposed to support the planning application. Cllr Atkins seconded. Cllrs Culhane, Francis, Hill, Lewis, Payne and Staddon supported. Cllr Minter abstained.

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

### **23/63 Planning decisions**

*RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.*

District Cllr Jung mentioned that the temporary car park application was going to committee next week for full discussion.

The Chairman explained that 3West planning application was now live and as the consultation expiry date was 23<sup>rd</sup> July, he proposed that there was a full PC meeting to discuss this application on 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the function room of the village hall. Unan.

*RESOLVED that an extraordinary meeting for planning application 23/1269/MFUL would be held 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the function room.*

### **23/64 Reports of Committees**

#### **23/64.1 Assets and amenities committee**

Cllr Atkins reported that there was an increased use of the public toilets due to the Exe Estuary Trail. He proposed that a grant request of £1000 to both EDDC and DCC was applied for to support the PC providing the public convenient facilities. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the Clerk apply for two grants of £1000 to EDDC and DCC.*

Cllr Atkins reported that the overgrown trees beside the public toilets needed felling. Cllr Lewis felt that the trees needed trimming not removing.

Cllr Staddon explained the nettles behind the pre-school urgently needed cutting down. Cllr Linfoot felt both gate posts at Avenue Field needed urgently replacing. Cllr Atkins seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that both posts would be replaced with new wooden posts.*

Cllr Atkins explained an advert was necessary for a play equipment inspector and the wood play equipment was badly splitting.

He reported that the Jubilee oak tree was dead and must be replaced in the Autumn. The Clerk explained that another Oak tree was necessary to replace the fallen Oak tree with the TPO.

The Chairman proposed that the Clerk circulate two adverts, one for a handyman and one for a play inspector in the Herald. Cllr Payne seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that the Clerk draft two adverts to publish.*

Cllr Atkins explained that the VH had made their position on room hire clear, but the future tarmacking of the car park still needed to be discussed and this would have to be added to the next Assets Committee agenda.

Cllr Lewis reported on a potential weed action day in the Parish for all residents to get together and clear their weeds along their properties in September. District Cllr Jung explained anyone who worked on the road needed specific training. The Chairman felt that due to this reason the initiative would not be able to proceed.

### **23/64.2 Planning and transport committee**

Cllr Francis read her report on the EDDC webinar she attended, held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 23 regarding the East Devon Local Plan review:

#### **Next Steps with East Devon Local Plan Webinar June 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

*The purpose and content of the webinar was to explain how the numbers and housing requirements for the district are calculated and are necessary to achieve Central Government dictated policies.*

*The whole process as it was explained is extremely complicated and full of acronyms, planning jargon and existing planning regulations. The slide show presentation they used will be available to view.*

*Michael Gove's much published and welcomed announcements of taking account of local community's views don't seem to have filtered through to the actual numbers local authorities are being asked to provide at the present time. It was felt even if there was a change in government Labour's announcements seem to indicate they too would support high building numbers to meet the perceived housing shortage and demand.*

*East Devon feels that because approximately two thirds of the district is designated AONB there is no alternative but to locate the vast majority of numbers of houses expected of them in the west towards Exeter. It was also mentioned this had advantages for employment and transport links. They have calculated 910 new homes for East Devon per year will be necessary to meet their target. They also feel, if I understood correctly, they do not have grounds to challenge this figure for the district as most local authorities are being expected to meet high targets.*

*It did become clear if any challenge to the expected numbers or any development site was mounted then there must be clear, strong, **verifiable** supporting evidence to do so. A strong case for any **exceptional circumstance** has to be made. Strong really means **unique** because other areas also have concerns about infrastructure, coastline or biodiversity. The officers were at pains to point out challenging the numbers from Central Government came with risks. East Devon is very focused on demonstrating they have a robust plan will stand up to Inspectors scrutinizing the evidence provided to illustrate they have fulfilled the brief of meeting the required need of housing numbers locally.*

*As a consequence of this, it seems, they are continuing with their concept of Principle Centres and Local Centres for Development. Unfortunately, Lympstone is still counted as a Local Centre and the number of houses expected of us remains high.*

*The Feedback from the Public Consultation resulted in comments that could be anticipated and they broadly expected. 3,500 responses were received through the 'Portal'. 94% of those responses were from local residents and 60% of responses were made by people 55 years and over. The numbers proposed were challenged, the majority of proposed sites received objections with infrastructure concerns, loss of green/agricultural spaces and affordability being cited most frequently. Some sites/proposals including building 'new towns' received support but these were not quantified during the presentation. The results were passed over relatively quickly and there was no indication if any of the public's views or concerns had been taken on board or taken into account for the next stages of finalizing the Local Plan.*

*Neighbourhood Plans are important but do not over rule any other way of meeting the housing need. Again, if any of the Parishes who have an adopted NP wish to use them to oppose or challenge any particular aspect of the new Local Plan there must be strong verifiable evidence in support.*

*The next steps in the process are more planned webinars and a Strategic Planning Committee meeting is scheduled in July 2023. It is likely that it will take another 2 to 3years before the new plan for East Devon is adopted.*

*I'm not sure how residents are supposed to accept or understand the very complex process of how and why these steps and decisions are taken. Practically, possibly the only thing we can do currently is work on evidence gathering.*

The Chairman felt a meeting was necessary with Woodbury Parish Council (WPC) and Exmouth Town Council (ETC) to work together regarding future planning developments. Cllr Atkins proposed a meeting including EDDC and DCC representatives. Cllr Linfoot seconded. Unan.

*RESOLVED that a meeting with WPC and ETC would be arranged.*

### **23/64.3 Community committee**

Cllr Payne updated all on creating a history box in the newly adopted BT telephone box (outside the Swan) and asked Cllrs to agree the next action. She explained the total cost for a complete conversion would be approx £1500 and this could come from CIL funding. Cllr Payne proposed a maximum budget of £1800. Cllr Linfoot seconded. Cllrs Atkins, Francis, Hill, Lewis, Minter and Staddon supported. Cllr Culhane abstained.

*RESOLVED that a maximum budget of £1800 was agreed to convert the phone box to a Lympstone history box.*

Cllr Payne reported that an initial public consultation for immediate neighbours and user groups had been held on 20<sup>th</sup> June for the proposed rebuild of the Hub building. Many residents came and everyone was very positive about the proposals. Cllr Payne proposed that £4,500 was now agreed for full drawings and set of plans for future public consultations. Cllr Linfoot seconded. Cllrs Culhane, Francis, Lewis, Hill and Staddon supported. Cllr Atkins objected, and Cllr Minter abstained.

*RESOLVED that £4,500 would be allocated towards full drawings and plans for a new Hub building.*

### **23/65 Items for the next Agenda**

Contract management and work specification.

Meeting closed **9.50pm**

Chairman:

Date: