MINUTES OF A LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 2ND JUNE 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	H Brown (HB) and J Trail (JT)
District Councillors	B Ingham (BI) and G Jung (GJ)
Public	5 members

Public session

A resident asked about front Meadow. She understood the entire site had been passed to the PC but the car park had not been handed over to the Church. KH explained that the Exeter Diocese did not want the car park. Another resident explained that the local Church Council could not sign a lease. KH added that he had drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the Church Council could make a voluntary contribution to the maintenance of the car park. SF asked why the taxpayer should pay for a church car park. KH explained that it was all part of the PCs assets. LS felt the Church should maintain the car park. KH suggested he would send the resident a copy of the draft MoU. The resident asked for a separate meeting with the Church and the PC to bring everyone up to date on all discussions. She asked why KH was drafting the paperwork and not a solicitor. KH explained he would send the draft to the solicitor.

RESOLVED that a meeting would be arranged with the previous landowners who gifted the site, the Church Council and the PC to discuss the finer details of Front Meadow and the car park as soon as possible.
DGA proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

LS explained that the bollards had not been put up to stop anyone visiting the Church using the car park. The only time they were raised was when the car park became so wet it was dangerous to use and posed a health and safety risk. The current one bollard still up had been hit by a car and damaged badly so it could not be lowered and was being investigated. A resident added that the Church was always open and so should the car park.

Another resident raised the issue of the Dinan Way Extension (DWE) being publicly funded and should be exemplary. The temporary construction design for water run off had not been implemented and Lympstone Water Quality Group (LWQG) had previously raised the risks of this project. He felt the issues raised had not been taken on board and the runoff was evident from Google Earth satellite. It was causing major problems in the Wotton Brook. The sediment was evident causing pollution. This had been ongoing for the last six months. He felt a review of why this was happening should be imminent. LWQG would like to be involved with discussions with DCC regarding the proposed permanent structure to be implemented. JT explained that the contractors were doing a good job, the pipe being replaced by SWW collapsed which caused the runoff water issue. DCC was working with the EA and would continue to follow the plan of action. No further meetings would be taking place. The time was limited and work had to be completed by December 2025. There were two more roundabouts to be built, then there would be a review. He highlighted the fact that any

members of the public must have permission to go on to the development site by the either the landowner or the contractor. Anyone without permission would be classed as trespassing. DGA explained that he knew the area and where pipes were. JT reiterated that any queries must be through him or HB to find answers from DCC officers. A member of LWQG explained that they had gone on to the land with the tenant's permission to view the water runoff. They had tried to contact the contractor on the emergency number provided who did not attend that evening. She felt a condition of planning was to provide adequate temporary drainage which had not been implemented and therefore broken a planning condition. GJ explained that planning had been granted by DCC for the highway and therefore was not an EDDC planning matter.
A resident raised an issue of overgrown weeds and nettles along Shepherds Path. JT explained to contact him, and he would contact the PROW officer about this.

25/50 Apologies

None

25/51 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 12th May 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
LS proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

25/52 To receive any Declarations of Interest

SF declared a personal interest with item 25/53.5.2.
LS declared a personal interest with item 25/53.5.1.
This was recorded in the book.

25/53 Clerk's Report:

25/53.1 Annual Audit 2024/25 Internal Auditor's certificate

The Clerk explained that the PC had received the internal audit report and advice note which stated that the PCs accounts were of reasonable assurance. All members had received both electronic and hard copies of the documents.

25/53.2 Annual Audit 2024/25 Governance Statement *(See Appendix 1)*

RESOLVED that the governance statement items 1-8 were satisfactory and was agreed, signed and dated by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO.
DGA proposed. LS seconded. Unan.

25/53.3 Annual Audit 2024/25 Accounting statements

The Clerk explained that Box 9 for Assets for 2023/24 had been restated due to historically being recorded incorrectly. She had queried this with the external auditor who advised this was the correct way forward. *(See Appendix 2)*

RESOLVED that the accounting statements was agreed, signed and dated by the Chair and Clerk/RFO.
KH proposed. LS seconded. Unan.

LS thanked the Clerk for all her hard work with the finances and auditing process.

25/53.4 Notice of public rights

The Clerk suggested suitable dates to publicise the Notice of public rights 5 June to 16 July 2025.

RESOLVED that the Clerk publish the Notice of public rights and add to the website from 3rd June 2024.
LS proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

25/53.5 Grant application received

The Clerk highlighted the remaining funding available for grants for 2025/26. SC suggested that the PC consider having a cut off date within the financial year for groups to submit grant requests to the PC to allow for allocating funding.

25/53.5.1 The Sailing Club

RESOLVED that the PC approved £350 grant funding towards the cost of one boat for junior sailing.
RGH proposed. DGA seconded. SC, SF, KH, JP supported. LS abstained.

Members present from the sailing club thanked the PC for their support. The Clerk highlighted that there were many youth community grants available to access additional funding towards their request.

25/53.5.2 Additional funding request from Lympstone Legends for village hall room hire

RESOLVED that no additional grant funding would be available from the PC.
RGH proposed. SC seconded. DGA, KH, JP, LS supported. SF abstained.

25/53.6 Internal Auditor Feedback

The Clerk explained that she was meeting with the internal auditor this week and any questions regarding the internal auditor's report and advice note could be given to her to ask on the Councils behalf.

25/53.7 Casual Vacancy and Co-option of Parish Councillors

The Clerk explained that there were four Councillor vacancies on the Parish Council. There had been no request for an election, and it was now open for the Council to co-opt. The casual vacancies would be advertised in the usual way.

25/53.8 Finance – Payments / Financial summary / Budget report

RESOLVED that the payments in Appendix 3 be approved.
DGA proposed. LS seconded. Unan.

25/53.9 Clerk's Action List

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

25/54 Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors

GJ read his report *(See Appendix 4).*

BI raised two points: 1) He felt that the Church car park for weddings, funerals and other church events was a wonderful solution. He added that caution should be taken with involving Exeter Diocese, but the Parish Church Council should be directly involved with the discussions with LPC. He highlighted consideration with the responsibility and accountability of the car park and 2) Wotton Brook – once was a thriving brook and the evidence now was non-existent. Problems must be resolved so issues were not repeated in the future.

JT thanked all who helped and supported him with the recent County Council elections. He explained that unfortunately Richard Scott had not been re-elected but wanted to publicly thank him for all his hard work over the last eight years. He was proud of their achievements including the Exe Estuary Trail being extended to Woodbury for safe travel and implementing the appropriate drainage. JT congratulated HB on her election success. He explained that the role demanded many hours of work per week and as there was a change in administration, they had been placed on committees but not as many as before. The new administration was a coalition of Liberal democrats, Green and Independent Cllrs. He wanted all parties to work together and looked forward to what happened next. The cabinet meeting was moved back to July and money would then be allocated to projects. He would continue to work with LPC and was contactable at any time to assist with queries. JT added that more planning applications would be forthcoming with Goodmores development and encouraged the PC to keep challenging proposals. He understood there was a need for more houses but also a need for additional infrastructure. JT explained that at DWE, SWW had incorrectly laid the water pipe, but this was rectified quickly. He highlighted the fact that there were three roads into Exmouth and unfortunately when one closed the other two backed up quickly. DCC could not just close a road without a three months' notice period. He would be looking at road closures with HATOC if on the committee and hopefully would get the committees support with his proposals. JT explained that the planned yellow road hatching survey at the Saddlers Arms junction had been completed and now had to wait for the results. HATOC would make recommendations to go to a public consultation. This would take approx 18months. Once DWE was completed then results would be seen. A resident asked if temporary signage could be added to the junction. JT explained that it was already the Highway code not to stop and block a road junction and temporary signage for this was not part of the road traffic act. He added that any private notices must be erected at least 1.5-2m from any highway. JT highlighted to the PC that DCC and EDDC could assist with a wish list for future developments proposed. This could then include developers assisting with the cost of necessary improvements.

HB introduced herself to all present and explained she would be available to be contacted.

A resident asked if the PC would consider and agree to backing LWQG with a supportive letter regarding water run off at DWE.

RESOLVED that points raised by LWQG would be considered by LPC to support.
KH proposed. RGH seconded. DGA, SC, JP, LS supported. SF abstained.

The Chair read her report:
Another busy month in Council and village life. A wonderful WAL festival brought out people both young and old to ponder all things nature and to understand more of the environment around us. To learn to help protect and improve in a positive way and inspire all with the use of community engagement. Thank you to all involved, I think Carrie and the Allotment team gave away about 1200 plants, amazing!
The Chair also thanked Cllrs for all their hard work with the upcoming planning appeal hearing due to take place on Wednesday regarding the proposed development at the Strawberry Hill/Meeting Lane site.

25/55 Lympstone Water Quality Group (LWQG)

Sara Davies (SD) and Clem Davies (CD) were present from LWQG. SD shared the work undertaken by LWQG (see Appendix 5). She explained that they had found out about SWW AMP8 project and Lympstone had been allocated funding to protect the shellfish waters. Lympstone Fishery and Harbour Association and Lympstone Flood Resilience Group had also been involved. A SWW contractor had been chosen, and they felt he would work well with Lympstone and the appropriate storm water overflows. She added that the Clerk was in touch with Mr Birch from SWW to arrange a meeting to bring all necessary groups together. There was a rough programme to the project: *Understanding the problem* – there was one official overflow but there was another 'emergency' pumping station which was actually acting as a combined overflow. There was an unknown quantity coming from spills. LWQG were pushing for this overflow to also be included in the project. SWW had installed flow meters since the Winter and were modelling the data. The contractor talked about co-creation solutions.
Gathering information over the next few years - 2026: Identifying options for a solution, 2027: Designing solutions, 2027-2030: Implementation.
CD felt Lympstone was very fortunate to be chosen as a priority. There were many hours of spill not being recorded. The more frequent spills were breaking the law. SD highlighted the fact that there were significant issues regarding water quality protection at a government level. She added that simple solutions had not been included or used in planning policies.
DGA explained that he had much knowledge about the Sowden Lane pumping station and would be happy to be contacted by LWQG about it. GJ thanked LWQG for all their hard work and supporting him with his environment portfolio. He highlighted that there were over 200 volunteers in the area sampling water. He added that the EA had employed more staff and SWW could be supportive with funding and expertise. He explained that all the solutions would take years to rectify. SD explained that the target for overflows were ten spills per year over ten years. CD felt this target was not specific enough and would be challenging the EA regarding the enforcement of this. The Parish Council congratulated LWQG and the water guardians for all their previous and ongoing hard work.

25/56 Planning applications

25/56.1

25/1041/FUL - Replacement of existing conservatory with single storey rear extension (with timber cladding); proposed render finish to existing house and porch on the west elevation at Brookdene Longmeadow Road (expires 12th June).

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

SF proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

25/56.2

25/1048/DEM - Demolition of : single storey brick outbuilding (42sqm), existing garage (28sqm), existing extension (32sqm) at The Retreat Church Road (expires 13th June).

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

SF proposed. LS seconded. Unan.

25/57 Planning decisions

RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.

25/58 Reports of Committees

25/58.1 Planning and Transport Committee

SC reported on the Planning and Transport committee meeting held on 22 May 2025. She explained that LPC had discussed their responses to the Planning appeal hearing for Meeting Lane/Strawberry Hill site and that SF would be representing the PC at the hearing. She thanked SF for all her hard work in preparing the response. GJ and HB offered to support LPC. GJ highlighted the fact that the second outline application for the same site had been approved by EDDC.

SC reported that she had spoken with Angela King (AK), EDDC Neighbourhood officer regarding a rewrite of Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan (LNP). She explained that government NP grants were not open yet to apply for but hoping it would be in July. Both herself and AK were investigating planning responses from EDDC where the LNP had been referred to and gathering additional information. SC added that the advice for a rewrite of LNP was to focus on key areas.

SC reported that Devon Communities Trust (DCT) owned data received from housing needs surveys and LPC agreed for SC to find out more about surveys conducted in the Parish. SC explained that LPCs planning checklist had been updated with SLCC recommendations. SC added that after the appeal hearing LPC should write to DCC regarding highway improvements at the Harefield Cross junction. GJ added that developers should also be involved with improved highway designs.

RESOLVED that in principle, a draft letter to 3West, regarding highway improvements should be circulated.

SC proposed. LS seconded. SF, RGH, KH, JP supported. DGA objected.

25/58.2 Assets and amenities committee
RGH reported that the community payback scheme had cleared along The Avenue. The waste had been heaped up to be moved by the PC. The Clerk asked if the group could clear Candys field of stones and rubble which was proving a health and safety risk. LS thanked RGH for getting this organised and now the PC needed to remove the waste. SC proposed a skip to remove it. DGA explained he would investigate removing the rubbish. RGH explained the payback scheme would be back this Friday then fortnightly on a Friday thereafter.
KH would circulate his draft MoU for the church car park to the previous landowners and the Church Council. SC felt the MoU should go through a solicitor before circulating. KH explained that the PCs solicitor was slow to respond.
RESOLVED that a new solicitor for the PC would be sought.
Proposed LS. RGH seconded. Unan.

It was also agreed that a new solicitor would be asked for the turnaround time of urgent matters from the PC.
A resident asked that Mr Minter, the church administrator be copied into any correspondence sent to the church.

Postponed: Cllr Culhane to update all members on the biodiversity survey held in Front Meadow.

25/58.3 Community committee
Postponed: Cllr Payne to report on the planned public consultation dates.

25/58.4 Environmental Committee
Postponed: Cllr Culhane to update on the progress of the EA bio net gain project in Candys Field.

25.58.5 Finance and Advisory Committee
Postponed: Cllr Hill to report on the progress of the Unity Bank Trust Account.

25/59 Items for the next Agenda

Meeting closed: **9.09pm**

Chairman: Date:

Appendix 1:

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

We acknowledge as the members of:

LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, that:

	Agreed		'Yes' means that this authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✔		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✔		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✔		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✔		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✔		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✔		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✔		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✔		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A — has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.
			✔

***Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.**

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

02/06/2025
ENTER DATE

and recorded as minute reference:

25/53.2 MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chair: Lisa A Stadden
SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Clerk:
SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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Appendix 2:

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024/25 for

LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2025 £	*Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.*
1. Balances brought forward	167,120	224,051	*Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.*
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	48,500	52,138	*Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.*
3. (+) Total other receipts	103,991	112,761	*Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.*
4. (-) Staff costs	29,478	48,412	*Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.*
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	*Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).*
6. (-) All other payments	66,082	79,519	*Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash-book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).*
7. (=) Balances carried forward	224,051	261,019	*Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).*
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	223,360	263,596	*The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – **To agree with bank reconciliation.***
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	RE-STATED 234,217	236,467	*The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.*
10. Total borrowings	0	0	*The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).*

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)		✔		*The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.*
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)			✔	*The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.*

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2025 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date 02/06/2025

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

02/06/2025

as recorded in minute reference:

25/53.3 MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Appendix 3:

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Current Account

Statement Number	26	Bank Statement No.	26
Statement Opening Balance	£289,607.30	Opening Date	01/05/25
Statement Closing Balance	£273,368.08	Closing Date	31/05/25
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£273,148.88		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
24/04/25	3523	Copyrite	775.00	0.00	288,832.30
24/04/25	3525	Community Council of Devon	50.00	0.00	288,782.30
06/05/25	DD EDF 001 6/5/25	EDF Energy Ref: (Toilets)	63.00	0.00	288,719.30
12/05/25	3527	Fire Protection Online	263.93	0.00	288,455.37
12/05/25	3528	Gulliford Joint Committee	770.00	0.00	287,685.37
12/05/25	3529	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	8.00	0.00	287,677.37
12/05/25	3530	Employment	835.31	0.00	286,842.06
12/05/25	3531	Employment	2,288.67	0.00	284,553.39
12/05/25	3532	Employment/reimbursement	966.66	0.00	283,586.73
12/05/25	3536	Friends of station bank	185.66	0.00	283,401.07
12/05/25	3537	Hilton Barnfield Architects	5,670.00	0.00	277,731.07
12/05/25	3539	Public toilets cleaning	600.00	0.00	277,131.07
12/05/25	3540	PC contractor	2,070.00	0.00	275,061.07
13/05/25	13/5/25 DC HMRC	HMRC (VAT)	0.00	675.38	275,736.45
15/05/25	DD EDF YC 15/5/25	EDF Energy A-813EOE73	78.00	0.00	275,658.45
15/05/25	DD EDF 1111 1//25	EDF Energy Ref: (Candys Field)	96.00	0.00	275,562.45
15/05/25	DD EDF YC 15/5/25	EDF Energy A-DOBDO971	119.00	0.00	275,443.45
23/05/25	CHP Bank transfer from TSB to Unity trust bank account 3093156204059962		200,000.00	200,000.00	275,443.45
23/05/25	CHP TSB 23 05 25	TSB bank charge	30.00	0.00	275,413.45
23/05/25	TSB GWR 23 05 25	Great Western Railway	0.00	520.00	275,933.45
23/05/25	UT 14/3/25	Lucy Tyrrell transfer test to Unity trust	0.00	10.00	275,943.45
23/05/25	UT LVHCIO 23/5/25	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	8.00	0.00	275,935.45
27/05/25	UT 27/05/25	Source For Business	135.70	0.00	275,799.75
27/05/25	UT 27/5/25	D.G.A expenses	78.70	0.00	275,721.05
28/05/25	28/5/25 FPI	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	275,746.05

28/05/25	UT 28/5/25	Express Fire – YC safety checks	114.00	0.00	275,632.05
30/05/25	FPI DCT 30 05 25	Devon Community Trust grant	0.00	263.93	275,895.98
30/05/25	UT 30/5/25	Employment	2,521.90	0.00	273,374.08
31/05/25	UT fee 31 05 25	Unity Trust Bank service fees	6.00	0.00	273,368.08

Uncleared and unpresented effects

24/04/25	3524	CPRE Devon	60.00		273,308.08
12/05/25	3538	Multiple Suppliers/ Customers	159.20		273,148.88
		Total uncleared and unpresented	219.20	0.00	
		Total debits / credits	217952.73	201494.31	

Reconciled by Lucy Tyrrell

Financial Statement - Cashbook

Statement of receipts and payments between 01/04/25 and 31/05/25 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	567.00	0.00	567.00
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	10.00	0.00	10.00
55 Web adverts	0.00	0.00	0.00
60 Parishes Together	0.00	0.00	0.00
65 External grants	783.93	0.00	783.93
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	675.38	0.00	675.38
100 Guildford BG	0.00	0.00	0.00
105 FLOS	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council Total	32,407.85	0.00	32,407.85
Total Receipts	32,407.85	0.00	32,407.85
PAYMENTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			
1000 Salaries	5,412.45	0.00	5,412.45
1005 Expenses	1,287.48	17.48	1,304.96
1015 Village Hall hire	80.00	0.00	80.00
1020 Chairman's Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1025 Subscriptions	742.00	89.89	831.89
1030 Courses, travel etc	78.70	0.00	78.70
1035 Insurance, Audit, Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00
1040 Misc	36.00	0.00	36.00
1045 Herald Printing	775.00	0.00	775.00
1050 PC Maintenance Contractor	2,070.00	0.00	2,070.00
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	801.22	40.05	841.27
1095 Toilets	1,548.08	28.62	1,576.70
1100 Flood equip maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1105 LFRG expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00

1110	Gulliford cemetery	770.00	0.00	770.00
1115	Burial Ground	0.00	0.00	0.00
1120	YC Maintenance	95.00	19.00	114.00
1125	YC Utilities	375.24	18.76	394.00
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	5,057.50	945.00	6,002.50
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	1,383.59	205.86	1,589.45
9999	VAT Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council Total		21,330.26	1,524.26	22,854.52
Total Payments		21,330.26	1,524.26	22,854.52

Closing Balances

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£273,148.88
	£273,148.88
Total	£273,148.88

Appendix 4:

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Climate Change

The other day I was asked “What’s the difference between Climate Change and Net Zero”
There is a cost to East Devon to adapt to Climate Change which covers engineering works to coastal change adaptions to ensure that our sea defences will be suitable for the expected sea level rise of .80m, and river and stream management for the increasing level of intense rainfall.
Also changes to the management of our trees as climate changes with some species dying back and alternate species being introduced. plus, our plants in our parks and gardens need adaption and changes.
Then we have the Net Zero costs that are also benefit to our Biodiversity and generally good for the planet. Our Recycling rather than methane and carbon dioxide coming off old landfill sites is a great example. Then you have tree planting and hedging, both covered by our new tree policy which will see our tree cover increase, benefitting both our carbon capture and improving biodiversity at the same time.
As I see it you cannot differentiate the costs of adapting to climate change and targeting to reduce your carbon output. They fit hand in hand.
That’s why rather than have one Councillor responsible for the Environment and another for Climate Change, we have basically merged the 2. My new roll is similar but I’m more responsible for environmental operations, from cleaning the streets, emptying the bins, to sea protection schemes , to flood resilience, with another councillor responsible for our important nature improvement and green spaces. With our assistant portfolio councillors there is now a team of 4 of us, all working towards protecting the district from our changing climate, improving Biodiversity and enhancing and improving our local area.

Water Quality

I’m really pleased that you have a presentation tonight from the Lympstone Water Quality Group. Water Quality is high on everyone’s agenda, and without these great voluntary groups, I could not do my job. We have groups in every catchment now in East Devon providing valuable information on sampling and providing information. They are doing a magnificent job.

East Devon District Cllr Geoff Jung

Appendix 5:

An overview of our findings

The Wotton Brook and Exe Estuary are under pressure from various sources of pollution. This project has shown that the government policy framework to protect watercourses isn't working. Pollution control is weak. Yet, there are a range of potential nature-based solutions. We need to work together to develop these solutions, raise awareness to influence others, and generally do what we can to reduce pollution at source.

Problems

Underlying risks

- The catchment is steep with poor soil permeability (making the risk of surface water runoff high).
- The natural character of the lower brook was changed by flood works.
- The base flow in the brook is low.
- Climate change is bringing more storms and droughts.

Pollution will increase without action

- Our monitoring results indicate moderate water quality, and runoff is the major pathway of pollution.
- There have been at least 7 serious pollution incidents since early 2024.
- The sewage system is overloaded and spills occur frequently (mostly due to rainfall).
- The combination of climate change and development* will increase the pollution risk (*the Dinan Way Extension, expansion of the dairy farm, and housing developments).
- We are just a small part of a huge catchment affecting the Estuary.

The government policy framework isn't working

- We've found that no government organisations are seriously considering water pollution risks in the planning process. Consequently:
  - Awareness is very low among developers and advisors.
  - Major pollution risks, and opportunities for low-cost pollution controls, are being missed.
- The Local Plan does not adequately address water pollution risks.
- Enforcement by the Environment Agency is weak.

We've been supported by several specialist organisations, including the Westcountry Rivers Trust, Riverfly Partnership, Woodland Trust, Stormwater Shepherds, River Restoration Centre, Devon Wildlife Trust, and the national Rivers Trust. And we're planning to share our project findings with other national organisations, including the Office for Environmental Protection, to help them lobby government for change.

Solutions

Work on nature-based solutions has started

- At the top of the catchment (in 'Yonder Oak'), the Woodland Trust is planting trees, building leaky dams, and diverting flows, which all help to reduce and slow the flow of surface water – bringing benefits to water quality, biodiversity, flood risk, and drought risk.
- Discussions about other opportunities are ongoing.

There's so much more that could be done

- Opportunities for nature-based solutions exist throughout the upper and lower catchment.
- We've been pushing for nature-based solutions in the Dinan Way Extension project, major residential developments, and in SWW's AMP8 project to reduce sewer spills.
- If you have land, let us know if you are interested in exploring the opportunities, e.g. for a wetland.

Working together is the key to success

- Community-led catchment partnerships are now widely recognised as the best approach.
- Working together we can share information and experience, secure more funding, raise awareness, and achieve more.
- Everyone can help – there's a whole range of things you can do.
- We've also been talking with other communities and catchment partnerships, which is useful.