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25th November 2025

To All Members of the Parish Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Lympstone Parish Council**,** to be held **7.00pm** on **Monday 1st December 2025 in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall.** ***NB The amended start time of 7pm***
The business to be transacted is set out below.

Members of the Public are cordially invited to attend.

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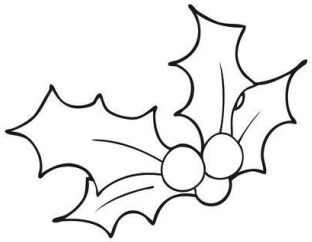
Clerk to the Parish Council

AGENDA

	Public session: *POLITE NOTICE - To all Members of the Public,* *There are 15 minutes at the start of the PC meeting for a public session. This is where members of the public can raise questions and queries to the Cllrs, you have up to three minutes to speak. Once this session has closed, the PC meeting begins and any further points, questions and queries from the public must be emailed to the Clerk after the meeting for Cllrs attention. Thank you.*	**7.00**
25/110	*INFORMATION:* **Apologies**	**7.15**
25/111	*ACTION:* **Minutes** To confirm the minutes of the PC meeting held on 3rd November 2025 (attached pgs 3-12), Finance and Advisory committee meeting held on 6th November (attached pg 13) and the PC Part B minutes held on the 6th November.	**7.20**
25/112	*INFORMATION:* **To receive any Declarations of Interest**	**7.25**
25/113	**Clerk's Report:** *ACTION:* **i) LPC precept 2026/27** - to agree the Parish precept for 2026/27 to be submitted to	**7.30**

	EDDC in January 26. **ii) LPC budget** – to agree the budget for 2026/27(attached pgs 14-15). **iii) LPC internal auditor** – to approve the internal auditor for 2026/27. **iv) Grant received** – LVHCIO (attached pgs 15-16). **v) Correspondence received** – Responsible use of fireworks (attached pg 17), The River Otter and EDDC water cycle report (attached pgs 17-18). *INFORMATION:* **vi) Casual vacancies** – There are two vacancies on the PC and no election has been called. It is up to the PC to co-opt a new member. There has been one application of interest. **vii) Finance** – Payments / Financial summary / Budget report (postponed to Jan 2026 due to time constraints) **viii) Clerk's Action List** including master correspondence list (attached pgs 18-19).	
25/114	*INFORMATION:* **Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors** if any.	**7.35**
25/115	*ACTION:* **Planning applications** **25/2137/FUL** - Replacement rear extension with first floor accommodation, replacement side extension, changes to fenestration with addition of cladding and construction of detached carport at The Retreat, Church Road (expires 6th Dec). **25/2246/VAR -** Removal of condition 2 (Removal of Permitted Development rights), of planning permission 98/P0587 (Permission for Retention of Use of Land as Garden), to reinstate permitted development rights available to residential gardens at Garden Of 6 Bakers Cottages *(expires 13th Dec).* **25/2323/FUL** - Hip to gable roof alterations including rear first floor extension, removal and replacement of front dormer, removal and replacement of garage, installation of front decking and the addition of cladding at Byfield, Longmeadow Road *(expires 17th Dec)*.	**7.40**
25/116	*INFORMATION:* **Planning decisions** (attached pg 19)	**7.50**
25/117	*ACTION:* **Reports of Committees** **Environment Committee** – To receive a report on the SWW AMP8 meeting held on 24th Nov. To receive an update on the EAs Bio net gain project. **Planning and Transport committee** – Cllr Culhane to report on the NALC's Online Event; Planning For The Future: Navigating The New Planning Framework held on the 29th October. Notification for all members: EA public meeting regarding the flood wall extension on the 9th Dec. **Assets and Amenities Committee** – Lights in Candys Field.	**8.00**
25/118	*DISCUSSION:* **Items for the next Agenda**	**8.05**

Lympstone Parish Councillors wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



MINUTES OF A LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2025.

PRESENT:	
Councillors	D Atkins (DGA), S Francis (SF), R Gale-Hasleham (RGH), K Hill (KH), J Payne (JP), A Roberts (AR) and L Staddon (LS) (LPC Chair)
Clerk	Miss L Tyrrell
County Councillors	H Brown HB and J Trail (JT)
District Councillors	G Jung (GJ)
Public	4 members

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and asked for a minute's silence to remember the recent passing of former Lympstone Parish Councillor Mr Robert Perry.

Public session:
A resident asked about the wild meadow in Front Meadow, he had seen it had been cut, baled and removed from the site and asked if the waste had gone to an authorised disposal. DGA explained that the cuttings had gone to feed cattle on Lympstone Common. The resident felt the cuttings would not have been suitable for animal feed. He also asked who had cut the hedge along the cycle path at Sowden End. DGA explained that this was private land which had been cut by a private contractor and was not linked to the Council.

25/98 Apologies

Cllr Culhane and District Cllr Ingham due to other commitments.

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

25/99 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and Advisory committee meeting held on 2nd October 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
DGA proposed. LS seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 6th October 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
SF proposed. LS seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Assets and Amenities committee meeting held on the 21s October 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
LS proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

25/100 To receive any Declarations of Interest

SF declared a personal interest with item 25/101.1
KH declared a personal interest with item 25/101.1
DGA declared a personal interest with land linked to the Nutwell estate.

This was recorded in the book.

25/101 Clerk's Report:

25/101.1 Grant received

The Clerk presented the grant funding request received from LVHCIO. She explained to all Cllrs that for the financial year 2025/26 a budget of £1,000 had been allocated for community grants and £725 had been awarded to groups in the Parish to date. The Clerk explained that the last grant awarded to LVHCIO from the PC was in March 2024 for £1,000. DGA understood the reasons for the new equipment and wanted to defer this application for further discussion at the next Finance and Advisory committee meeting. KH gave a brief background as to why this equipment was necessary. JP had no problem with supporting the application but was concerned that LPC did not have the funds to do so. She asked if other external community grants had been applied for as there were many to apply to for support.

RESOLVED that the application would be deferred to the next Finance and Advisory committee meeting.
DGA proposed. RGH seconded. LS, JP, AR supported. SF and KH abstained.

25/101.2 Casual vacancies

The Clerk explained that there were three vacancies on the PC and no election had been called, it was up to the PC to co-opt a new member. She was pleased to announce that there had been one application of interest and introduced Mr Coleman to the Council. The Chair invited Mr Coleman to say a few words about himself.

RESOLVED that Mr Coleman was co-opted on to the PC with immediate effect.
LS proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

Cllr Robert Coleman (RC) read out loud and signed the declaration of office and declaration of Code of Conduct. The Clerk countersigned the declaration.

25/101.3 **Poppy wreath**

RESOLVED that Cllr Staddon would be the PCs representative on Remembrance Sunday.
JP proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

25/101.4 Finance – Payments / Financial summary / Budget

RGH countersigned the bank statements for October 2025.
RESOLVED that the payments in Appendix 1 be approved.
LS proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

25/101.5 Clerk's Action List including master correspondence list.

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

25/102 Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors.

JT congratulated RC on his new position. He highlighted the upcoming road disruption and closures:

- One night road closure due along Dinan Way and Hulham Road.
- Hulham and Exe View Road closure in Feb 2026 for four weeks due to drainage and a bus stop to be installed at Kings Garden Centre.
- A376 from Courtlands cross to pelican crossing road disruption for cycle route and double yellow lines.
- Six weeks road disruption along Hulham Road, Pound and Featherbed Lane.

HB also congratulated RC on his new position and read her report (see Appendix 2)
AR asked if the Dinan Way Road extension work would be completed by the target end date of Dec 2025. JT explained that there had been an initial delay at the very beginning of the project so this timeline would probably be the end of Jan/Feb 2026. AR also asked if JT could provide details of changes to the drainage layout at Exe View Road. JT explained he would forward all details and design to the Clerk for circulation. DGA understood that the Higher Hulham Road water should go to a pond then circumnavigate a route to the Wotton Brook. No water should go down Wotton Lane. JT reiterated that he would send the design to the Clerk.
GJ congratulated RC on his appointment, he thanked SF for attending, representing LPC and speaking at the recent EDDC strategic planning meeting. He pointed out that DCC car parking was zero rated whereas EDDC had to pay the VAT. GJ read his report (See Appendix 3).

25/103 Planning applications

25/103.1

25/2101/TRE - T1, Ash : Crown reduction, reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 1-2m at Oak Cottage, Church Road.

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

25/103.2

AMENDED PLAN: **25/1737/VAR -** Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans0, 3 (tree protection), 4 (finished floor levels) and 5 (earthworks) on Planning Permission 21/2317/VAR (Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of 21/0490/FUL (Proposed new dwelling and car port) to allow an extension to the south eastern gable, infill of first floor void on south western elevation, enlargement of terrace are and alterations to landscaping at Land Adjacent To 21 Strawberry Hill.

DGA supported the variations. RGH supported the alterations to the building but remained concerned with the water treatment plant.

RESOLVED that the Clerk send the recommendation of support from LPC but the Parish Council still objected to the proposed water treatment plant to EDDC.
RGH proposed. JP seconded. Unan.

25/103.3

AMENDED PLAN: **25/1105/MOUT** - Hybrid planning application for development proposals comprising the following: i) Detailed approval for the construction of new foodstore (Use Class E) together with associated works including parking, access and landscaping ii) Outline approval with all matters reserved except access for flexible employment development (Use Classes B2 (General Industry), B8 (Storage and Distribution), E(g) (ancillary offices, research and development and light industrial) and Sui Generis (Trade Counter)) plots including public realm works, landscaping, access and associated infrastructure at Goodmores Farm Hulham Road.

GJ explained that the tree protection concerns had been mitigated, the car park had been reduced, and all amendments had improved the plan. AR asked who would maintain the hedge between the red line determining the site and the Highway. LS reiterated this concern for the future of the hedge. SF felt the PC could support the amended plan, but more information was required on the hedge boundary ownership.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to 3West for more information regarding the ownership of the hedge which lay between the site boundary and the Highway.
JP proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

25/104 Planning decisions

RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.

25/105 Reports of Committees

25/105.1 Assets and Amenities Committee

DGA referred to the minutes of the recent committee meeting which had been received and approved.

25/105.2 Community committee

JP reported that the application for a Charity status was still waiting to be approved form the Charity Commission. AR requested an update on future spending figures to which the Chair explained that she would chase this again with the architect.

25/105.3 Planning and Transport committee

LS and SF had attended a meeting with EDDC Officer Paul Osborne regarding SANGS at Exmouth Town Council held on 28th Oct. SF briefly reported on the meeting regarding SANGS areas and the fact that Lympstone was unable to accommodate one. However, Paul Osborne was keen to support Lympstone and investigate creating circular walking routes around Lympstone and linking areas. He was willing to meet LPC to discuss ideas including protecting land corridors. GJ highlighted the fact that there were many restrictions on SANGS areas which limited them being implemented in many places.

25/106 Items for the next Agenda

Drainage works in Higher Hulham Road.
Approve LPCs budget and precept for 2026/27.

Meeting closed: **8.10pm**
Chairman: Date:

Appendix 1:

25/101.4 Finance:
Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Current Account
Statement Number 31 Bank Statement No. 31
Statement Opening Balance £247,927.62 Opening Date 01/10/25
Statement Closing Balance £246,166.94 Closing Date 31/10/25
True/ Cashbook Closing £246,166.94

Balance

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
01/10/25	TSB OM 01/10/25	Orchard Memorials	0.00	45.00	247,972.62
06/10/25	TSB EDF	EDF Energy (Toilets)	79.34	0.00	247,893.28
06/10/25	UT ET 6/10/25	Eleanor Tomlinson	253.75	0.00	247,639.53
06/10/25	UT	Public toilets cleaning	600.00	0.00	247,039.53
07/10/25	UT 07/10/25	Employment	259.53	0.00	246,780.00
10/10/25	UT 300002	Employment	1,238.34	0.00	245,541.66
10/10/25	UT DALC 10/10/25	DALC	60.00	0.00	245,481.66
13/10/25	UT FPI	Burial Fee	0.00	276.00	245,757.66
15/10/25	TSB EDF YC	EDF Energy A-813EOE73	78.00	0.00	245,679.66
15/10/25	TSB EDF YC	EDF Energy A-DOBDO971	238.92	0.00	245,440.74
15/10/25	UT Maltsters 15/10	The Maltsters Arms	35.00	0.00	245,405.74
17/10/25	UT Cheque 3	Co-Op Funeral Services	0.00	830.00	246,235.74
17/10/25	UT	R Gegg & Sons	0.00	415.00	246,650.74
17/10/25	UT	R Gegg & Sons	0.00	415.00	247,065.7
20/10/25	UT LHS 20/10/25	Lympstone History Society	225.00	0.00	246,840.74
20/10/25	UT LVH 20/10/25	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	16.00	0.00	246,824.74
20/10/25	UT LVHCIO	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	8.00	0.00	246,816.74
21/10/25	UT FPI DCC	Devon County Council	0.00	750.00	247,566.74
21/10/25	UT FPI PCC 21/10/25	Lympstone PCC	0.00	150.00	247,716.74
21/10/25	UT	Herald Advert	0.00	135.00	247,851.74
22/10/25	UT	Herald Advert	0.00	450.00	248,301.74
22/10/25	UT	Herald Advert	0.00	135.00	248,436.74
23/10/25	UT SS 23/10/25	Stephens Scown LLP	2,356.80	0.00	246,079.94
24/10/25	UT	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	246,104.94
28/10/25	UT	Herald Advert	0.00	35.00	246,139.94
29/10/25	UT	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	246,164.94
29/10/25	UT	Herald Advert	0.00	8.00	246,172.94
31/10/25	UT fee 31 10 25	Unity Trust Bank	6.00	0.00	246,166.9
Uncleared and unpresented effects					
		Total uncleared and unpresented	0.00	0.00	
		Total debits / credits	5454.68	3694	

Reconciled by Lucy Tyrrell

Financial Statement - Cashbook

Statement of receipts and payments between 01/04/25 and 31/10/25 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	56,000.00	0.00	56,000.00
15 CIL	0.00	0.00	0.00
20 DCC re Candys Field	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 Herald Adverts	1,893.27	0.00	1,893.27
30 Burial Fees	1,981.00	0.00	1,981.00
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	1,683.93	0.00	1,683.93
70 YC Rech	2,364.00	0.00	2,364.00
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	64,615.12	0.00	64,615.12
Total Receipts	64,615.12	0.00	64,615.12

PAYMENTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			
1000 Employment	20,061.79	0.00	20,061.79
1005 Employment	2,039.54	17.48	2,057.02
1015 Village Hall hire	216.00	0.00	216.00
1020 Chairman's Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1025 Subscriptions	1,413.00	223.09	1,636.09
1030 Courses, travel etc	232.45	17.00	249.45
1035 Insurance, Audit, Electricity	3,195.35	298.20	3,493.55
1040 Misc	2,030.00	392.80	2,422.80
1045 Herald Printing	3,875.00	0.00	3,875.00
1050 PC Maintenance Contractor	6,455.00	0.00	6,455.00
1055 Grass cutting	0.00	0.00	0.00
1060 Other maintenance	288.66	2.73	291.39
1065 General tree work	0.00	0.00	0.00
1070 Bin emptying	1,710.00	342.00	2,052.00
1080 Notice boards - maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1085 Play equipment	128.00	25.60	153.60
1090 Lights in CF	1,132.02	56.59	1,188.61
1095 Toilets	6,067.84	219.26	6,287.10
1100 Flood equip maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1105 LFRG expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
1110 Gulliford cemetery	970.00	0.00	970.00
1115 Burial Ground	0.00	0.00	0.00
1120 YC Maintenance	95.00	19.00	114.00
1125 YC Utilities	1,770.18	88.50	1,858.68

1130	Website etc	125.00	0.00	125.00
1135	Adv Weath	0.00	0.00	0.00
1140	Gully Emptying	0.00	0.00	0.00
1150	Hub Projects	21,121.09	4,100.00	25,221.09
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
2000	S137 Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	Other Grants	3,109.70	205.86	3,315.56
9999	VAT Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council Total		76,035.62	6,008.11	82,043.73
Total Payments		76,035.62	6,008.11	82,043.73

Closing Balances

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£246,166.94
	£246,166.94
Total	£246,166.94

Budget Headings View

Exp	Heading no	Committee	Description	Last year's net	2025/26	Actual Net
	10	COUN	Precept	£52,137.50	£56,000.00	£56,000.00
	100	COUN	Guildford BG	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	15	COUN	CIL	£90,953.10	£0.00	£0.00
	20	COUN	DCC re Candys Field	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00
	25	COUN	Herald Adverts	£7,168.00	£4,500.00	£1,893.27
	30	COUN	Burial Fees	£5,777.00	£4,000.00	£1,981.00
	35	COUN	Lymp FC	£0.00	£200.00	£0.00
	40	COUN	Flower Beds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	45	COUN	Wayleaves	£7.54	£8.00	£7.54
	50	COUN	Misc	£1,439.17	£900.00	£10.00
	55	COUN	Web adverts	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	65	COUN	External grants	£5,031.21	£1,000.00	£1,683.93
	70	COUN	YC Rech	£2,385.09	£4,500.00	£2,364.00
	90	COUN	Community Hub	£0.00	£100.00	£0.00
	95	COUN	Woodbury PC	£0.00	£200.00	£0.00
	99	COUN	VAT refund	£5,305.22	£5,000.00	£0.00
	1000	COUN	Employment	£48,412.07	£39,000.00	£20,061.79
	1005	COUN	Employment	£2,214.36	£3,000.00	£2,039.54
	1005/1	COUN	Employment	£1,366.00	£2,000.00	£660.00
	1005/2	COUN	Employment	£848.36	£1,000.00	£1,379.54
	1015	COUN	Village Hall hire	£760.00	£2,000.00	£192.00
	1020	COUN	Chairman's Allowance	£200.00	£200.00	£0.00
	1025	COUN	Subscriptions	£1,430.00	£1,500.00	£1,413.00
	1030	COUN	Courses, travel etc	£195.82	£500.00	£232.45
	1035	COUN	Insurance, Audit, Electricity	£2,232.24	£3,000.00	£3,195.35

1040	COUN	Misc	£1,518.80	£2,500.00	£2,030.00
1045	COUN	Herald Printing	£8,427.00	£8,000.00	£3,875.00
1050	COUN	PC Maintenance Contractor	£9,985.00	£10,000.00	£5,855.00
1055	COUN	Grass cutting	£200.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
1060	COUN	Other maintenance	£17,303.56	£5,000.00	£288.66
1065	COUN	General tree work	£0.00	£3,000.00	£0.00
1070	COUN	Bin emptying	£1,465.60	£1,000.00	£1,040.00
1080	COUN	Notice boards - maintenance	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
1085	COUN	Play equipment	£254.00	£500.00	£0.00
1090	COUN	Lights in CF	£1,245.74	£3,000.00	£1,132.02
1095	COUN	Toilets	£14,792.64	£15,000.00	£5,352.84
1100	COUN	Flood equip maintenance	£103.15	£500.00	£0.00
1105	COUN	LFRG expenses	£17.55	£400.00	£0.00
1110	COUN	Gulliford cemetery	£815.00	£800.00	£970.00
1115	COUN	Burial Ground	£0.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
1120	COUN	YC Maintenance	£924.00	£1,000.00	£95.00
1125	COUN	YC Utilities	£2,251.44	£2,500.00	£1,770.18
1130	COUN	Website etc	£1,291.00	£500.00	£125.00
1135	COUN	Adv Weath	£0.00	£200.00	£0.00
1140	COUN	Gully Emptying	£0.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
1150	COUN	Hub Projects	£7,853.01	£2,000.00	£21,121.09
1165	COUN	YC Recharge	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2000	COUN	S137 Funding	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
2010	COUN	Other Grants	£3,938.86	£1,000.00	£2,394.70
9999	COUN	VAT Payments	£0.00	£5,000.00	£0.00
		Income Total	£170,203.83	£77,908.00	£63,939.74
		Expenditure Total	£127,930.84	£117,200.00	£73,183.62

Bank account c/f 31st October 2025	
LPC Unity Trust bank account	146,719.29
LPC TSB bank account	99,447.65
Total LPC current account	246,166.94

Appendix 2:

Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee on 22nd October

On street car parking charges are going up, in a few places up to 50%

Understandably car parking increases affect most Devon residents so this came to scrutiny as a call-in

A few of the discussions were around:

Devon County prices have not been increased since 2022 whilst Town car parking prices set by local councils have risen substantially. Leading to disparity in costs

How new pricing would affect the traders/towns

DCC's street parking aims are to be slightly more costly, pushing motorists to the main car parks, reducing traffic cruising for spaces and pollution

The policy was set at parity plus 10%, with increases capped at 50% parking costs vary greatly across Devon, so where parking is very cheap the increase is larger.

District Councils can use parking charges as a revenue source, County Councils cannot.

Devon's model is not tariff-charge led nor a financial measure.

Devon's charges after costs leave an amount of funding available to support and subsidise a range of other statutorily permitted highway improvement projects and County parks these were looked at.

These include Devon's local bus network.

We saw a map of Devons bus network.

One with and one without subsidy.

Without the subsidy it was a very stark and a depressing picture, approximately 70% of Devons rural bus services would not run.

Again, I will re iterate model is not tariff-charge led nor a financial measure.

After much discussion and some excellent scrutiny

The committees recommended to the Cabinet:

RESOLVED:

(a) that the Countywide proposals to increase pay and display charges that were approved by the Cabinet Member for Highways, as circulated, be endorsed;

(b) that Cabinet be requested to review the policy regarding the frequency of future car parking charge adjustments, as well as the maximum price cap;

(c) that Officers continue to work in partnership with District Councils regarding the uplift of car parking charges; and

(d) that Cabinet be requested to identify the existing data available to the County Council that would support it with additional adjustments.

Appendix 3:

Water.

My responsibility at East Devon is Environmental operations. However, most of the time it's to do with water. It's either too much water, when it rains, or its too polluted, or it's sea level rise or water ingress into our soft coastal cliffs, causing cliff falls.

My geography teacher told me once that early communities decided to locate their settlements at either a bridge or ford point, as they were the focal point, or located to a safe entry into a navigable channel to fish or trade.
With ever increases in community size plus climate change those early decisions to locate a community close to a river, or the back of a beach, have combined to bite us on the bum!
Our industrial revolution didn't help much with brilliant engineers creating embankments for the new railways creating restricted barriers across our floodplains. Thanks Brunel!
These earlier decisions plus being a coastal area, means we are far more susceptible than most districts. This together with , the agricultural nature of our hinterland and water Industry unfortunate lack of investment we are susceptible to pollution and flooding!
So, we have a double whammy.

Well, you will be pleased to hear that Lympstone is an example of what can be done!
Firstly, your Flood Resilience Group of volunteers are the "gold standard" example of what can be achieved. At various events and meetings, I continually hear "we need to learn from the Lympstone Group" and other words of praise. They work with other stakeholders with joined up thinking, putting the jigsaw of problems and causes together to help reduce flooding.

The second example is water pollution. Again, your Water Quality group is another emerging "gold standard" of how a voluntary group can help in understanding what is polluting our rivers, streams and coastal waters and again engaging with stakeholders to help return our waters to the natural and clean "as nature intended" important spaces.

What your two groups are doing is starting to happen throughout this district and being picked up all over Devon. So, it's starting to work with this bottom-up Community approach, and at the top end at Westminster, a different approach is appearing.

Central funding agreements for flood schemes are becoming more achievable, and therefore at East Devon we are accelerating both coastal and inland schemes, to the "spade reader stage" but it seems the mechanism of releasing governments funds for these schemes may result in a logjam as the funding pot hasn't been expanded.

So, thank you Lympstone as a shining light, and let's hope funding for East Devon is provided to help our failing coastal and river infrastructure.

District Cllr Jung - 6/11/25

MINUTES OF A LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025.

PRESENT:	
Councillors	D Atkins (DGA), S Culhane (SC), S Francis (SF), K Hill (KH) (Lead Cllr), J Payne (JP) and L Staddon (LS) (LPC Chair)
Clerk	Miss L Tyrrell
County Councillors	None
District Councillors	None
Public	None

Public session:
None present.

F&A 25/8 Apologies

Cllr Coleman, Gale-Hasleham and Roberts due to other commitments.

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

F&A 25/9 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None.

F&A 25/10 LPC Budget 2026/27

KH felt that the precept for LPC should be increased to £60,000 (approx 7.5% increase). This was agreed by all present.
KH went through each item on the Clerks draft budget spreadsheet. Minor amendments were agreed by all present. The precept and budget would be added to the PC meeting on the 1st December for full Council approval.
LS added that LPC would need to consider the future amount of donation to the Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP).

RESOLVED that the memorial tree option was removed from the cemetery price list.
LS proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

ACTION Clerk to circulate the income and expenditure listed under 'Miscellaneous' from the 2025/26 budget.

F&A 25/11 Items for the next Agenda

None.

Meeting closed: **8.25pm**

Chairman: Date:

25/113 Clerks report:

25/113.1 and 2: LPC precept and budget 2026/27

LPC - Budget 2026/27								£
			2024/25	2025/26				2026/27
Heading no	Committee	Description	Full Yr	Original Budget	To Date Aug-25	Variance (To Spend)	Revised Forecast	Proposed budget
Income								
10	COUN	Precept	52,138	56,000	56,000	0	56,000	60,000
15	COUN	CIL	90,953	-		0	0	0
20	COUN	Candys Field	400	400		(400)	400	400
25	COUN	Herald Adverts	7,168	4,500	859	(3,641)	6,500	7,500
30	COUN	Burial Fees	5,777	4,000	-	(4,000)	4,000	5,000
		LFC - Cliff Field	0	200	-	(200)	100	100
45	COUN	Wayleaves	8	8	8	(0)	8	8
50	COUN	Misc	1,439	900	10	(890)	150	800
60	COUN	Parishes together	0	1,000		(1,000)	0	0
65	COUN	External Grants	5,031	1,000	784	(216)	1,882	2,000
70	COUN	Youth Club - Reimb	2,385	4,500	2,364	(2,136)	2,800	3,000
90	COUN	Community Hub	0	100		(100)	0	0
95		Interest Receivable					1,000	2,500
99	COUN	VAT Refund	5,321	5,000	675	(4,325)	5,000	5,000
95	COUN	Woodbury PC	0	200		(200)	0	0
			170,619	77,808	60,700	(17,108)	77,839	86,308
Expenditure								
1000	COUN	Employment	48,412	39,000	14,788	24,212	40,835	42,060
1005	COUN	Employment	1,366	2,000	550	1,450	1,320	1,400
1005	COUN	Office Exp	848	1,000	1,312	(312)	1,200	1,250
1015	COUN	Village Hall Hire	736	2,000	128	1,872	500	650
1020	COUN	Chairmans Allowance	200	200		200	200	250
1025	COUN	Subscriptions	1,430	1,500	1,408	92	1,500	1,500
1030	COUN	Courses, travel	196	500	112	388	270	1,000
1035	COUN	Insurance, Audit	2,232	3,000	2,124	876	3,200	3,500
1040	COUN	Misc	1,519	2,500	54	2,446	130	1,000
1045	COUN	Herald Printing	8,427	8,000	3,100	4,900	8,500	8,750
1050	COUN	LPC contractor	8,985	10,000	3,675	6,325	8,820	10,000
1055	COUN	Grass Cutting	200	1,000		1,000	1,000	2,000
1060	COUN	Other Maintenance	17,304	5,000	14	4,986	500	1,000
1065	COUN	General tree work	0	3,000		3,000	500	1,000
1070	COUN	Bin Emptying	796	1,000	1,040	(40)	1,500	1,500
1080	COUN	Notice board - Maint	0	1,000		1,000	500	500
1085	COUN	Play Equip	126	500	154	346	154	500
1090	COUN	Lights in Candy Field	1,246	3,000	1,132	1,868	2,000	2,100
1095	COUN	Toilets	14,078	15,000	4,483	10,517	9,500	10,000
1100	COUN	Flood Equip - Maint	103	500		500	300	500
1105	COUN	LFRG expenses	18	400		400	50	100
1110	COUN	Guiliford cemetery	815	800	970	(170)	1,000	1,200
1115	COUN	Burial Ground	0	2,000		2,000	500	500

1120	COUN	YC Maint	924	1,000	95	905	250	500
1125	COUN	YC Utilities	2,251	2,500	1,167	1,333	2,800	3,000
1130	COUN	Web site	1,291	500	125	375	500	1,000
		Adverse Weather	0	200		200		
1140	COUN	Gully cleaning/emptying	0	2,000		2,000	1,000	1,000
		Neighborhood Plan - DCC						6,000
1150	COUN	Community Hub projects	3,068	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	500
		Hub building project	4,785		17,367		42,619	50,000
2000	COUN	S137 Funding	100	100		100	100	0
2010	COUN	Other Grants	3,224	1,000	1,719	(719)	2,000	2,000
9999	COUN	VAT Payments	5,996	5,000		5,000	5,000	5,000
			130,675	117,200	55,517	61,683	140,248	161,260
	Income - Expenditure =		39,944	(39,392)	5,183	(78,791)	(62,409)	(74,952)
	Opening Bank Balance			263,596			263,596	201,187
	Movement			(39,392)			(62,409)	(74,952)
	Closing Bank Balance		263,596	224,204			201,187	126,235

25/113.4 Grant received – LVHCIO

APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

Name of organisation:

Lympstone Village Hall CIO (LVH CIO)

Contact details:

Steve Morgan, Treasurer, LVH CIO
M: 07421-360299
E: sjmorgan222@gmail.com

Please tell us about your organisation. We would like to know what area you cover, who uses your facilities and how often and how your group is run.

LVH CIO is the charity that runs Lympstone Village Hall. We aim to provide a safe, welcoming and well-equipped venue where local people can come together for community events and activities.

We are located at the heart of our community, offering three bright and welcoming spaces, recently redecorated throughout and fitted with a UV air sanitising system.

The rooms accommodate a wide range of village activities, meetings, social groups as well as events such as parties and wedding receptions.

The venue is also available for business hire, having ideal facilities for both conferences and smaller meetings.

Please tell us about the support your organization has in the community and any measures you take to ensure all sections of the community are included in your activities.

The stage is often used to put on productions by Lympstone Primary School, Lympstone Players and Lympstone Entertainment, as well as by outside entertainers. LVH CIO has widespread support for its activities from numerous village-based societies, clubs, and individuals. The Board of Trustees, the Management Team, and the "Friends of LVH" Team provide day-to-day help and advice.

If the grant is for a particular project, what is the total cost and where is the balance coming from.

Application for Grant to the Lympstone Parish Council Community Fund

For some years, Lympstone Village Hall CIO has been looking for a solution to the problem of moving the hall's stage backdrop up and down, without invoking concerns for the health and safety of the cast or backroom staff due to the arduous manual process.

We have now found an automated solution - a **Stage Scene Roller Tube Assembly** (see quotation for £7,435.20 attached). Essentially the work involves fabricating and installing stage scene roller tubes, with electric motors, safety brakes, key switches and heavy-duty gallows brackets.

This will allow village user groups, and Lympstone Primary School, to put on higher quality stage productions for both adults and children, safely.

Obviously, the cost to the charity is very significant, and we are seeking contributions from user groups, and from LPC's Community Fund.

See the attached quotation from Classic (South West) Ltd of £7,435.20

- Lympstone Players have offered a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the project.
- It is very much hoped that Lympstone Parish Council will feel able to grant a similar amount.
- If this proves to be the case, LVH CIO will fund the balance (£5,435.20) from its reserves.

Do you have a Constitution? If so, please supply a copy.

Yes – please find attached.

Accounts. Please supply a copy of your last set of accounts and give details of your current account balance.

Please see attached – LVH CIO has a balance of £8,100 in its NatWest Current Account.

Policies
If your Organisation deals with people, please list the policies you have in place to ensure that they are protected.

These are all listed on LVH's website. They include "Safeguarding", "Lone Working", "GDPR" and "Ethical / Environmental" Policies.

25/113.5 Correspondence received:

6th November 2025

Hi Lucy,
Do you think you ask the parish councillors to discuss a voluntary code of practice for firework usage in the village? perhaps ask anyone planning a display to provide details - location/area, date and timings of display (ideally 20-30 minutes) so they could potentially be published in the herald/online. There was a display last night in the Trafalgar Road area that was very loud, lasted for roughly an hour and caused our dogs considerable distress.

Thank you.
Kind regards
Andy Lewis

21st November 2025

The River Otter
Dear all
I thought that this might be of interest to you all regarding water quality and how it maybe used against further development until a huge amount of upgrading of SWW treatment plants are carried out.
There is no justification of EDDC planning department ignoring the facts and burying their heads in the sand or in this case sewage!
Take care
Dave Tyrrell

Otter Valley Association · Join
Chris Boorman · 9h ·

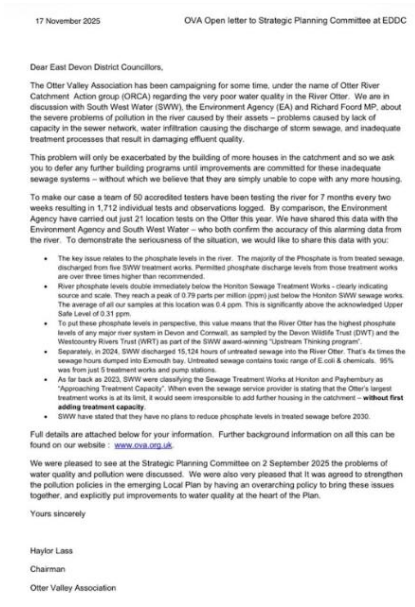
EDDC Otter Valley Planning

In preparation for the meeting of EDDC councillors on Tuesday 25th November, the Otter Valley Association sent a letter to all councillors that are in any way linked to the Otter Valley and the river Otter (see attached images of the letter).

This letter relates to the lack of South West Water infrastructure in the catchment - and is an important issue that we care deeply about. Within it, we stated the following:

"This problem will only be exacerbated by the building of more houses in the catchment and so we ask you to defer any further building programs until improvements are committed for these inadequate sewage systems – without which we believe that they are simply unable to cope with any more housing".

We sent this to our councillors before the water cycle study was published, and all of our points have now been mirrored and supported by the formal study. You will also have seen our commentary on the published report in another post from Peter.


17 November 2025 OVA Open letter to Strategic Planning Committee at EDDC

Dear East Devon District Councillors,

The Otter Valley Association has been campaigning for some time, under the name of Otter River Catchment Action group (ORCA) regarding the very poor water quality in the River Otter. We are in discussion with South West Water (SWW), the Environment Agency (EA) and Richard Foord MP, about the severe problems of pollution in the river caused by their assets – problems caused by lack of capacity in the sewer network, water infiltration causing the discharge of storm sewage, and inadequate treatment processes that result in damaging effluent quality.

This problem will only be exacerbated by the building of more houses in the catchment and so we ask you to defer any further building programs until improvements are committed for these inadequate sewage systems – without which we believe that they are simply unable to cope with any more housing.

To make our case a team of 50 accredited testers have been testing the river for 7 months every two weeks resulting in 1,712 individual tests and observations logged. By comparison, the Environment Agency have carried out just 21 location tests on the Otter this year. We have shared this data with the Environment Agency and South West Water – who both confirm the accuracy of this alarming data from the river. To demonstrate the seriousness of the situation, we would like to share this data with you:

- The key issue relates to the phosphate levels in the river. The majority of the Phosphate is from treated sewage, discharged from five SWW treatment works. Permitted phosphate discharge levels from those treatment works are over three times higher than recommended.
- River phosphate levels double immediately below the Honiton Sewage Treatment Works - clearly indicating source and scale. They reach a peak of 0.79 parts per million (ppm) just below the Honiton SWW sewage works. The average of all our samples at this location was 0.4 ppm. This is significantly above the acknowledged Upper Safe Level of 0.31 ppm.
- To put these phosphate levels in perspective, this value means that the River Otter has the highest phosphate levels of any major river system in Devon and Cornwall, as sampled by the Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) and the Westcountry Rivers Trust (WRT) as part of the SWW award-winning "Upstream Thinking program".
- Separately, in 2024, SWW discharged 15,124 hours of untreated sewage into the River Otter. That's 4x times the sewage hours dumped into Exmouth bay. Untreated sewage contains toxic range of E.coli & chemicals. 95% was from just 5 treatment works and pump stations.
- As far back as 2023, SWW were classifying the Sewage Treatment Works at Honiton and Payhembury as "Approaching Treatment Capacity". When even the sewage service provider is stating that the Otter's largest treatment works is at its limit, it would seem irresponsible to add further housing in the catchment – **without first adding treatment capacity.**
- SWW have stated that they have no plans to reduce phosphate levels in treated sewage before 2030.

Full details are attached below for your information. Further background information on all this can be found on our website : www.ova.org.uk.

We were pleased to see at the Strategic Planning Committee on 2 September 2025 the problems of water quality and pollution were discussed. We were also very pleased that It was agreed to strengthen the pollution policies in the emerging Local Plan by having an overarching policy to bring these issues together, and explicitly put improvements to water quality at the heart of the Plan.

Yours sincerely

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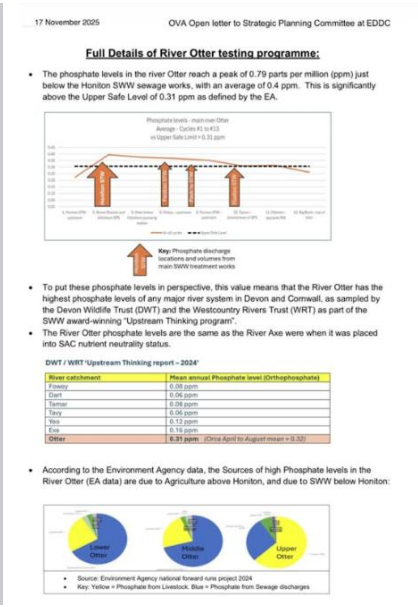
Chairman

Otter Valley Association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Full Details of River Otter testing programme:

- The phosphate levels in the river Otter reach a peak of 0.79 parts per million (ppm) just below the Honiton SWW sewage works, with an average of 0.4 ppm. This is significantly above the Upper Safe Level of 0.31 ppm as defined by the EA.

Key: Phosphate discharge locations and volumes from main SWW treatment works

- To put these phosphate levels in perspective, this value means that the River Otter has the highest phosphate levels of any major river system in Devon and Cornwall, as sampled by the Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) and the Westcountry Rivers Trust (WRT) as part of the SWW award-winning "Upstream Thinking program".
- The River Otter phosphate levels are the same as the River Axe were when it was placed into SAC nutrient neutrality status.

DWT / WRT 'Upstream Thinking report – 2024'

River catchment	Mean annual Phosphate level (Orthophosphate)
Fowey	0.08 ppm
Dart	0.06 ppm
Tamar	0.08 ppm
Tavy	0.06 ppm
Yeo	0.12 ppm
Exe	0.16 ppm
Otter	**0.31 ppm** (Circa April to August mean = 0.32)

- According to the Environment Agency data, the Sources of high Phosphate levels in the River Otter (EA data) are due to Agriculture above Honiton, and due to SWW below Honiton:

Lower Otter · Middle Otter · Upper Otter

- Source: Environment Agency national forward runs project 2024
- Key: Yellow = Phosphate from Livestock, Blue = Phosphate from Sewage discharges

23rd November 2025

EDDC Water cycle report
Dear all
I thought you might be interested in this report paid for by us and commissioned by EDDC. It would be nice to know if EDDC planners are going to take any notice and if not what was the point of spending our money on this report (how much heaven knows)
Interestingly though I cannot find any information about Lympstone sewage and as we all know we do not need storm water for the sewage to be let out into the Exe Estuary at Lympstone.
I do wonder at the accuracy of this report , if Lympstone has been left out how many others have left out?
As I see it the information in this document is only as good as what SWW have provided!!!!! (do I smell something)
I will be very interested to know your thoughts especially after the PC might want to quiz our District Counsellors.
As always kind regards

David Tyrrell

Clerks note: the full report can be found at https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/documents/s29275/V2%20East%20Devon%20Final%20Water%20Study%20Report.pdf

25/113.8 Clerk's Action List - Lympstone Parish Council: Clerks Action List – November 2025

Month and Minute	Response	Date Actioned
Oct - AAC 25/15	From 1st January 2026: The cost of a purchase of a burial would be raised to £600. The cost of a burial would be raised to £600 for a resident and £1200 for a non-resident. The cost for an interment of ashes would be £325 for a resident and £650 for a non-resident.	27/11
Nov 25/103 planning applications	**25/2101/TRE -** T1, Ash : Crown reduction, reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 1-2m at Oak Cottage, Church Road. R*ecommendation: Support*	4/11
	AMENDED PLAN: **25/1737/VAR -** Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans0, 3 (tree protection), 4 (finished floor levels) and 5 (earthworks) on Planning Permission 21/2317/VAR (Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of 21/0490/FUL (Proposed new dwelling and car port) to allow an extension to the south eastern gable, infill of first floor void on south western elevation, enlargement of terrace are and alterations to landscaping at Land Adjacent To 21 Strawberry Hill. Recommendation: *support but the Council still object to the proposed water treatment plant to EDDC.*	11/11
	AMENDED PLAN: **25/1105/MOUT** - Hybrid planning application for development proposals comprising the following: i) Detailed approval for the construction of new foodstore (Use Class E) together with associated works including parking, access and landscaping ii) Outline approval with all matters reserved except access for flexible employment development (Use Classes B2 (General Industry), B8 (Storage and Distribution), E(g) (ancillary offices, research and development and light industrial) and Sui Generis (Trade Counter)) plots including public realm works, landscaping, access and associated infrastructure at Goodmores Farm Hulham Road. *Recommendation: Support*	13/11 Recommendation sent to EDDC
Additional actions:		
PC meeting Minutes		3/11 4/11
F&A committee meeting Minutes		6/11 7/11
Part B meeting Minutes		6/11 7/11
Clerks appraisal		10/11

Meet with Zurich insurance representative	11/11
Herald report	12/11
SWW AMP8 meet	24/11
Defibrillator checks x2	25/11
Publish Dec agenda	25/11
Utilities switch	Nov
Instant savings account	Nov

Master Correspondence List

November 2025

Date	Received from	Subject
3rd	Colonel Wheeler	Port of Exeter - Harbour Revision Order
4th	Marine (EEMP)	Devon and Severn IFCA - Annual Report 2024-25
6th	Mr R Capon (EDDC)	Appeal notification 25/1102/FUL
6th	Mr Lewis	Fireworks
11th	Mr Clements	Candys Field Bin – exposed metal
13th	Lympstone Military Wives Choir	An Evening of Music and Festive Cheer
14th	Ms Trott (EDDC)	Relocated bins
14th	Marine (EEMP)	Update - EEMP Governance and Further Request Reminders
14th	Mrs Ball (LVHCIO)	Monthly meetings
17th	Ms Pearce (EDDC)	Reimagining Devon: Believe in Better
17th	Lympstone Preschool	Stones and lights in Candys Field
18th	Exeter City Council	Publication of Exeter's Final Submission for Local Government Reorganisation in Devon
20th	Ms McGinty	3West preparation for a site start at Lympstone
21st	Ms King (EDDC)	Save the Date Invitation to East Devon Local Plan Webinar
21st	Mr Tyrrell	The River Otter
23rd	Mr Tyrrell	East Devon water cycle study
24th	Mr Scott	War memorial
24th	Mr Mather	Nativity figures in Front Meadow
25th	Mr Harrison (EDDC)	Launch of the Tree Champions' Canopy Cover Growth Scheme
25th	Mr Tyrrell	Blue Flag
28th	EDDC Planning policy team	East Devon Heritage Strategy (2024-2042) Consultation

25/116 Planning decisions

Date	Planning Application	LPC	EDDC
2/4/25 expires 16/4	24/2692/MFUL - Proposed residential development of 39 dwellings and their associated roads, drainage, parking & landscaping (comprising an amended scheme to Phase 2 of reserved matters approval 20/0993/MRES) at Land Off Hulham Road (Goodmores Farm) Exmouth *(AMENDED PLAN)*	10/4 No comment	14/11 APPROVED
16/7 expires 8/8	**25/1465/FUL-** Erection of a two-storey extension to the north elevation with a Loft Conversion, alterations to the existing roof from hip to gable, installation of photovoltaic (P.V.) roof panels, and application of insulated render to the south and west elevations of the existing house. Alteration to fenestration with addition of a Juliet Balcony at Dewdneys Orchard Church Path Terrace Underhill.	31/7 Support	17/11 APPROVED
20/12/24 expires 15/1/25	**24/2411/FUL** - Proposal for change of use of land to residential access (to change the extent of a red line on existing approval 23/2386/FUL) at Meadowgate Church Road.	15/01 Object	18/11 WITHDRAWN
9/7/25 expires 1/8/25	**25/1301/LBC -** Construction of a flood defence wall at Hope Cottage The Strand. **25/1300/FUL -** Construction of a flood defence wall at Hope Cottage The Strand.	31/7 Support	25/11 APPROVED