MINUTES OF A LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2024.

PRESENT:	
Councillors	D Atkins (DGA), K Hill (KH), J Payne (JP) and L Staddon (LS) (Chairman)
Clerk	Miss L Tyrrell
County Councillors	R Scott (RS)
District Councillors	B. Ingham (BI) and G Jung (GJ)
Public	8 members

Public session:
A member of the public explained that during the budget announcement from the Government there would be funding available to support communities to host an event for the VE Day 80th Anniversary on Thursday 8th May 2025. She had all the resources from the 75th anniversary and would be willing to let another group use them. She asked the PC to consider organising an event. The Clerk suggested another voluntary group in the village also may be interested. Another resident asked whether the PC had followed up with the new gateway along Church Road. The Clerk explained that this had been reported to EDDC enforcement officer who had opened a case to investigate it.

24/116 Apologies

Cllr Gale-Hasleham and Minter due to other commitments.
Cllr Culhane due to ill health.

RESOLVED that the apologies were accepted.
DGA proposed. JP seconded. Unan.

24/117 Temporary LPC Vice Chair

RESOLVED that Cllr Atkins would be LPC temporary Vice Chair.
LS proposed. Cllr Hill seconded. Unan.

24/118 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 7th October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
KH proposed. DGA seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Transport committee meeting held on the 21st October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the committee lead Cllr.
KH proposed. LS seconded. Unan.

24/119 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None

24/120 Casual vacancies

LS explained that it had been pointed out to the Clerk that the third interested resident had not given the PC the seven days' notice to apply. Therefore, LS invited the two other interested members of the public to speak. Both Mr Ben Pearson and Mr James Moffatt gave a short presentation about themselves.

RESOLVED that Mr Ben Pearson was co-opted onto the PC.
LS proposed. DGA seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that Mr James Moffatt was co-opted onto the PC.
LS proposed. DGA seconded. Unan.

Cllr Ben Pearson (BP) and Cllr James Moffatt (JM) signed and read out the Declaration of Office in front of the Clerk and all members present.

24/121 Clerk's Report
24/121. 1 Poppy Wreath
RESOLVED that Cllr Staddon and Cllr Payne's children would lay the wreath Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the PC.
LS proposed. DGA seconded. Unan.

24/121.2 Correspondence received
The Clerk explained that two emails had been received regarding parked cars on the double bend of Burgmanns Hill during football games. DGA felt double yellow lines should be implemented. LS explained she was talking with LFC to move games apart to give time for parked cars to change over. She highlighted the fact the LFC did let home and away players know that there was no parking near to the field and the public car park should be used. KH suggested using part of Avenue field to alleviate the issue. RS explained that the issue only occurred once a week or fortnight and there would be no way to enforce no parking on the double bend. He added that the cars did slow traffic down. He explained that LPC could send DCC a traffic proposal to consider. JP added that if it was a safety issue then Avenue field could be trialled on a temporary basis. LS explained that LFC would provide stewards to allow people to park carefully. DGA suggested parking only for a dozen cars. The Clerk highlighted that the field was a shared space and had a high footfall of walkers and dogs.

RESOLVED that Avenue field would be temporary used for a trial period for one row of cars.
KH Proposed. DGA seconded. Unan.

A member of the public asked the PC to proceed with caution to allow cars to regularly park on the green space. He added that this could set a precedence and change the use of the green space.

24/121.3 Christmas tree event in Lympstone Parish Church
A resident explained that this event ran from the first Sunday to the second Sunday in December.

RESOLVED that Cllr Payne would source a tree and decorations for the Christmas tree event in the Church.
LS proposed. KH seconded. Unan.

24/121.4 Finance – Payments / Financial summary / Budget report
RESOLVED that the payments in Appendix 1 be approved.
LS proposed. KH seconded. Unan.

24/121.5 Clerk's Action List
The Clerk informed all that Mr Corcos from LFRG would be updating the groups page on the website.

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

24/122 Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors.
RS kindly asked that any budget impact and questions were sent to DCC. He added that although DCC would be receiving an increase in cash funding, there would also be an increase in costs to balance. He explained that DCCs budget would exceed two

billion and council tax would also have to increase. RS explained that the money had been secured for the Dinan Way link road and he was working with LPC for the betterment of the village which included flooding issues and yellow hatching at the Saddlers Arms traffic lights. He added that there was a Summer Lane traffic order going through at the end of Nov to alleviate the current traffic problems. There would be stakeholder conversations held in December regarding the traffic management of the works. The main work would begin in January 2025 and last for approx eleven months. He added that One Network online was used to update and manage all utility works in the area. RS was working hard to manage the public and contractors during this time. RS updated everyone that County Cllr Trail was recovering well and should be back to work in a week or so. KH suggested that a dedicated online page just for the new road was created. RS explained that there was the online Planning Portal with details on and he felt that as he was readily contactable this was the best way to communicate directly with any queries.

BI explained that he had been opposed to the new link road for many years, he felt it would sustain an increase of traffic rather than reduce it. It also ruined the Wotton Valley. BI thanked the PC and the people of the Parish who spoke at the recent EDDC strategic planning committee (SPC) meeting. He gave personal thanks to the newly recruited Cllr Moffatt for his delivery of speaking on sites. He added that there had been some success but also some damaging decisions for the Parish. He took exception to sites allocated in some areas of protected status and felt this was a great shame. He felt the process had been impotent at times and at others delivered a preconceived agenda. He felt he had let people down as he couldn't proceed and had to vote in a certain way. He had raised the community's voice and had tried his best.

A resident spoke and explained that he had watched the meeting online and felt selections were inconsistent and the process had been suspicious in its delivery. He asked whether sites would be revisited. BI explained that the sites had to be ratified by an independent inspector and members of the public would be given a chance to speak again. This process would be due in June 2025. The Chair and Clerk both thanked BI for all his help and support for the community at EDDC SPC.

GJ thanked all for their support and attending the SPC. He added that members had to accept land that wasn't wanted. 50% of what Lympstone wanted had been delivered. He explained that it had been mentioned that EDDC should challenge the Government to which he explained EDDC had tried but had been unsuccessful. EDDC had to get their local plan delivered quickly to avoid a greater housing target from Government. He explained that EDDC had to be compliant. He recognised the pressure on Parish and Town Councillors but highlighted the increased pressure on the District Councillors also. LS added that there had been increased pressure on the PC and felt it was highly emotive when in your own community.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Pearson and Cllr Moffatt to the PC and read her report (see Appendix 2). She also read out correspondence received from two members of the public who had sent their personal thanks to the PC and the residents who spoke at the EDDC SPC.

24/123 Planning applications

24/2088/FUL - Two storey extension on the West elevation, first floor extension on the East elevation, single story porch extension on the North elevation, alterations to fenestration, addition of external wall insulation, render and cladding at Watergate Longbrook Lane.

RESOLVED that the Clerk send the recommendation of support from LPC to EDDC.
DGA proposed. LS seconded, and KH, JP, JM supported. BP abstained.

24/1745/FUL - Demolition of existing garage and erection of new oak framed garage at Sowden Cottage, Sowden Lane.

RESOLVED that the Clerk send the recommendation to support a single storey garage with no accommodation from LPC to EDDC.
DGA proposed. LS seconded, and KH, JP supported. BP and JM abstained.

24/2159/FUL - Replacement of existing garage at Marley Hayes Cottage, Marley Hayes.

RESOLVED that the Clerk send the recommendation of support from LPC to EDDC.
LS proposed. DGA seconded Unan.

24/124 Planning decisions

GJ explained that the Outline planning for Strawberry Hill site would be going to planning committee on the 19th Nov and was recommended for approval. DGA reminded all that there was an issue with where water would go. GJ explained that as this was an outline planning application no drainage was shown on the plans.

RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.

24/125 Reports of Committees

24/125.1 Assets and Amenities Committee

DGA reported that there had been some damage to a newly refurbished memorial bench on the Rag and the PC contractor had repaired it. He explained that the trees along the Avenue had growth coming out from the base and felt the growth could be removed at this time of the year.

RESOLVED that the PC contractor would be asked to quote to remove the low growth.
DGA proposed. KH seconded. Unan.

DGA also reported about the poor state of the hedge between the cemetery ground and village hall.

RESOLVED that the hedge would be laid and excess soil from the ground used to infill and reinstate the bank.
DGA proposed. LS seconded. KH, JP and JM supported. BP abstained.

24/125.2 Community committee

JP reported that the planning application for a new Hub building had been approved. There was currently a small working group formed and would be meeting with the architect this week to plan next steps and actions. She was pleased that they were able to move things forward.

24/125.3 Environmental Committee

LS reported that the EA were looking at a biodiversity net gain project in Candys Field to offset the new flood wall extension at Underhill, along Wotton Brook. The EA would be hosting a public consultation to decide what the residents would like and would maintain the project for 30 years. The PC would need to consider the legalities. There would be no cost to the public for the implementation and managing of the project.

24/125.4 Planning and Transport committee

LS referred to the District Cllrs reports earlier in the meeting.

24/126 Items for the next Agenda

Play area surface quote from Eibe.

Meeting Closed: **8.40pm.**

Chairman: Date:

Appendix 1:
24/121.4 Finance – Payments / Financial summary / Budget report

Bank Account Reconciled Statement – October 2024

Current Account

Statement Number	19	Bank Statement No.	19
Statement Opening Balance	£299,732.72	Opening Date	01/10/24
Statement Closing Balance	£296,828.84	Closing Date	31/10/24
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£295,867.24		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
16/09/24	3424	1st Lympstone Sea Scouts	220.00	0.00	299,512.72
04/10/24	DD EDF5CC 4/10/24	EDF Energy Ref: 671024465401 (Toilets)	63.00	0.00	299,449.72
07/10/24	3426	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	40.00	0.00	299,409.72
07/10/24	3428	Bespoke Web Designs	52.50	0.00	299,357.22
07/10/24	3429	Employment	116.40	0.00	299,240.82
07/10/24	3430	Employment	2,197.79	0.00	297,043.03
07/10/24	3431	Employment	707.56	0.00	296,335.47
07/10/24	3433	Optima Graphics Ltd	950.00	0.00	295,385.47
07/10/24	3434	Public toilets cleaning	450.00	0.00	294,935.47
07/10/24	FPI	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	294,960.47
09/10/24	DDevonCC 5280957	Devon County Council	0.00	2,000.00	296,960.47
10/10/24	3435	PC Contractor	635.00	0.00	296,325.47
14/10/24	FPI	Avocet rail user	0.00	135.37	296,460.84
15/10/24	DD 15/10/24 001	EDF Energy A-DOBDO971	119.00	0.00	296,341.84
15/10/24	DD 15/10/24 E73	EDF Energy A-813EOE73	78.00	0.00	296,263.84
21/10/24	3438	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	32.00	0.00	296,231.84
24/10/24	500079 24/10/24	Burial Fee	0.00	414.00	296,645.84
28/10/24	FPI	Herald Advert	0.00	48.00	296,693.84
30/10/24	FPI	Herald Advert	0.00	135.00	296,828.84

Uncleared and unpresented effects

30/04/24	3343	PVM Supplies	222.49		296,606.35
07/10/24	3427	SLCC	238.00		296,368.35
07/10/24	3432	ALS Laboratories (UK) Ltd	378.41		295,989.94
21/10/24	3436	Multiple Suppliers/ Customers	122.70		295,867.24
		Total uncleared and unpresented	961.60	0.00	
		Total debits / credits	6622.85	2757.37	

Reconciled by Lucy Tyrrell

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 02/11/24 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

		2024/25	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME					
Council					
10	Precept	£52,137.50	£0.00	£52,137.50	£0.00
15	CIL	£0.00	£0.00	£90,953.10	£90,953.10
20	DCC re Candys Field	£400.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£400.00
25	Herald Adverts	£4,000.00	£0.00	£2,221.00	-£1,779.00
30	Burial Fees	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,387.00	£387.00
35	Lymp FC	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
40	Flower Beds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
45	Wayleaves	£10.00	£0.00	£7.54	-£2.46
50	Misc	£800.00	£0.00	£974.17	£174.17
55	Web adverts	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
60	Parishes Together	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£1,000.00
65	External grants	£1,000.00	£0.00	£3,550.00	£2,550.00
70	YC Rech	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,385.09	-£114.91
75	VHMC	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
80	MoD Comm Cov	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
85	DCC error	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
90	Community Hub	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£100.00
95	Woodbury PC	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£200.00
100	Guildford BG	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
105	FLOS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Council		£65,147.50	£0.00	£155,615.40	£90,467.90
Total Income		£65,147.50	£0.00	£155,615.40	£90,467.90

		2024/25	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
EXPENDITURE					
Council					
1000	Employment	£29,000.00	£0.00	£33,598.66	-£4,598.66
1005	Employment	£3,000.00	£0.00	£1,198.17	£1,801.83
1015	Village Hall hire	£2,000.00	£0.00	£430.00	£1,570.00
1020	Chairman's Allowance	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	£0.00
1025	Subscriptions	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,425.00	£75.00
1030	Courses, travel etc	£1,000.00	£0.00	£145.82	£854.18
1035	Insurance, Audit, Electricity	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,232.24	£267.76
1040	Misc	£2,500.00	£0.00	£1,436.85	£1,063.15
1045	Herald Printing	£6,000.00	£0.00	£4,681.00	£1,319.00
1050	PC Maintenance Contractor	£7,500.00	£0.00	£6,790.00	£710.00
1055	Grass cutting	£2,000.00	£0.00	£200.00	£1,800.00
1060	Other maintenance	£5,000.00	£0.00	£15,356.56	-£10,356.56

1065	General tree work	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
1070	Bin emptying	£1,000.00	£0.00	£795.60	£204.40
1075	Handyman	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1080	Notice boards - maintenance	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
1085	Play equipment	£500.00	£0.00	£126.00	£374.00
1090	Lights in CF	£2,000.00	£0.00	£1,245.74	£754.26
1095	Toilets	£15,000.00	£0.00	£4,572.17	£10,427.83
1100	Flood equip maintenance	£500.00	£0.00	£54.00	£446.00
1105	LFRG expenses	£400.00	£0.00	£17.55	£382.45
1110	Gulliford cemetery	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00
1115	Burial Ground	£10,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00
1120	YC Maintenance	£1,000.00	£0.00	£641.00	£359.00
1125	YC Utilities	£2,500.00	£0.00	£1,313.34	£1,186.66
1130	Website etc	£500.00	£0.00	£1,233.00	-£733.00
1135	Adv Weath	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00
1140	Gully Emptying	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
1145	Parishes Together	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1150	Hub Projects	£4,000.00	£0.00	£4,414.25	-£414.25
1155	Cont VH Car Park	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1160	DCC / DCF Funding	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1165	YC Recharge	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1170	Emergency Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1180	FLOS	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
2000	S137 Funding	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
2010	Other Grants	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,080.76	-£80.76
Total Council		£109,400.00	£0.00	£83,187.71	£26,212.29
Total Expenditure		£109,400.00	£0.00	£83,187.71	£26,212.29
Total Income		£65,147.50	£0.00	£155,615.40	£90,467.90
Total Expenditure		£109,400.00	£0.00	£83,187.71	£26,212.29

Appendix 2

Dear All,

I would like to say how proud we should all be of our councillors Cllr Culhane, Cllr Minter and our parishioners who represented the village at the Strategic Planning Meeting on the 29th October. Both Cllr Culhane and Cllr Minter worked hard to get the responses ready in limited time.
Cllr Minter showed incredible commitment in arranging speakers, communications and liaising with all, including returning on Friday to respond to the remaining sites.
Thank you to our District Councillors too, for their help.
Thank you for Cllr Atkins for taking the minutes at the last PC meeting and including all the reports submitted into Appendices.

Our County Councillors have been answering many questions that have come into Lucy, mainly on the road congestion at the Saddlers. Thank you to Richard for his swift responses to these and for finding and working out solutions. In the meantime, it's good to hear Cllr Trail is making a good recovery.

This council year to date has been much dedicated to the 'local plan'. Our work as a council should be commended. At times, under extreme pressure, councillors have juggled life and work in their volunteer roles. We've been pushed to great limits with the demands from the site allocations and getting this right for the village for the future.

I would like all to know that we should be grateful for the work carried out by the council and for our clerk Lucy, who has supported us through the process.

Cllr Lisa Staddon
Chair to Lympstone Parish Council
4th November 2024