MINUTES OF A LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025.

PRESENT:	
Councillors	D Atkins (DGA), S Culhane (SC), S Francis (SF), R Gale-Hasleham (RGH), K Hill (KH), J Payne and L Staddon (LS) (LPC Chair)
Clerk	Miss L Tyrrell
County Councillors	None
District Councillors	G Jung (GJ)
Public	3 members

25/38 Election of Chairman for 2025/2026

RESOLVED that Cllr Lisa Staddon be elected Chairman for the Municipal year.

SF proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

Cllr Staddon read out and signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

25/39 Election of Vice Chairman for 2025/2026

RESOLVED that Cllr Sue Francis be elected Vice-Chairman for the Municipal year.

LS proposed. DGA seconded. Unan.

Cllr Francis read out and signed the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

25/40 Declarations of Office

All Cllrs re-signed their declarations of Office, Code of Conduct and acceptance of receiving and sending emails for 2025/2026. All Cllrs received a new declaration of interest form to complete and return to the Clerk for EDDC's records.

Public session:

Mrs Lyon thanked the PC for all their support with the community monthly lunches and allowing them to use the PCs bank account for the DCC locality grant received.

A resident raised the following issues:

- When was the telephone box book swap door being repaired as it had been out of action for a long time. The Chair explained that a local builder would be removing and replacing it soon.
- The footpaths along the Mill were overgrown and needed cutting back.
- The hazel bushes in front meadow had been unnecessarily and incorrectly pruned back and the PC should be aware of this damage.
- The grass in Candys Field was too long and was now unsuitable for children to play games. She asked the PC to consider shortening the length of the grass cutting.

RESOLVED that the PC contractor would be informed to cut the grass to 2" in length for the summer.

LS proposed. JP 2nd. Unan.

- There were four self-seeded horse chestnut saplings now growing in Candys Field.
- The hedges around Candys Field were collapsing and needed tidying and sorting out.

25/41 Apologies

County Cllr Trail and District Cllr Ingham due to other commitments.

RESOLVED that the apologies were accepted.
LS proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

25/42 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 7th April 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
LS proposed. SC seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Assets and Amenities Committee meeting held on the 24th April 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
LS proposed. KH seconded. Unan. JP abstained.

25/43 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None.

25/44 Clerk's Report:

25/44.1 End of Year Accounts 2024/2025

RESOLVED that Lympstone Parish Council's end of year accounts were approved.
LS proposed. DGA seconded. Unan.
(See Appendix 1)

The Chairman and the Clerk signed off the accounts for 2024/25. The Chair thanked the Clerk for all her hard work with the accounts and auditor preparation.

The following items were postponed to the next PC meeting:
25/44.2 Annual Audit 2024/25 Internal Auditor's certificate
25/44.3 Annual Audit 2024/25 Governance Statement
25/44.4 Annual Audit 2024/25 Accounting statements
25/44.5 Notice of public rights
25/44.9 Internal Auditor Feedback

25/44.6 2024/25 EDDC CIL report

RESOLVED that Lympstone Parish Council's CIL report for EDDC was approved.
DGA proposed. KH seconded. Unan.
(See Appendix 2)

The Chairman and the Clerk signed the CIL report to be sent to EDDC by 30th June.

25/44.7 LPC Scheme of Delegation
The Clerk explained the reasoning for the document 1) to protect the Clerk when researching and finding information to report to the PC – this would allow Cllrs and members of the public to be able to refer to and 2) flexibility for the Gulliford joint committee when spending public funds on the joint site responsibility with Woodbury Parish Council.
The Clerk read the definition of the role of the Clerk (See Appendix 3).

RESOLVED to adopt a scheme of delegation for the Clerk.
LS proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that a one-off payment for necessary specialist wall survey work at Gulliford burial ground of up to £2,500 and an agreed budget of £1,000 per annum for the site.
KH proposed. DGA seconded. Unan.

25/44.8 Correspondence received – regarding speeding traffic along Hulham Road.

RESOLVED that LPC would write to DCC Cllrs to support the resident with her concerns raised and agree that there was a need to investigate this safety issue further.
SC proposed. LS seconded. Unan.

Cllr Jung explained that there was an online site to log accidents and highlighted the fact that the nature of the road would change with the future housing development and new road being built.
LS requested that the Clerk also ask the resident to inform LPC directly of any accidents and incidents along the road.

25/44.10 Casual Vacancy and Co-option of Parish Councillors
The Clerk explained that there were four vacancies on the PC and no election had been called. It was up to the PC to co-opt new members.

25/44.11 Finance – Payments / Financial summary / Budget report
DGA highlighted in the finances that EDDC had paid the first instalment of the Parish precept at the start of April to the PC.

RESOLVED that the payments in Appendix 4 be approved.
LS proposed. JP seconded. Unan.

25/44.12 Clerk's Action List
RESOLVED that the Council received and noted the Clerk's action list.

25/45 Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors
GJ read his report *(See Appendix 5).*

The Chair read her report *(See Appendix 6).*
The Chair also thanked Margaret Mockler for all her time and effort voluntarily maintaining The Green, cleaning the tables and benches, sweeping and tidying the area, weeding, planting and maintaining the flowerbeds.

RESOLVED that a letter of thanks would be written from the PC to Margaret Mockler who had looked after The Green area in the village.
LS proposed. JP seconded. Unan.

25/46 Planning applications
25/0736/VAR - Variation of condition 2 (plans condition) of application 20/0993/MRES (Reserved matters application (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to outline planning permission 14/0330/MOUT for 300 residential units including 16 affordable units, associated roads, open space (formal and informal) and an attenuation basin; the provision of serviced land for mixed-use employment/commercial uses and land for the provision of a primary school) to allow for layout and appearance amendments to approved plots 71-107 (inclusive), change to internal road layout and the creation of 12 visitor spaces to serve the football pitch at Goodmores Farm *(expires 15th May).*

SC reported that the changes would narrow the street road to allow for parking on the football pitch. DC flood resilience management team had raised concerns with the proposals. She also referred to the PCs objection to the original planning application.

RESOLVED that the Clerk send the recommendation of object from LPC to EDDC due to insufficient parking provided for the football field, reduction in residential parking and the narrowing the roads in a residential area where village experience has shown parking and narrow roads can cause difficulties with access for service and emergency vehicles.
SC proposed. LS seconded. Unan.

25/47 Planning decisions
RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.

25/48 Reports of Committees
It was unanimously agreed that the Committee Lead Cllrs remained the same and all members of the PC would remain all members of Committees. RGH asked to step back from being a joint lead Cllr of Planning and Transport. Noted and agreed.

25/48.1 Assets and Amenities committee
Cllr Atkins reported that the leaning Elder tree in the cemetery was diseased at the base and once it had finished flowering then the PC would need to consider a plan for successive planting. SC stated that the leaning tree could not be corrected by staking. SC did not recommend removal.
The Oak tree next to a resident's fence did not raise DGA any concern and would invite the resident to the next Assets and Amities committee meeting to discuss the tree further. SC asked that the resident provided photographic evidence of any damage to his fence. She felt the resident should also be informed and signposted to the online EDDC's Tree Management Advice site.

DGA referred to Candys Field hedge and felt it should be laid. DGA explained that there were pulled weeds dumped under the hedge in Front Meadow that needed removing. RGH added that the Community payback scheme would be now visiting the village once a fortnight on a Friday.

25/48.3 Environmental Committee
Cllr Culhane suggested a biodiversity survey be carried out on Front Meadow as soon as possible with the help of a professional ecologist. The data collected would help inform the PC of an appropriate management plan for the area in the future. She explained that all arisings from the area must be collected when the meadow is cut in future.

RESOLVED that a biodiversity survey would be completed in Front Meadow and actioned as soon as possible to be completed in May.
KH proposed. LS seconded. Unan.

LS proposed that the resolution from the Assets and Amenities Committee meeting held on 24th April be rescinded:
RESOLVED that the 'wild meadow' would be mowed to 4" to top the tall weeds and remove all trimmings.
On the condition that the ecological survey was completed, and an appropriate management plan was implemented from the data collected.

RESOLVED that the previous resolution from the Assets and Amenities committee meeting 24th April 2025 Item AAC 25/08 was rescinded on the condition that the data from the ecological survey was implemented to create a future management plan for Front Meadow.
LS proposed. KH seconded. JP, DGA, RGH and SC supported. SF abstained.

25/48.2 Community committee
SF reported that a wall survey was necessary for insurance purposes for the jointly owned Gulliford Burial Ground. The survey would last five years.

RESOLVED that the wall survey quote for Gulliford burial ground previously circulated by Woodbury Parish Council Clerk be accepted.
LS proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

JP suggested that any VAT claimed back would be put back into the Gulliford Joint Account to be used again for the site.

25/48.4 Finance and Advisory Committee
KH presented his draft policy document for the Management of Payees for electronic transfers (previously circulated).

RESOLVED that the draft policy was accepted at this time and reviewed at a future date.
KH proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

25/48.5 Planning and Transport Committee

SC reported that she, SF and LS had met via a Zoom meeting with Devon Communities Trust (DCT) on 28th April to discuss the neighbourhood plan. DCT was positive about the work undertaken so far by LPC and was ready for the next steps. DCT could organise the survey, collate results, and host public events - approx cost £4,000, and provide pre-submission formatting - approx £1,400.

RESOLVED that the PC would apply for a locality grant of £10,000 to work with DCT and produce a new Lympstone Neighbourhood plan.
SC proposed. SC seconded. Unan.

SF felt that Angel King, EDDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer would be able to support the PC. SC added that she would contact Angela King regarding a housing need survey, seek her advice and report back to full Council.

The upcoming planning appeal hearing:
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
APPEAL BY: 3West Strawberry Hill Ltd
APPEAL REF: APP/U1105/W/24/3356636
PROPOSAL: Construction of 42 residential units, affordable housing, new vehicular accesses from Meeting Lane and Strawberry Lane, pedestrian access onto Meeting Lane, associated internal roadways,SUDS features and landscaping
LOCATION: Land south of Meeting Lane Lympstone
was due to be discussed at EDDC offices on 4th June.

RESOLVED that SF would represent LPC at the hearing on the 4th June 2025.
LS proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

25/49 Items for the next Agenda

Lympstone Water Quality Group and SWW

Meeting closed: **9.01pm**

Chairman: Date:

Appendix 1:
End of Year Accounts 2024/2025

Financial Summary - Cashbook

Summary of receipts and payments between 01/04/24 and 31/03/25 inclusive. This may include transactions with ledger dates outside this period.

Balances at the start of the year

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£223,360.19
Total	£223,360.19

RECEIPTS	Net	Vat	Gross
Council	£170,219.42	£0.00	£170,219.42
Total Receipts	£170,219.42	£0.00	£170,219.42

PAYMENTS	Net	Vat	Gross
Council	£124,678.84	£5,305.22	£129,984.06
Total Payments	£124,678.84	£5,305.22	£129,984.06

Closing Balances

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£263,595.55
	£263,595.55
Total	£263,595.55

Reserve Balances

Elections	£3,000.00
Village Hall car park	£1,500.00
NP Projects	£3,000.00
Youth Club	£10,000.00
Public Conveniences	£5,000.00
Play Area refurb	£20,000.00
Emergency funding	£5,000.00
Field maintenance	£10,000.00
Building funding	£10,000.00
CIL Funding	£49,774.23
Reserves total	£117,274.23

Signed Lisa A Staddon
Chair

Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

VS

Bank Reconciliation

This reconciliation should include all bank and building society accounts, including short term investment accounts. It must agree to Box 8 in the column headed "Year ending 31 March" in Section 2 of the AGAR – and will also agree to Box 7 where the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Name of smaller authority: Lympstone Parish Council

County area (local Councils and Parish meetings only):

Financial year ending 31/03/25

Prepared by (Name and role): Lucy Tyrrell Clerk / RFO

Date: 10/04/25

Balance per bank statements as at 31/03/25	£	£
Current Account	£263,595.55	
		£263,595.55
Petty cash (no balance)		£0.00
Less: any unpresented cheques		£0.00
Add: any uncleared effects		£0.00
Net balances as at 31/03/25 (Box 8)		£263,595.55

Signed Lisa A Staddon · Lucy Tyrrell

Section 2 - Statement of accounts - English version

Lympstone Parish Council

	Annual return last year	Year ending 31 March 2025 £	Variance
1. Balances brought forward	167,120.16	224,051.16	
2. (+) Annual precept	48,500.00	52,137.50	7.50%
3. (+) Total other receipts	103,991.18	112,761.11	8.43%
4. (-) Staff costs	29,478.06	48,412.07	64.23%
5. (-) Loan interest / capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00%
6. (-) Total other payments	66,082.12	79,518.77	20.33%
7. (=) Balances carried forward	224,051.16	261,018.93	
8. Total cash and investments	223,360.19	263,595.55	
9. Total fixed assets and long term assets	194,763.01	236,467.01	21.41%
10. Total borrowings	0.00	0.00	

Signed Lisa A Staddon · Lucy Tyrrell

Chair

Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

Reconciliation between Box 7 and Box 8 in Section 2

(applies to Accounting Statements prepared on an income and expenditure basis only)

Name of smaller authority: Lympstone Parish Council

County area (local Councils and Parish meetings only):

There should only be a difference between Box 7 and Box 8 where the Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the AGAR) have been prepared on an income and expenditure basis and there have been adjustments for debtors/prepayments and creditors/receipts in advance at the year end. Please provide details of the year end adjustments, showing how the net diffference between them is equal to the difference between Boxes 7 and 8.

		£	£
Box 7: Balances carried forward			£261,018.93
Deduct:	Debtors	£0.00	
	Vat	-£675.38	
	Payments in advance	£0.00	
	Stock opening value	£0.00	
	Stock change	£0.00	
	Total deductions	-£675.38	£260,343.55
Add:	Creditors	£3,252.00	
	Vat Payable	£0.00	
	Receipts in advance	£0.00	
	Total additions	£3,252.00	£263,595.55
Box 8: Total cash and short term investments			£263,595.55

This explains the difference between box 7 and box 8

Appendix 2:

Lympstone Parish Council Annual CIL Report
Reporting April 2024 to March 2025

A	Total CIL income carried over from previous years	160,777.84
B	Total CIL income received	0.00
C	Total CIL spent (expenditure)	37,627.58
D	Total CIL repaid following a repayment notice	0.00
E	**Total CIL retained at year end (A+B-C+D)**	123,150.26

CIL Expenditure agreed PC Meeting 12th May 2025 min ref 25/44.6:

Date	Item/Purpose	Total
01/04/24 - 31/03/25	Community Hub Projects:	
	LPC grants for community groups	1,569.00
	Herald Printing	8,427.00
	Seat and picnic benches	1,659.00
	Public toilets	4,850.00
	Lympstone Parish Council cemetery	12,845.00
	Website	1,075.00
	Phone box book swap	38.00
	Community marquee	974.12
	The hub builidng project	5,245.00
	Community payback scheme	945.46
	Total CIL spent	**37,627.58**

Signed: Lisa A Staddon
Verified: CHAIR TO LPC

Position: Parish Clerk
CLERK/RFO TO LPC

Position: Parish Council Chairman

Date: 12th May 2025

This document is sent to EDDC and published on the Parish Council website no later than 30th June following the reported year.

Appendix 3:

The Role of the Clerk:

• The clerk is the proper officer of the council in law.

• The clerk is a vital team member providing legal and financial advice and information to support the council's decisions.

• The agenda is the clerk's responsibility. The clerk must sign the agenda and can decide how it will be set out. This process is often undertaken in consultation with the chairman. You may ask the clerk to add items to the agenda if you feel a relevant subject should be discussed.

• The clerk writes the minutes as a legal record of what was decided at the meeting. It is important that the minutes are accurate and therefore the minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed at the start of the next meeting.

• The clerk provides advice and administrative support, and takes action to implement council decisions.

• The clerk may have to act as a project manager, personnel director, public relations officer or finance administrator.

• Usually the clerk is the Responsible Financial Officer (but not always).

• The clerk is not just a secretary and is not at the beck and call of the chairman or other councillors; the clerk is answerable only to the council as a whole.

• Legally councils can agree to delegate decisions to clerks because they are professional officers whose independence allows them to act on behalf of the council.

• The best councils will have a clerk and councillors who work as a team to provide a service for the community.

Appendix 4:

April 2025 - Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Current Account

Statement Number	25	Bank Statement No.	25
Statement Opening Balance	£263,595.55	Opening Date	01/04/25
Statement Closing Balance	£289,607.30	Closing Date	30/04/25
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£288,722.30		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
01/04/25	01/04/25 CR5-228011	East Devon District Council	0.00	28,000.00	291,595.55
02/04/25	02/04/25 FPI	Herald Advert	0.00	72.00	291,667.55
02/04/25	DD EDF 1111 2/4/25	EDF Energy Ref: 9208111111 (Candys Field)	90.81	0.00	291,576.74
02/04/25	DD EDF 1111 2/4/25 2	EDF Energy Ref: 9208111111 (Candys Field)	94.16	0.00	291,482.58
02/04/25	DD EDF 1111 2/4/25 3	EDF Energy Ref: 9208111111 (Candys Field)	195.36	0.00	291,287.22
02/04/25	DD EDF 1111 2/4/25 4	EDF Energy Ref: 9208111111 (Candys Field)	96.76	0.00	291,190.46
02/04/25	DD EDF 1111 2/4/25 5	EDF Energy Ref: 9208111111 (Candys Field)	88.34	0.00	291,102.12
02/04/25	DD EDF 1111 2/4/25 6	EDF Energy Ref: 9208111111 (Candys Field)	84.70	0.00	291,017.42
03/04/25	03/04/25 FPI	Herald Advert	0.00	135.00	291,152.42
03/04/25	03/04/25 FPI	Herald Advert	0.00	100.00	291,252.42
04/04/25	DD EDF 001 4/4/25	EDF Energy Ref: 671024465401 (Toilets)	63.00	0.00	291,189.42
07/04/25	3502	Exmouth Drain Cleaning	95.00	0.00	291,094.42
07/04/25	3511	East Devon District Council	383.00	0.00	290,711.42
07/04/25	3512	East Devon District Council	421.00	0.00	290,290.42
07/04/25	3513	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	24.00	0.00	290,266.42
07/04/25	3514	Exjet Services	858.00	0.00	289,408.42
07/04/25	3515	ROSPA Playsafety Ltd	153.60	0.00	289,254.82
07/04/25	3516	Cartridges-DirectUK Ltd	104.87	0.00	289,149.95
07/04/25	3517	Devon Association of Local Councils	721.89	0.00	288,428.06
07/04/25	3518	Eleanor Tomlinson (Hub building)	332.50	0.00	288,095.56
07/04/25	3519	Public toilets cleaning	620.00	0.00	287,475.56
09/04/25	9/4/25 FPI	Herald Advert	0.00	100.00	287,575.56
15/04/25	500083	National Grid	0.00	7.54	287,583.10
15/04/25	DD EDF YC 15/4/25	EDF Energy A-813EOE73	78.00	0.00	287,505.10
15/04/25	DD EDF 1111 15/4/25	EDF Energy Ref: 9208111111 (Candys Field)	95.14	0.00	287,409.96
18/04/25	18/04/25 FPI LYC	Lympstone Youth Club	0.00	2,364.00	289,773.96
22/04/25	DD EDF YC 22/4/25	EDF Energy A-DOBDO971	119.00	0.00	289,654.96

23/04/25	23/4/25 FPI	Herald Advert	0.00	135.00	
289,789.96					
24/04/25	3520	Community lunches	122.66	0.00	289,667.30
24/04/25	3521	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	40.00	0.00	289,627.30
24/04/25	3522	Alison West - Bespoke Web Designs	20.00	0.00	289,607.30

Uncleared and unpresented effects

24/04/25	3523	Copyrite	775.00		288,832.30
24/04/25	3524	CPRE Devon	60.00		288,772.30
24/04/25	3525	Community Council of Devon	50.00		288,722.30
		Total uncleared and unpresented	885.00	0.00	
		Total debits / credits	5786.79	30913.54	

Reconciled by Lucy Tyrrell

1st April 2025 – 30th April 2025 - Financial Statement – Cashbook

Statement of receipts and payments between 01/04/25 and 25/04/31 inclusive. This may include transactions with ledger dates outside this period.

Balances at the start of the year

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£263,595.55
Total	£263,595.55

RECEIPTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			
10 Precept	28,000.00	0.00	28,000.00
15 CIL	0.00	0.00	0.00
20 DCC re Candys Field	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 Herald Adverts	542.00	0.00	542.00
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	7.54	0.00	7.54
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	2,364.00	0.00	2,364.00
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	30,913.54	0.00	30,913.54
Total Receipts	30,913.54	0.00	30,913.54

PAYMENTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)

Council				
1000	Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00
1005	Expenses	87.39	17.48	104.87
1015	Village Hall hire	64.00	0.00	64.00
1020	Chairman's Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1025	Subscriptions	742.00	89.89	831.89
1030	Courses, travel etc	0.00	0.00	0.00
1035	Insurance, Audit, Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00
1040	Misc	0.00	0.00	0.00
1045	Herald Printing	775.00	0.00	775.00
1050	PC Maintenance Contractor	0.00	0.00	0.00
1055	Grass cutting	0.00	0.00	0.00
1060	Other maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1065	General tree work	0.00	0.00	0.00
1070	Bin emptying	670.00	134.00	804.00
1075	Handyman	0.00	0.00	0.00
1080	Notice boards - maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1085	Play equipment	128.00	25.60	153.60
1090	Lights in CF	709.79	35.48	745.27
1095	Toilets	775.00	3.00	778.00
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	187.62	9.38	197.00
1130	Website etc	20.00	0.00	20.00
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	332.50	0.00	332.50
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
1180	FLOS	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000	S137 Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	Other Grants	837.66	143.00	980.66
9999	VAT Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council Total		5,328.96	457.83	5,786.79
Total Payments		5,328.96	457.83	5,786.79

Closing Balances

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£288,722.30
	£288,722.30
Total	£288,722.30

Appendix 5:

District Council report Cllr Geoff Jung. 12.05.2025

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new County Councillor Helen Brown, and welcome again at Devon County Council Jeff Trail.

I would also like to publicly say a well-deserved thank you to Richard Scott who although we were not politically aligned, we worked well together for the ward and for the resident's benefit! Thanks Richard and I'll see you around no doubt.

I've just realised I've been a District Councillor for 10 years now. It been challenging but hugely enjoyable, and it's been a privilege to serve this community. Seeing I will be coming up to 79 at the next District Council elections in 2 years' time so I've decided I will not be seeking re-election.

However, between now and then we (that is all councillors Parish, District and County) all have a new challenge and that is how we co-ordinate becoming a Unitary Council. A single Devon wide Authority would create the largest (by size) Unitary in the UK. Plymouth, Exeter and Torbay want to become or retain their Unitary Status but annexing other close by communities. Or do we split Devon down the middle North to South or East to West. Massive implications and massive changes, whilst at the same time we get on with our day-to-day tasks. Oh, and by the way no extra funding!

I do find it peculiar that we are tasked to co-ordinate the demise of our Districts and County Authorities and set up an alternative by ourselves. It's a bit like being sacked but being told to find a replacement first!

My portfolio provides most of the services for East Devon, from Recycling and Waste to street cleaning, to our countryside teams. For a Unitary to provide any worthwhile benefit its expected that these services will eventually amalgamate. The sooner the greater benefit. There are currently many nonsensical practices. Take the sand blowing onto Exmouth Sea front, Devon CC is responsible for cleaning the highway and East Devon cleaning the promenade. Luckily, we have just about a working relationship, but wouldn't it make sense to have one contractor. Another is public carparks, down to EDDC but street parking is Devon. Different meters, and enforcement regimes!

It's one challenge to amalgamate a joint agreed new governance but it's a whole different ball game coordinating joining up services. I am looking forward to this new emerging challenge, which as a District Council we have already started on, but a long road ahead.

Appendix 6:

Chairs report 12th May 2025

A big welcome and congratulations to our re-elected County Cllr Jeff Trail and newly elected County Cllr Helen Brown.
We look forward to working with you both.

A thank you to Mr Simon Staddon for his VE display in the church, it was great to have a chance of quiet reflection while reading about events from this important time.

The village is coming to life in all its glory with its floral and fauna. I hope we all get the chance to enjoy the many open spaces this village has to offer while respecting the local environment.

Cllr Lisa Staddon