

**MINUTES OF A LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024.**

PRESENT:	
Councillors	S Culhane, S Francis, R Gale-Hasleham, K Hill, N Linfoot (Chairman), A Minter, M Moffatt, J Payne and L Staddon
Clerk	Miss L Tyrrell
County Councillors	R Scott
District Councillors	G Jung
Public	11 members

The Chairman read the PCs statement regarding the felling of the memorial tree to all present: *Lympstone Parish Council apologises for the mistaken felling of Mr Neason's memorial tree. The Parish Council are devastated by the miscommunication which led to the very sad action of the tree being felled.*

The timeline of events which took place to cause this misunderstanding:

There was an initial enquiry about removing the tree. The PC had arranged quotes from a tree surgeon regarding a variety of trees in the Parish and whilst in the Parish had also been asked for a quote regarding the removal of the memorial tree. The removal of the memorial tree would be actioned if the Parish Council felt it necessary, but this was not set out in the quote request. All trees identified in both Candys field and the cemetery had been listed together in one quote addressed under 'Candys Field' by the tree surgeon as per the quote request. The PC had not noticed this.

Prior to contacting the family, advice was sought by the PC from EDDC tree Officer and EDDC Planning enforcement officer who agreed the tree should be retained. The PC emailed the initial complainant to explain that the tree was safe and would be kept.

In November 23 the PC accepted the tree surgeon's quotes for Avenue Field and 'Candys Field'. The Oak tree on the Candys field quote was not stipulated to be the tree in the cemetery and there was an Oak tree in Candys field, but the PC failed to highlight that any trees in the cemetery should not be touched. The tree surgeon had been specifically asked to ring Cllr Atkins to discuss the works in Candys field in more detail before commencing. The tree surgeon had sent an email instead to Cllr Atkins, which unfortunately arrived in Cllr Atkins spam box and therefore Cllr Atkins had not seen it before the tree surgeon had begun work on the Oak tree in the cemetery.

Following discussions with the family, Lympstone Parish Council has resolved the situation with the following:

The original tree stump will remain a memorial and continue to be the family plot.

A new tree will be planted away from the hedge in the burial ground but still in line with the original memorial tree position. The new tree will be fenced and managed as part of the cemetery ground keeping regime.

A new bench with a memorial plaque with wording chosen by the family will be installed at the base of the new tree.

Public session

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

A member of the public asked about planning application 23/2740/OUT - Land South Of Courtlands Lane Exmouth and as it wasn't on the agenda, when the PC would be discussing this application?

The Chairman explained that the PC had only found out about this application at the weekend and had not received any notification from EDDC. The Clerk had, today, emailed EDDC planning department about this application and was awaiting a reply. District Cllr Jung was also unaware of this application and asked the Clerk to forward the details to raise with Mr Ed Freeman of EDDC planning.

A resident asked about the proposed development at Meeting Lane and why DCC Highways had no objection to the additional traffic issues this would cause. He explained this traffic would certainly add to the already congested village roads. Cllr Culhane explained that she had access to a pollution monitor and would be gathering data to use as evidence to back up the residents' claim. The Chairman added that the PC was still waiting for this application to go to EDDC strategic planning committee for both the PC and residents to raise concerns. The resident added that DCC would not install traffic lights at the brow of the hill at Harefield yet would install temporary traffic lights at the brow of the hill at Courtland's Cross to assist cyclists. Another resident asked whether the PC had used and submitted his traffic data previously sent to the PC from the Getting Around Group. The Chairman explained that the data received was four years old and there was no recent comparative study. Cllr Culhane felt this data could still be raised at the EDDC planning meeting. Cllr Hill felt the air pollution evidence was the strongest form of data to use. Cllr Minter proposed that the 2019 data from the Getting Around Group was included in any objection. He felt this showed that the community was involved and had traffic concerns. Cllr Hill seconded. Cllr Culhane, Francis, Gale-Hasleham, Moffatt, Payne and Staddon supported. Cllr Linfoot abstained.

RESOLVED that the 2019 data provided by the Getting Around Group was submitted to any objection from the PC for this proposed outline development.

Cllr Culhane asked District Cllr Jung who the representative for EDDC Environmental Health was. To which Cllr Jung replied that he was, and she could contact him separately about this issue.

24/1 Apologies

Cllr Atkins due to ill health.
County Cllr Trail due to other commitments.
District Cllr Ingham due to other commitments.
Cllr Linfoot proposed to approve the apologies. Cllr Moffatt seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the Apologies were approved by the PC.

24/2 Minutes

Cllr Culhane asked to add 'The PC agreed and noted the environment working groups actions' under her report at the last meeting. Unan agreed. The Chairman annotated and signed the minutes from 4th December.
Cllr Linfoot proposed the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 4th December were accurate. Cllr Minter seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 4th December 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24/3 To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Staddon declared a personal interest with planning application 23/2688/FUL.
Cllr Payne declared a personal interest with planning application 23/2688/FUL.
This was recorded in the book.

24/4 Clerk's Report

24/4.1 Public statement

The Chairman had read this statement regarding the memorial tree at the start of the meeting.

24/4.2 Finance – Payments / Financial summary / Budget report

The Clerk explained that the PCs precept had been submitted and applied for with EDDC accountancy department.

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

RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

December 2023 - Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Current Account

Statement Number	9	Bank Statement No.	9
Statement Opening Balance	£244,641.70	Opening Date	01/12/23
Statement Closing Balance	£238,065.89	Closing Date	31/12/23
True/ Cashbook Closing	£235,131.64		

Balance

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
20/11/23	3263	JD Maintenance Services	258.70	0.00	244,383.00
04/12/23	3268	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	16.00	0.00	244,367.00
04/12/23	3269	Dartmoor Tree Surgeons Ltd	324.00	0.00	244,043.00
04/12/23	3270	Devon Association of Local Councils	417.24	0.00	243,625.76
04/12/23	3271	Confidential	497.02	0.00	243,128.74
04/12/23	3272	Confidential	208.42	0.00	242,920.32
04/12/23	3273	Confidential	2,104.48	0.00	240,815.84
04/12/23	3274	Source For Business	127.26	0.00	240,688.58
04/12/23	3275	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	76.00	0.00	240,612.58
04/12/23	3276	Optima Graphics Topsham Ltd	808.00	0.00	239,804.58
04/12/23	3277	PC maintenance contractor	425.00	0.00	239,379.58
04/12/23	3278	Mrs Jo Cowe	915.00	0.00	238,464.58
04/12/23	DD 4/12/23 (401)	EDF Energy Ref: 671024465401 (Toilets)	88.00	0.00	238,376.58
06/12/23	FPI 06 12 23	Herald Advert	0.00	135.00	238,511.58
09/12/23	FPI 09 12 23	Herald Advert	0.00	5.00	238,516.58
11/12/23	FPI 11/12/23	Herald Advert	0.00	100.00	238,616.58
13/12/23	FPI 13 12 23	Herald Advert	0.00	135.00	238,751.58
13/12/23	FPI 13 12 23 (3)	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	238,776.58
13/12/23	FPI 13/12/23 (2)	Herald Advert	0.00	500.00	239,276.58
14/12/23	FPI 14 12 23	Herald Advert	0.00	54.00	239,330.58
15/12/23	DD 15/12/23 (135)	EDF Energy Ref:	119.00	0.00	239,211.58

		671079829135 (YC)			
15/12/23	DD 15/12/23 CF	EDF Energy Ref:	139.69	0.00	239,071.89
		9208111111 (Candys Field)			
15/12/23	DD 15/12/23 YC 166	EDF Energy Ref:	38.00	0.00	239,033.89
		671079829166 (YC)			
19/12/23	3280	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	8.00	0.00	239,025.89
19/12/23	3283	Exe Arb Ltd	960.00	0.00	238,065.89
Uncleared and unrepresented effects					
18/05/23	3176	BT Payphones	1.00		238,064.89
22/08/23	3212	Devon Wildlife	1,100.00		236,964.89
		Consultants			
02/10/23	3212	Devon Wildlife	-1,100.00		238,064.89
		Consultants			
06/11/23	3262	Royal British Legion	100.00		237,964.89
19/12/23	3279	Jemmy Ltd	350.00		237,614.89
19/12/23	3281	Confidential	459.23		237,155.66
19/12/23	3282	Confidential	2,024.02		235,131.64
	Total uncleared and unrepresented		2934.25	0.00	
	Total debits / credits		10464.06	954	

Reconciled by Lucy Tyrrell

December 2023 - Financial Statement - Cashbook

Statement of receipts and payments between 01/12/23 and 31/12/23 inclusive. This may include transactions with ledger dates outside this period.

Balances at the start of the year

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£164,857.47
Total	£164,857.47

Balances at start of period

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£244,282.00
Total	£244,282.00

RECEIPTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			

10 Precept	0.00	0.00	0.00
15 CIL	0.00	0.00	0.00
20 DCC re Candys Field	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 Herald Adverts	954.00	0.00	954.00
30 Burial Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
35 Lymp FC	0.00	0.00	0.00
40 Flower Beds	0.00	0.00	0.00
45 Wayleaves	0.00	0.00	0.00
50 Misc	0.00	0.00	0.00
55 Web adverts	0.00	0.00	0.00
60 Parishes Together	0.00	0.00	0.00
65 External grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
70 YC Rech	0.00	0.00	0.00
75 VHMC	0.00	0.00	0.00
80 MoD Comm Cov	0.00	0.00	0.00
85 DCC error	0.00	0.00	0.00
90 Community Hub	0.00	0.00	0.00
95 Woodbury PC	0.00	0.00	0.00
99 VAT refund	0.00	0.00	0.00
100 Guildford BG	0.00	0.00	0.00
105 FLOS	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council Total	954.00	0.00	954.00
Total Receipts	954.00	0.00	954.00
PAYMENTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			
1000 Confidential	5,084.75	0.00	5,084.75
1005 Confidential			
1005/1 Confidential	102.00	0.00	102.00
1005/2 Confidential	106.42	0.00	106.42
1005 Total	208.42	0.00	208.42
1015 Village Hall hire	100.00	0.00	100.00
1020 Chairman's Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1025 Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00
1030 Courses, travel etc	361.66	55.58	417.24

1035 Insurance, Audit, Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00
1040 Misc	0.00	0.00	0.00
1045 Herald Printing	808.00	0.00	808.00
1050 PC Maintenance contractor	425.00	0.00	425.00
1055 Grass cutting	0.00	0.00	0.00
1060 Other maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1065 General tree work	1,070.00	214.00	1,284.00
1070 Bin emptying	0.00	0.00	0.00
1075 Handyman	0.00	0.00	0.00
1080 Notice boards - maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1085 Play equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
1090 Lights in CF	133.04	6.65	139.69
1095 Toilets	1,120.01	10.25	1,130.26
1100 Flood equip maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1105 LFRG expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
1110 Gulliford cemetery	0.00	0.00	0.00
1115 Burial Ground	0.00	0.00	0.00
1120 YC Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1125 YC Utilities	149.52	7.48	157.00
1130 Website etc	0.00	0.00	0.00
1135 Adv Weath	0.00	0.00	0.00
1140 Gully Emptying	0.00	0.00	0.00
1145 Parishes Together	0.00	0.00	0.00
1150 Hub Projects	350.00	0.00	350.00
1155 Cont VH Car Park	0.00	0.00	0.00
1160 DCC / DCF Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00
1165 YC Recharge	0.00	0.00	0.00
1170 Emergency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
1175 Lottery Grant (Jubilee)	0.00	0.00	0.00
1180 FLOS	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000 S137 Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010 Other Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
9999 VAT Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council Total	9,810.40	293.96	10,104.36

Total Payments	9,810.40	293.96	10,104.36
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Closing Balances

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£235,131.64
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Total	£235,131.64

24/4.3 Clerk's Action List

The Clerk explained that the defibrillator at the Saddlers Arms was out of action due to expired pads. The Clerk added that despite the fact new pads had been ordered well in advance she had recently received an email that the pads were out of stock and did not know when they would be back in stock. She had searched other providers who also had the same issue with these pads for this certain type of defibrillator.

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

Cllr Culhane asked if the Clerk had sent her invite to SWW from the PC to attend the next PC meeting. The Clerk explained that she had not had a quorate of Cllrs agree so the invite had not been sent. She would recirculate to all Cllrs for their approval to send.

24/5 Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors

The Chairman wished all present a happy new year. He asked all Cllrs to ensure they regularly checked their emails and responded when asked. The Chairman proposed that if a reply had not been received within 3 working days, then this would be accepted as agreed. Cllr Francis seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that if no response was received by Cllrs within 3 working days this would be accepted as an agreed vote.

District Cllr Jung reported that EDDC would be holding a meeting with SWW to discuss the current issue of sewage being pumped into the sea. He read his report:

I do hope you all had a good Christmas and a good break over New Year. Welcome to 2024 which will be a general election year!

I circulated a note just before Christmas to the clerks and chairs regarding the changes to the National Planning Policy Framework that was published late December 2023, and the positive changes to the weight attributed to Neighbourhood Plans.

Our MP in his December newsletter, claims the new NPPF has made local housing targets "advisory", arguing that "there is no truly objective way to calculate how many homes are needed in an area" and criticising the EDDC administration for pushing ahead with the emerging Local Plan and associated New Town. In the light of commentary like this, I feel that I need to be absolutely and categorically clear, the revised NPPF changes absolutely nothing for housing numbers in strategic planning in East Devon. The government figures remain as before!

Committee members at Strategic Planning tomorrow will be requesting that the changes to the weight of Neighbourhood Plans be drawn to the attention of Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Groups. So, details will be hopefully coming through from officers shortly.

In brief the main changes are that N. Hood Plans will be considered “made” for 5 years and not as previously only 2, but it will be a requirement to propose agreed and an acceptable site or sites within the Neighbourhood plan document for any future developments.

*However, the main change that effects East Devon is the Council is only required to demonstrate a 4-year housing land supply and not as previously 5. This is because we have been through the first stage of the new local plan. There is no single way to calculate the housing supply numbers but I will be hoping that the recommendation at the meeting tomorrow will agree a 4-year land supply can be demonstrated and therefore our local plan as it stands will **not** be considered “out of date” as it has been for the last 18 months.*

This will hopefully provide some surety and confidence to our present local plan whilst the new plan takes shape.

The Chairman asked if the approved 7,000 housing development at Greendale would count towards EDDC land supply. Cllr Jung explained that it would only partially count towards it to 2040 due to the speed of the houses built. However, he was confident that EDDC could prove a land supply, and this could affect current and future developments. He added that the current EDDC local plan remained and the emerging one did not presently exist.

County Cllr Scott explained that if the development at Meeting Lane went ahead the adjoining roads would be changed to 30mph. he added that DCC were only consultees to EDDC planning department. They were consulted without prejudice. Pre application conversations were held with DCC and EDDC officers and the PC received updates. He added that the County and District Cllrs wanted these conversations held earlier with the PC before developers. He and County Cllr Trail had been working on a governance document and would send the Clerk a copy to circulate to all Cllrs. He added that the consultation impact should be created by LPC and community led to take to developers first. Cllr Scott added that larger developments came with infrastructure, but the smaller developments did not which caused issues. DCC officers could only make judgements comparatively to other areas. The developer had to prove the safety of the proposals. Cllr Jung added that DCC are consultees on Highways, but EDDC officers take their views as the experts. Cllr Scott felt there needed to be a separate meeting between EDDC and DCC officers to combine and improve communications.

24/6 Parcel of land adjacent to The Avenue

No current update. Agreed to postpone.

8.30pm District Cllr Ingham arrived at the meeting.

Cllr Ingham reported that Michael Gove (Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) had discussed a 5-year land supply and EDDC was working towards a 4-year land supply. He felt climate concerns must be addressed regarding future developments and reconsider what may happen in Parishes. He felt the right decision had to be made now for future generations.

24/7 Community Payback Scheme

Cllr Gale-Hasleham reported on the scheme:

The Community Payback is where offenders work on projects to pay back the community for their crimes, for example by: removing graffiti, clearing wasteland, improving and decorating a public space or building like a community centre, repainting communal areas, making pathways accessible, clearing alleys, doing grounds maintenance and gardening, planting trees and picking litter.

The work must: benefit the local community, not take paid work away from others and not make a profit for anyone.

I am sure that we will qualify for some if not all categories and I look forward to receiving input from my fellow Councillors after which I will make the appropriate application.

The Chairman asked all Cllrs for ideas to be emailed to Cllr Gale-Hasleham to be considered at the next community committee meeting.

24/8 Planning applications

23/2540/VAR - Variation of conditions 1 (Approved plans), 8 (Privacy screen) and 9 (Void space) of 22/2410/RES (Application for approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the construction of a predominantly single storey dwelling following outline application (20/0933/OUT) (pursuant to the grant of outline planning permission appeal ref: APP/U1105/W/21/3282445) to update the house design and drawing reference numbers at Land South Of Underhill Close.

A resident spoke about the revision of the planning application was due to new ownership of the land. The top floor had now moved, and the upstairs had increased in size by 10%. There was proposed slate and red steel sheeting covering the entire top floor.

Cllr Linfoot proposed to object to the proposal due to the following reasons: negative adverse development, visual impact, and character of surrounding area. Concerns of the design issue. He added that a better finishing material would be more favourable to the surrounding area. Cllr Staddon seconded. Unan.

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

23/2386/FUL - Proposed dwelling and off-road parking and double garage within the garden. (Revision of 23/0847 to add a basement level to the dwelling) at Meadowgate Church Road.

Cllr Francis felt this application was an overdevelopment of the site. Cllr Linfoot proposed to object due to negative visual impact, detrimental to the character of the surrounding area and negative visual appearance from the Brook. He added that he was greatly concerned that work had begun without any notification of the work to take place. Cllr Gale-Hasleham felt this was a breach of planning conditions. Cllr Staddon seconded. Unan.

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

Cllr Jung explained that he would contact EDDC enforcement officer if work had begun.

23/2688/FUL - Two-storey extension, porch and alterations including replacement garden at 11 Meadow Close.

Cllrs discussed that this was a previously EDDC approved plan similar to other properties in the street. There was a minor amendment to the roof and there had been no objections to the application. Cllr Linfoot proposed to support. Cllr Culhane seconded. Unan.

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

23/2632/MFUL - Proposed siting of a dairy building and hardened access track at Thorne Farm.

Mr Brewer, representative of LFRG raised the following concerns:

- Concerns with drainage – the out flow was to Wotton Brook to Pretty Corner.
- Impermeable area of silage clamp in situ was 2000m square and this building would be another 2000m square equalling an area 2/3 size of a football pitch.

- Proposed rainfall recycling had not enough storage tank to cope. A controlled outflow was necessary.
- Water run off would flow down A376 to Saddlers Arms.
- Flooding risk would be caused elsewhere.

Mr Brewer asked for the support of the PC to object to this application.

The applicant was present and took on board all comments raised.

Cllr Jung felt agriculture should be supported but not to the detriment of flooding.

Mr Brewer explained that LFRG would be happy to meet with applicant's water engineers to discuss options and suggest ways forward.

The Chairman proposed to postpone a decision and asked the applicant to let the Clerk know of suitable dates for a site meeting with the PC planning committee, LFRG and Cllr Jung.

24/9 Planning decisions

RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.

24/10 Reports of Committees

Assets and amenities committee – Cllr Atkins (C), Cllr Staddon (VC), Cllr Francis, Cllr Hill

Cllr Linfoot had received a quote from Dartmoor tree surgeons to pollard the next phase of the trees along the Avenue, but work may not get completed by end of February and then postponed until the Autumn. Cllr Payne proposed to use Dartmoor tree surgeons. Cllr Minter seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that Dartmoor tree surgeons quote would be accepted.

Cllr Linfoot explained he would update the PC with a timescale of works. Cllr Hill asked for a works order to be completed and circulated.

Cllr Linfoot reported that the bottom hinge on one of the vehicular access gates to Cliff field had been broken off and needed to be repaired. Cllr Staddon added that she had the broken off hinge. The Clerk reported that the PC maintenance contractor was able to weld the hinge back on and fix the gate.

Cllr Linfoot explained that he had stepped in to assist Cllr Atkins. He sent the PCs well wishes to Cllr Atkins for a speedy recovery.

Environment committee – Cllr Culhane (C), Cllr Staddon (VC), Cllr Minter, Cllr Moffat

Cllr Culhane reported on her recent attendance of the Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) event:

DALC Connect Event: Supporting nature recovery through the management of amenity green spaces. - Presented by Cara Stobart, Devon County Ecologist with Bridie Kennerley and Jo Pullin, LNR Communities Leads and Damian Offer, Consultant LNRS on 7th December 2023.

Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) were introduced in the Environment Act 2021. They are strategic plans which guide and co-ordinate actions for nature recovery, aiming to address the decline of biodiversity, promote ecological resilience and create healthier and more sustainable environments.

Devon County Council is the responsible body for Devon's LNRS. DCC is working with our 2 National Parks, Natural England, and local authorities to draft the LNRS. The aim of Devon's LNRS is to:

- Guide agri-environmental funding for farming
- Provide baseline evidence for Local Plans, developers, and planners
- Guide Biodiversity Net Gain funding
- Ensure communities have access to wildlife rich spaces

However, the success of the LNRS requires support from a wide range of partners and stakeholders, including parish and town councils. Parish and town councils are actively involved in the management of numerous greenspaces in their communities, such as recreation grounds and parks, burial grounds, village greens, flower beds, verges and more. Many will already be managing at least part of these areas to benefit nature, which will contribute to achieving the objectives of the LNRS.

At this webinar, Bridie and Jo spoke about relevance for communities, and Damian canvassed thoughts and feedback from participants to help form a picture of what local councils are currently doing, and what constraints and challenges are being encountered. Responses will be fed back to the consultation process for the draft LNRS. The timeline is further consultation in late Spring 2024, with the aim of publication in the summer. DCC are also producing an accessible, user-friendly website.

DEFRA is tasked with providing guidance to stakeholders, but currently we do not yet have any information on the link between LNRS and planning.

Community Action (Bridie Kennerley and Jo Pullin)

The quality of our natural environment has long been a factor which contributes towards community well-being. Restoring nature offers a range of benefits to communities through nature-based solutions, opportunities to improve well-being through nature connection, healthier living, boosting recreation and tourism, social cohesion through nature-based projects, and contributing to a community's identity.

Wild About Devon is the community partner for funding, awards and resources.

Bridie and Jo are very aware there are some fantastic community and volunteer groups operating in the county, and request that these are added to the Community Action Map which can be found here <https://www.devonlnp.org.uk/get-involved/wild-about-devon/community-action-map/>

For more information about the Devon Local Nature Partnership, see website <https://www.devonlnp.org.uk/> and to get involved, join the [forum](#).

Cllr Culhane reported that the next environment committee meeting would be held on the 15th January. She explained that LFRG was the first item on the agenda. The Clerk reminded Cllr Culhane that she needed the agenda tomorrow to publish.

Cllr Staddon referred to correspondence received from residents regarding flooding issues from the proposed Dinan Way Road extension and Wotton Brook water quality project:

On the Dinan Way Extension drainage scheme

- Clem received a response from Meg Booth at DCC in December. Because this was a pretty standard 'we have it all managed' type response - and Christmas was approaching - we decided to take time to determine the best next steps.
- We contacted Jo Bradley, an independent expert on road runoff who used to work for the Environment Agency and now raises awareness on the need to control the pollution from road runoff.
- Jo has reviewed the key documents and written to us stating that the current drainage scheme for the Dinan Way extension does not comply with the standard requirements (SuDS). We received this letter today.
- We're now drafting an email response to Meg Booth and will attach the letter from Jo Bradley. We will copy this to councillors and others cc'd on Clem's original letter (and include the response from Meg Booth).

On the Wotton Brook water quality project

- A draft project proposal has been drafted and is being discussed among the Lympstone project group and with Westcountry Rivers Trust.
- We have an online meeting with the Westcountry Rivers Trust tomorrow to discuss the methodology, budget, and funding.
- We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the proposed project with the Parish Council (March meeting?) and we are also planning to have a meeting with representatives of other related Lympstone groups, e.g., the Flood Resilience Group, Wild About Lympstone, and Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Association.

Mr Brewer added that the location of the water monitor in the Brook would need to be moved due to the sea water reaching its current position.

The Chairman asked all Cllrs for an extension to the meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

Planning and Transport – Cllr Linfoot (C), Cllr Francis (VC), Cllr Culhane, Cllr Minter, Cllr Moffat

Cllr Francis presented her draft letters and social media posts to Cllrs:

Suggested Letter and Posts to Recruit Working Party Members for New Neighbourhood Plan
Suggested personal letter approach for previous members of Working Party:

Dear.....,

In light of various EDDC decisions where our current Neighbourhood Plan has been overruled and superseded because it is over two years old, the Parish Council believe it is prudent to form a new working party to begin producing a new Neighbourhood Plan. This will address the challenges our village will face in the coming years and ensure it remains a special place for our community to live and thrive.

We would like to invite you to be part of the new working party as your previous experience and knowledge would be invaluable. Even if you cannot commit to the many hours of work that will undoubtedly be involved, and if you would be willing to give advice on particular points, this would be most welcome and gratefully received.

The Parish Council aims to review its preparations in January and have an exploratory first group meeting in February/March.

If you feel able to become involved in any way, please contact the Clerk at lympstonepc@gmail.com or c/o Minnows, Longmeadow Road, Lympstone, EX8 5LF.

Sincerely,

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Suggested Lympstone.org and Herald appeal for Working Party members: *The Parish Council believe it is prudent to form a working party to begin producing a new Neighbourhood Plan that will meet the challenges our village will face in the coming years and ensure it remains a special place for our community to live and thrive.*

A cross section of residents, able to commit some of their time and effort to regular meetings, will be needed to join some members of the Parish Council working together to achieve a new and robust plan.

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Suggested Facebook Post: *Can you commit some of your time and effort to regular meetings to become part of the Working Group tasked with producing a new Neighbourhood Plan? If you feel able to become involved, or if you would like more information, please contact the Clerk at lympstonepc@gmail.com*

Cllr Francis explained that there had been 12 members on the last NP committee and asked Cllrs to consider the size of a new group. A resident explained that if more people volunteered then subgroups could be formed to assist in the workload and expertise. Another resident felt that the more people involved would mean more representatives to protect and maintain the Parish.

All Cllrs approved the letters and posts and asked the Clerk to book the meeting room for the beginning of March to host a public meeting to form a new NP working group.

Community committee – Cllr Staddon (C), Cllr Payne (VC), Cllr Culhane, Cllr Francis, Cllr Linfoot, Cllr Moffatt

Cllr Staddon reported on the committee meeting held on 11th Dec 2023:

Early December, the Community Committee met to catch up.

We discussed the plans to follow on from the success of both the Jubilee and Coronation parties in Candy's Field and repeat the fun this year in June. We are wondering whether to theme it on the D Day anniversary, although the party is set for later in June.

We are at the early stages of bringing back the 'Beating of the Bounds'. With this we would like to also reinstate the missing boundary stone. Anyone who would like to help, would be much appreciated.

The phone box at The Swan is set to become an interactive history box, we have all the necessary hardware for this, we are now starting the next phase of working out the best ways to use it. It will incorporate local people from Lympstone, with snippets of stories/ historical information on this amazing village.

We had the chance to consult with local residents regarding the new Youth Hub building, this proved really helpful, and we are awaiting a meeting with the architect involved to follow through on points made.

We are hoping to implement a PC Calendar, this will hopefully keep the village up to date with anything the PC has planned, such as works etc.

Lastly, we spoke about both Jubilee and Coronation mugs that are leftover. We are hoping to disperse the remaining mugs in the near future, with the chance to purchase them, should any body wish to.

24/11 Items for the next Agenda

SWW

Hub building

Budget for community party

Meeting closed **9.49pm**

Chairman:

Date: