MINUTES OF A LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026.

PRESENT:	
Councillors	D Atkins (DGA), R Coleman (RC), S Francis (SF), R Gale-Hasleham (RGH), K Hill (KH), A Roberts (AR) and L Staddon (LS) (LPC Chair)
Clerk	Miss L Tyrrell
County Councillors	J Trail (JT)
District Councillors	G Jung (GJ)
Public	9 members

Public session:
A resident asked whether the hedge laying on the agenda (Item 26/30.1.1) would be to the National Trust (NT) standards. DGA explained that the matter was currently with the NT. The PC was able to cut back overhanging branches along the Cliff edge. The other hedge was possibly in private ownership so being investigated by the NT, then they would advise. The cliff edge hedge may have some additional planting for safety.

26/23 Apologies

Cllr Payne, District Cllr Ingham and County Cllr Brown due to other commitments.

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

26/24 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 2nd March 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
DGA proposed. LS seconded. Unan.

26/25 To receive any Declarations of Interest

None.

26/26 Clerk's Report:

26/26.1) LPC documents and policies

RESOLVED that the reviewed Asset register policy and Asset Register, Financial Regulations, Freedom of Information, Quotes and Tenders, Cllr expenses and Email usage Policies was approved.
DGA proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

26/26.2) LPC meeting dates May 2026 – 2027

RESOLVED that LPC meeting dates for the following municipal year was approved: 2026 - Monday 11 May (to include the Annual Parish Meeting at

6.30pm), Monday 1 June, Monday 6 July, August – no meeting, Monday 7 September, Monday 5 October, Monday 2 November, Monday 7 December, 2027: Monday 11 January, Monday 1 February, Monday 1 March, Monday 5 April, Monday 10 May (to include the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm).
LS proposed. DGA seconded. Unan.

26/26.3) Grant Application
The Clerk presented the grant application received from Lympstone Lads.

RESOLVED that £120 grant was awarded to Lympstone Lads from LPC.
LS proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

26/26.3) Correspondence received

26/26.3.1) Storage container in Cliff field - The Clerk referred to the correspondence received from a concerned resident of the white paint stored in LFCs container on Cliff field and whether it adhered to COSH standards. LS explained that LFC had taken the correspondence seriously and reviewed their storage. They had removed any excess paint and ensured the paint was stored safely. The groundsman followed all product guidelines. No other chemicals were stored in the metal container. The container was securely locked. The storage container was due to be replaced but LFC were currently having transport issues to remove and replace the container. RC felt as long as the paint was bunded properly and stored correctly then it would meet the necessary safety standards.

26/26.3.2) Metal in Cliff field - The Clerk referred to the correspondence received from a concerned resident of the metal under the trees along the Cliff edge. The Clerk explained that the metal had been investigated by Cllrs, it was an old feed trough that was probably a hundred years old and part buried into the ground. The PC maintenance contractor had viewed the metal and felt that as it was so dug into the ground and so close to the cliff edge then removing it would undermine the cliff edge. Attempting to cut off the exposed metal would create more sharp edges. Cllrs agreed that the old trough would have to be left and the signage due to be erected reminding people to keep children and dogs under strict supervision was the safest way forward.

26/26.4) Casual vacancies
The Clerk explained that there were now three vacancies on the PC. Two vacancies were for Cllrs to co-opt a new member and EDDC would be notified of the new third vacancy.

26/26.5) Finance
26/26.5.1) February and March 2026 Payments / Financial summary / Budget report - February and March 2026 bank reconciliations were independently verified and signed by AR. The Clerk explained that she had applied for the VAT claim online to HMRC on the 8th April and the claim had successfully been received by the PC on the 13th April. She also explained that the first half of the

parish precept of £30,000 had been received by LPC on the 1st April. The Clerk added that £76,000 from the PCs current account had been transferred to the PC savings account to earn interest.

RESOLVED that the payments in Appendix 1 be approved.
LS proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

26/26.5.2) End of Year Bank Reconciliations 2025/26.
Noted by Cllrs *(See Appendix 1).*

26/26.6) Clerk and LPC's Action List.

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

26/27 Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors.

JT explained that Cllr Brown was currently on a leave of absence for a couple of months so would not be in attendance of any meetings. He highlighted the following road updates:

- Exton evening road closure would not be happening at this time; this would be coordinated at the appropriate time with the Dinan Way Extension (DWE) traffic lights.
- From 20th April the temporary traffic lights for DWE on the A376 would be returning.
- DWE would be open from 1st June 2026.
- From 1st June – Globe Hill to Broadway in Woodbury, would be closed for 6 weeks for water mains replacement.
- Potholes were taking precedence to repair due to the dry weather.

He added that applications for the DCC locality grants would reopen on 11th May and he urged any local groups who wanted to apply to speak to him first before completing the online form. He reminded the PC to apply for gully clearing funding.
GJ read his report *(See Appendix 2).*
GJ kindly requested that the PC added the link from his report for the public consultation on the website and Facebook page for residents to access.
JT added that there was still no update on Local Government Reform (LGR) from the Government and an update would probably be heard in October 2026. He felt that there were still many unknowns and making plans was being prepared but actions were necessary now.
GJ explained that he was currently working with DCC, SWW and the EA on pollution issues but it would take ten years to rectify.
AR asked how residents went about applying for the oil fuel subside from the Government. JT would find out and report back to him.
The Chair thanked JT for answering all the queries raised from the last PC meeting and his continued communication with the PC. She thanked all Cllrs and the Clerk for all their hard work over the year. She thanked SF and the NP working group for all their commitment with the new Neighbourhood Plan.

26/28 Planning applications

None.

26/29 Planning decisions

RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.

26/30 Reports of Committees

26/30.1) Assets and Amenities Committee

26/30.1.1) Lay hedge in Cliff Field - DGA reiterated that this was still with the NT and he would follow up for further info. He highlighted his concerns of the dead Elms in the corner of the hedge.

26/30.1.2) Update on the Front Meadow working group - RGH reported that he had met with four members of the working group on Saturday 11th April. The group walked around and viewed the area. The group agreed:

- To maintain the current area for this year.
- Spot weed the docks.
- Clear brambles and thistles.
- Tidy edging along the paths.
- Tidy whole area.

RGH felt the entire open space was visibly a lot neater since the wild meadow area had been cut. He requested that more volunteers were needed for the working group. He would be meeting with the previous owner of the land to view and discuss the drainage for the site. A resident thanked the PC contactor for cutting back the hedge in Front meadow and keeping all areas in the Parish neat and tidy. All Cllrs agreed with the resident.

RESOLVED that a letter of thanks would be written to the PC maintenance contractor from LPC.
LS proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

26/30.2) Community Committee

LS read an update from the Hub working group (See Appendix 3).
The Clerk had previously circulated a draft letter and lease between LPC and the Hub charity to send to the solicitor.

RESOLVED that the draft letter and lease would be sent to the solicitor.
LS proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

A resident asked where users would park to attend the building. LS explained that user groups would only be from Lympstone so parking would not be a necessary requirement. KH asked what were 'sufficient funds' for the rebuild. AR explained that building would only begin once fundraising targets had been

met. If enough fund raising was not met, then the money would be used to upgrade the current building. Once bids had been received then it would be known how much was needed to be raised, plus additional funding for fixtures, fittings and contingency plans. A resident asked how much money had been spent so far on the project. KH explained £50,000 had been committed by the PC. AR added that further monetary commitment from the PC would be announced once funds had been raised. KH added that all money allocated from the project had come from CIL money received from housing developments. Another resident asked if the PC could let the residents know how much money was committed by the PC as the financial communication to date with members of the public had been poor and a timeline of the project would be useful to know. Cllrs agreed that this could be done. Another resident asked how contractors would access the site. LS explained that a temporary access road, H&S, protection for members of the public and children would all be included in the tender.
DGA declared a disclosable interest with the project. This was written in the book.

26/30.3) Planning and Transport committee

26/30.3.1) To receive an update on Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan – SF read her update regarding the Neighbourhood Plan *(See Appendix 4).*

26/30.3.2) Cllr Staddon to report on the DCT emergency hub webinar - LS reported that she had been looking forward to the webinar which would support emergency planning for any disaster in the Parish. Unfortunately, halfway through the webinar had been hacked which ended the course.

LS referred to correspondence updates from Kier which all residents had received.

26/31 Items for the next Agenda

Clarity on rules to post notices on telegraph poles in the Parish.
Benches on the Green.

Meeting closed: **8.33pm**

Chairman: Date:

Appendix 1:
Finance – February 2026 Payments / Financial summary / Budget report

Current account c/f 28th Feb 2026	
TSB	£ 20,930.10
Unity Trust	£ 67,195.08
Total current account	£ 88,125.18
Instant Access savings account c/f 28th Feb 2026	
Unity Trust	£130,555.53
Total accounts	£218,680.71

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Current Account

Statement Number	35	Bank Statement No.	35
Statement Opening Balance	£85,904.62	Opening Date	01/02/26
Statement Closing Balance	£88,125.18	Closing Date	28/02/26
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£88,075.18		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
02/02/26	UT HMRC 2/2/26	HMRC (VAT)	0.00	7,055.92	92,960.54
02/02/26	UT JC 2/2/26	Public toilets cleaner	620.00	0.00	92,340.54
03/02/26	UT OM 3/2/26	Orchard Memorials	0.00	45.00	92,385.54
04/02/26	UT SH 4/2/26	Burial fee	0.00	650.00	93,035.54
05/02/26	UT 05/02/26	Employment	204.97	0.00	92,830.57
11/02/26	UT Copyrite	Herald Printing	775.00	0.00	92,055.57
11/02/26	UT WPC 11/2/26	Woodbury Parish Council	350.70	0.00	91,704.87
16/02/26	UT LVH 16/2/26	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	17.00	0.00	91,687.87
17/02/26	UT 300006	Employment	903.10	0.00	90,784.77
19/02/26	TSB EDF 19/02/26	EDF Energy Ref: (Candys Field)	36.54	0.00	90,748.23
20/02/26	UT LP 20/02/26	Herald Advert	0.00	63.00	90,811.23
23/02/26	UT DC 23/2/26	Herald Advert	0.00	54.00	90,865.23
23/02/26	UT DP 23/2/26	Herald Advert	0.00	75.00	90,940.23
23/02/26	UT SE 23/2/26	Herald Advert	0.00	6.00	90,946.23
27/02/26	UT JC 27/2/26	Public toilets cleaner	560.00	0.00	90,386.23
27/02/26	UT 27/2/26	Employment	121.70	0.00	90,264.53
27/02/26	UT 27/2/26	Employment	2,103.60	0.00	88,160.93
27/02/26	UT LVH 27/2/26	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	29.75	0.00	88,131.18
28/02/26	UT fee 28 2 26	Unity Trust Bank fee	6.00	0.00	88,125.18
Uncleared and unpresented effects					
30/01/26	UT DCT 30/1/26	Community Council of Devon	50.00		88,075.18
		Total uncleared and unpresented	50.00	0.00	
		Total debits / credits	5778.36	7948.92	

Reconciled by Lucy Tyrrell
Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Savings Account

Statement Number	4	Bank Statement No.	4
Statement Opening Balance	£130,555.53	Opening Date	01/02/26
Statement Closing Balance	£130,555.53	Closing Date	28/02/26
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£130,555.53		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
	No activity		0.00	0.00	130,555.53

Uncleared and unpresented effects

Total uncleared and unpresented	0.00	0.00
Total debits / credits	0	0

Reconciled by Lucy Tyrrell
Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

Finance – March 2026 Payments / Financial summary / Budget report

Current account c/f 31st March 2026	
TSB – All monies transferred to Unity Trust current account and TSB account closed 19th March 2026	£ 0.00
Unity Trust	£ 76,379.83
Total current account	£ 76,379.83
Instant Access savings account c/f 31st March 2026	
Unity Trust	£130,996.02
Total accounts	£207,375.85

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Current Account

Statement Number	36	Bank Statement No.	36
Statement Opening Balance	£88,125.18	Opening Date	01/03/26
Statement Closing Balance	£76,379.83	Closing Date	31/03/26
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£76,379.83		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
30/01/26	UT DCT 30/1/26	Community Council of Devon	50.00	0.00	88,075.18
02/03/26	UT 02/03/26	Herald printing	775.00	0.00	87,300.18
03/03/26	UT BGL 730923	Bristish Gas Lite Youth Club	9.87	0.00	87,290.31
04/03/26	UT DCC 2603024-	Devon County Council	0.00	600.00	87,890.31
04/03/26	UT 4/3/26	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	87,915.31
05/03/26	UT JP 6/3/26	Cllr reimbursement	272.05	0.00	87,643.26
05/03/26	UT 05/03/26	Employment	186.34	0.00	87,456.92
05/03/26	UT SC 6/3/26	Cllr Reimbursement	17.98	0.00	87,438.94
09/03/26	UT LSC 9/3/26	Lympstone Sailing Club	40.00	0.00	87,398.94

10/03/26	UT 300009	Employment	788.67	0.00	86,610.27
11/03/26	UT LVH 11/3/26	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	8.50	0.00	86,601.77
11/03/26	UT 11/3/26	Herald Advert	0.00	100.00	86,701.77
11/03/26	UT SWW 11/3/26	Source For Business	197.46	0.00	86,504.31
12/03/26	UT 12/3/26	Herald Advert	0.00	9.00	86,513.31
13/03/26	TSB OM 13/3/26	Orchard Memorials	0.00	130.00	86,643.31
18/03/26	TSB EDF 18/03/26	EDF Energy Ref: (Candys Field)	33.00	0.00	86,610.31
19/03/26	UT EDP 19/3/25	EDP Environmental	3,300.00	0.00	83,310.31
19/03/26	UT 19/3/26	Herald Advert	0.00	900.00	84,210.31
19/03/26	UT RS 19/3/26	Randall Simmonds	1,152.00	0.00	83,058.31
19/03/26	UT YC 19/3/26	Youth Club utilities reimbursement	0.00	1,382.11	84,440.42
20/03/26	UT JC 20/3/26	Public toilets cleaner	620.00	0.00	83,820.42
23/03/26	UT EDDC 23/3/26	East Devon District Council	434.00	0.00	83,386.42
23/03/26	UT LFC 23/03/26	LFC Cliff field use	0.00	100.00	83,486.42
25/03/26	UT DGA 25/03/26	Cllr reimbursement	11.47	0.00	83,474.95
25/03/26	UT 25/3/26	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	83,499.95
26/03/26	UT 26/3/26	Herald Advert	0.00	72.00	83,571.95
26/03/26	UT 26/3/26	Herald Advert	0.00	75.00	83,646.95
26/03/26	UT PC 26/3/26	Weather Shop - LFRG	53.99	0.00	83,592.96
27/03/26	UT 27/03/26	Herald printing	775.00	0.00	
82,817.96					
27/03/26	UT 27/3/26	Employment	903.10	0.00	81,914.86
27/03/26	UT 27/3/26	Employment	198.69	0.00	81,716.17
27/03/26	UT 27/3/26	Employment	2,284.65	0.00	79,431.52
30/03/26	UT 30/3/26	Herald Advert	0.00	15.00	79,446.52
30/03/26	UT 30/3/26	Herald Advert	0.00	135.00	79,581.52
30/03/26	UT LVH 30/3/26	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	25.50	0.00	79,556.02
30/03/26	UT 30/3/26	Herald Advert	0.00	84.00	79,640.02
31/03/26	UT BGL 730923	British Gas Lite - YC	33.22	0.00	
79,606.80					
31/03/26	UT fee 31 3 26	Unity Trust Bank	7.00	0.00	79,599.80
31/03/26	UT 31/3/26	PC Contractor Dec 25-Mar 26	3,015.00	0.00	76,584.80
31/03/26	UT 31/03/26	Employment	204.97	0.00	76,379.83

Uncleared and unpresented effects

Total uncleared and unpresented	0.00	0.00
Total debits / credits	15397.46	3652.11

Reconciled by Lucy Tyrrell

Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Savings Account

Statement Number	5	Bank Statement No.	5
Statement Opening Balance	£130,555.53	Opening Date	01/03/26
Statement Closing Balance	£130,996.02	Closing Date	31/03/26
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£130,996.02		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
31/03/26	UT savings 31/3/26	Unity Trust Bank	0.00	440.49	130,996.02

Uncleared and unpresented effects

Total uncleared and unpresented	0.00	0.00
Total debits / credits	0	440.49

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Financial Statement - Cashbook

Statement of receipts and payments between 01/04/25 and 31/03/26 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
Short Term Investment Accounts	
Savings Account	£0.00
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	600.00	0.00	600.00
25 Herald Adverts	6,501.27	0.00	6,501.27
30 Burial Fees	2,806.00	0.00	2,806.00
35 Lymp FC	100.00	0.00	100.00
40 Flower Beds	0.00	0.00	0.00
45 Wayleaves	7.54	0.00	7.54
50 Misc	3,301.00	0.00	3,301.00
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	4,305.26	0.00	4,305.26
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	7,731.30	0.00	7,731.30
100 Guildford BG	0.00	0.00	0.00
105 FLOS	0.00	0.00	0.00
110 Interest	896.02	0.00	896.02
Council Total	83,932.32	0.00	83,932.32
Total Receipts	83,932.32	0.00	83,932.32

PAYMENTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			
1000 Employment	40,104.01	0.00	40,104.01
1005 Employment	3,319.37	17.48	3,336.85
1015 Village Hall hire	412.75	0.00	412.75
1020 Chairman's Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1025 Subscriptions	2,195.05	255.09	2,450.14
1030 Courses, travel etc	273.62	17.00	290.62
1035 Insurance, Audit, Electricity	3,195.35	298.20	3,493.55
1040 Misc	3,415.98	658.20	4,074.18
1045 Herald Printing	8,525.00	0.00	8,525.00
1050 PC Maintenance Contractor	13,570.00	0.00	13,570.00
1055 Grass cutting	590.00	0.00	590.00
1060 Other maintenance	973.66	2.73	976.39
1065 General tree work	0.00	0.00	0.00
1070 Bin emptying	2,071.67	414.33	2,486.00
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	1,648.45	82.41	1,730.86
1095 Toilets	10,385.33	285.61	10,670.94
1100 Flood equip maintenance	44.99	9.00	53.99
1105 LFRG expenses	75.00	0.00	75.00
1110 Gulliford cemetery	1,320.70	0.00	1,320.70
1115 Burial Ground	0.00	0.00	0.00
1120 YC Maintenance	235.00	47.00	282.00
1125 YC Utilities	1,972.90	98.64	2,071.54
1130 Website etc	165.00	0.00	165.00
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	32,196.09	6,315.00	38,511.09
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
1170 Emergency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
1180 FLOS	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000 S137 Funding	100.00	0.00	100.00
2010 Other Grants	4,501.95	205.86	4,707.81
9999 VAT Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council Total	131,419.87	8,732.15	140,152.02
Total Payments	131,419.87	8,732.15	140,152.02

Closing Balances at 31/03/26

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£76,379.83

Short Term Investment Accounts

Savings Account	£130,996.02
Total	£207,375.85

Bank Account Reconciliations Summary

Start of year 01/04/25

Current Account

Statement Number	Opening Balance	Statement Balance	True/ Cashbook	Opening Date	Closing Date	Bank Number
24	£270,399.19	£263,595.55	£263,595.55	01/03/25	31/03/25	24
25	£263,595.55	£289,607.30	£288,722.30	01/04/25	30/04/25	25
26	£289,607.30	£273,368.08	£273,148.88	01/05/25	31/05/25	26
27	£273,368.08	£265,741.19	£265,741.19	01/06/25	30/06/25	27
28	£265,741.19	£244,219.83	£244,219.83	01/07/25	31/07/25	28
29	£244,219.83	£234,721.17	£234,721.17	01/08/25	31/08/25	29
30	£234,721.17	£247,927.62	£247,927.62	01/09/25	30/09/25	30
31	£247,927.62	£246,166.94	£246,166.94	01/10/25	31/10/25	31
32	£246,166.94	£178,998.63	£178,998.63	01/11/25	30/11/25	32
33	£178,998.63	£93,689.69	£93,689.69	01/12/25	31/12/25	33
34	£93,689.69	£85,904.62	£85,854.62	01/01/26	31/01/26	34
35	£85,904.62	£88,125.18	£88,075.18	01/02/26	28/02/26	35
36	£88,125.18	£76,379.83	£76,379.83	01/03/26	31/03/26	36

Savings Account

Statement Number	Opening Balance	Statement Balance	True/ Cashbook	Opening Date	Closing Date	Bank Number
1	£0.00	£50,100.00	£50,100.00	01/11/25	30/11/25	1
2	£50,100.00	£130,100.00	£130,100.00	01/12/25	31/12/25	2
3	£130,100.00	£130,555.53	£130,555.53	01/01/26	31/01/26	3
4	£130,555.53	£130,555.53	£130,555.53	01/02/26	28/02/26	4
5	£130,555.53	£130,996.02	£130,996.02	01/03/26	31/03/26	5

Appendix 2:
Lympstone and Woodbury PC 13.04.2026

Protecting nature and rivers
Following on from the Devon County Councils **Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy** we at East Devon District Council followed a similar plan and this is now out for public consultation

It's known as the **East Devon Local Nature Recovery Plan.** The consultation will help the Council understand how people experience and value nature in East Devon and what matters most to local communities. It will also help shape how the East Devon DC Countryside team continue to support people and wildlife in the future. This work supports the Council's declaration on nature recovery and its enhanced biodiversity duties.
The consultation closes on the 22 of May at 5pm. I would encourage everyone and parish councils to take part and the link is to do this.
https://eastdevon.gov.uk/edlnrpconsultation.

Nature recovery supports a wide range of local priorities. These include action on climate and biodiversity, flood resilience, public health and wellbeing, access to greenspace, air and water quality and place-making. The draft plan has been developed to support realistic and achievable action through existing services, policy, partnerships and influence. This approach takes account of local government reorganisation and restricted funding.

Following the consultation the feedback will be used to shape the final version of the Plan. This will set out the required outcomes, timelines, key partners, resource implications and priorities.

Rivers
Again, following Devon County Council EDDC unanimously voted to formally recognise and protect the **"Rights of Rivers".** This landmark decision makes it the 12th council in the UK to adopt such a motion, reframing local waterways as living systems with intrinsic value rather than just resources to be managed.

While the council does not hold direct regulatory power over water quality (which remains with the **Environment Agency**), this motion integrates river protection into local governance:

The Pledge: The council recognizes the intrinsic rights of rivers, including the right to flow naturally, exist free from pollution, support biodiversity, and regenerate.
Purpose: The initiative aims to shift the view of rivers from mere property to living entities, ensuring stricter scrutiny in development, planning, and environmental management.
Next Steps: While a landmark, councillors have stressed the need to turn this policy into actionable measures, with involvement from Parish and Town councils, action groups, through the East Devon Catchment Partnership to monitor progress.

District Cllr Jung

Appendix 3:

Hub working group update 13/4/26

1. Charity commission account open and updated. A fourth trustee has stepped forward and will be registered in next two weeks. (Still require two trustees.)

2. Tender package complete, this will be advertised on the government web site this month inviting companies to submit a tender for the rebuild.

3. Charity have applied to open a bank account (Co-op) and await confirmation of this.

4. When account is open a Just Giving page will be opened.(When open the youth club members will start charity initiatives.)

5. Initial report submitted to the National Lottery. They have advised a part 1 application be completed (this month).

6. At hub meeting a review of fund raising in September 2026 and again in March 2027 was agreed.

7. Draft agreement re lease of hub prepared and with the PC for comment/agreement.

8. A web page to be created in next few weeks.

Appendix 4:

Cllr Sue Francis - Neighbourhood Plan Update for Council 13th April 2026

The documents previous circulated are about as ready as they can be for the second Public Consultation although we are still reviewing and making changes as necessary for example two members of the public raised a couple of points during Thursday's Planning Meeting so we are checking and adjusting as necessary. Linda is an absolute star and has only two groups left to visit to generate interest and invite feedback.

Devon Communities Together are going to help us with the second public consultation and compile the feedback report .

The working Group have started to put the prepared policies and documents together and actually make the draft cohesive plan.

Timescale Plan:
- Consultation prep and actual plan drafted over next 3 weeks

Documents on lympstone .org by end of April
Consultation on 9th May
- 3 weeks for survey to be returned
- 4 weeks for DCT report
- 1 week to incorporate report into draft plan
- 1 week for PC and interested parties to review draft plan (should this be 2 weeks)
- 1 week to do amendments
- 1 week to review updated actual plan (only typos etc changes allowed at this stage)
- 2 weeks for Plan hard copies to be printed (may be put on Website at this stage)
- Earliest plan hard copy available is 10 August

Plan submitted to EDDC September Early October at latest