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
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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