MINUTES OF A LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2026.

PRESENT:	
Councillors	D Atkins (DGA), P Carlisle (PRC), S Francis (SF) (LPC Vice Chair), R Gale-Hasleham (RGH), K Hill (KH), G Lowery (GL) and A Roberts (AR)
Clerk	Miss L Tyrrell
County Councillors	J Trail (JT)
District Councillors	G Jung (GJ)
Public	3 members

Public session

Mr Mather thanked the Parish Council for the grant funding to help set up a new men's club in the village. Two thirds of the grant awarded had been received and had been successful in setting up a regular reliable membership, he felt the club could now run itself. County Cllr Trail reminded all present, that once a club established a secretary and treasurer it was eligible to apply for funding from the DCC locality grant scheme.

26/62 Apologies

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

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

26/63 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 6th July 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
DGA proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the minutes of LPC Assets and Amenities Committee meeting held on the 13th July 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
DGA proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the minutes of LPC Planning and Transport Committee meetings held on the 23rd July and 17th August 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
DGA proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the minutes of LPC Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on the 27th August 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
SF proposed. AR seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that the minutes of LPC Part B meetings held on the 13th July and 27th August *2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.*
DGA proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

26/64 To receive any Declarations of Interest

RGH declared a personal interest with item 26/67.3
This was recorded in the book.

26/65 Clerk's Report

26/65.1) Policies

RESOLVED that LPC's new Data Protection Policy, Documentation Retention Policy and reviewed Allowances, Expenses & Reimbursement Policy were approved by Council.
DGA proposed. PRC seconded. Unan.

26/65.2) Gulliford Burial Ground

RESOLVED that the wall quote and conservation work was approved.
SF proposed. KH seconded. Unan.

26/65.3) Correspondence received – Memorial bench/plaque

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the resident and explain that the PC could accommodate a new bench and plaque or plaque on a bench in situ. The Clerk would give the different location options and costs for the resident to consider.

26/65.4) Casual Vacancy and Co-option of Parish Councillors

The Clerk explained that there was one vacancy on the PC and no election had been called. It was up to the PC to co-opt a new member.

26/65.5) Finance – July and August 2026 Payments / Financial summary / Budget report.

The Clerk reported that the second half of the Parish precept had been paid to LPC on the 1st September. AR countersigned the July and August bank statements.

RESOLVED that the payments in Appendix 1 be approved.
DGA proposed. KH seconded. Unan.

26/65.6) Clerk and LPC's Action List including master correspondence list.

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

26/66 Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors

LPC Vice Chair explained there was no Chairman's report. She invited the District and County Cllrs to report.

JT explained that he would always support LPC and its members as much as possible. He reiterated that established groups could apply for a locality grant from DCC or LPC could apply on other groups behalf. He reported that CTCRM would be removing their footbridge for refurbishment. MOD and DCC were in talks to discuss a permanent road crossing point in addition to the bridge. He highlighted that in 2028 a new works entrance would be in place for CTCRM ten-year camp refurbishment programme. He had met with 3West regarding the housing development off Nutwell Road. A new footpath from the military houses at Nutwell Road to Meeting Lane had been proposed, 30mph speed limit, new tactile crossing and a new school sign installed. The junction at Nutwell Road and the A376 would be reviewed, improved and paid for by the developers and not DCC highways. JT explained that if DCC Highways did not comment on planning applications then it was still up to EDDC to have their own planning officers take highway safety and issues into account. PRC asked why Nutwell Road junction was being reviewed but not the more dangerous junction at Harefield crossroads. JT explained the developers were paying for the review and not DCC.

JT explained that Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) was currently on hold and being reviewed by Government. He explained that the local MP David Reed had worked hard on getting LGR right for Devon and congratulated him on his new promotional position as the Shadow Minister for the Ministry of Defence and Foreign Office. He added that he also supported and backed DCC leader, Cllr Julian Brazil, on his stance regarding LGR.

SF thanked JT for his help with LPC and protecting footpath no 1 in response to LPCs letter. She asked GJ to follow up LPCs letter with EDDC Officers. The Clerk added that LPC had received no acknowledgement or response from any EDDC Officers and needed to know official advice to pass on to residents. GJ agreed to investigate this with Officers.

GJ read his report *(See Appendix 2).*

JT felt that SANGs did not protect the habitat of wildlife. GJ explained that SANGs provided better habitat than what was originally there. Areas would enhance nature, not take anything away. RGH felt infrastructure must be improved before anymore development was approved. GJ added that EDDC was not responsible for infrastructure, but he was working with SWW to improve issues and implement new strategies. He added that according to SWW they could cope. RGH felt that although government housing targets were set, EDDC knew about the environmental restrictions and planning should be stopped. GJ added that this was not possible. JT added that any delay to East Devon Local Plan (EDLP) would increase housing targets set by Government. AR asked when EDLP would be submitted to the Government as this time last year it was meant to be ready. GJ explained that EDDC had been given extra time and were still waiting on final reports to send.

26/67 Planning applications

26/67.1) 26/1611/VAR - Variation of Condition Numbers 2 (Approved Plans), 3 (Rooflight) and 4 (Materials) on Planning permission 25/2493/LBC (Removal of existing extension and conservatory and the construction of new single storey extension on rear), for changes to roof pitch, materials and rooflight design at 3 Bakers Cottages, Longmeadow Road.

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

26/67.2) 26/1704/FUL - Proposed rear extension with accessible roof terrace above and first-floor infill extension at Trelissa, Courtlands Lane.

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

26/67.3) Planning appeal Ref: 6013380 Land South of Courtlands Lane.

RESOLVED that LPC object to the appeal and send response to the planning inspectorate.
DGA proposed. KH seconded. PRC, SF, GL and AR supported the resolution. RGH abstained.

26/68 Planning decisions

RESOLVED that the EDDC decisions were noted.

26/69 Reports of Committees

26/69.1) Planning and Transport Committee

SF read her report regarding an update on the Neighbourhood Plan review *(See Appendix 3).*

RESOLVED that a consultant would be used to finalise Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan, quotes would be sourced for Council to agree.
KH proposed. PRC seconded. Unan.

26/69.2) Assets and Amenities

RESOLVED that the tree tender document was accepted with the Clerks recommendations.
DGA proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

The Clerk would send the tree tender to the EA and ask for advice on contractors.

26/69.3) Community committee

SF read her report on the Joint Gulliford Burial Ground committee meeting held on 25th August *(See Appendix 4).*

RESOLVED that LPCs contribution towards Gulliford Burial Ground would be increase to £2,000per annum.
KH proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

SF read her report on the meeting held with the webmasters on 18th August *(See Appendix 5).*

RESOLVED that the webmasters' recommendations for the new gov.uk website were supported.
AR proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

RESOLVED that £2,400 would be allocated to set up the new website.
AR proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

26/69.4) Environment Committee

SF highlighted that there were several issues regarding Front meadow. She suggested a sub-committee could be formed to oversee the ongoing management of the area. KH explained that the land was now registered with LPC. PCR added that the name of the land needed updating with land registry.

RESOLVED that a Front Meadow sub-committee was formed with five members.
DGA proposed. SF seconded. Unan.

26/69.5) Finance and Advisory Committee

AR reported on the Finance & Advisory meeting recommendations:

- Admin Assistant – AR explained that this would be a part-time position and had been costed. He hoped this position could be filled from October 2026.

RESOLVED that a part-time admin assistant would be appointed.
AR proposed. RGH seconded. Unan.

- Sharepoint – AR explained the benefits of using Sharepoint. He had previously circulated the costs of setting up at approx. £2,400. This would include initial set up (£1,500) and four licences (£900).

RESOLVED that Sharepoint would be implemented.
AR proposed. RGH seconded. PRC, SF, KH and GL supported. DGA abstained.

- Budget – AR asked Cllrs to let either the Clerk or himself know of additional funding requirements to be considered by October for LPCs 2027/28 budget.
- Governance Advice note for the Hub building – AR felt this advice received was sound. He asked Cllrs to let him know of any comments regarding the Heads of Terms document as soon as possible.
- Public toilets – AR reported that the lease was out of date and LPC should ask EDDC to consider handing over the freehold of the lease for the public toilets. LPC had been running the public toilets for many years and was fully aware of the ongoing costs. Two surveys were necessary before asking EDDC; 1) Valuation survey (approx. £400) and 2) Structural survey (approx. £700).
  The refurbishment of the entire block would cost in the region of £10,000.
  GJ explained that he would speak to the necessary officer to see if EDDC could hand the public toilets over to LPC.

RESOLVED that subject to EDDC agreement and handover, in principle, the two surveys and costs would be approved.
AR proposed. PCR seconded. Unan.

- Finance and Advisory committee Part B meeting recommendations.

RESOLVED that the Part B recommendations would be approved back to April 2026.
AR proposed. DGA seconded. Unan.

26/70 Items for the next Agenda

None at this time.

Meeting closed: **9.25pm**

Chairman: Date:

Appendix 1

26/65.5) Finance – July and August 2026 Payments / Financial summary / Budget report.

JULY Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Current Account

Statement Number	40	Bank Statement No.	40
Statement Opening Balance	£12,118.15	Opening Date	01/07/26
Statement Closing Balance	£25,907.07	Closing Date	31/07/26
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£25,907.07		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
03/07/26	3/7/26 LVHCIO	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	25.50	0.00	12,092.65
03/07/26	3/7/26	Employment	204.97	0.00	11,887.68
03/07/26	Transfer		0.00	18,000.00	29,887.68
06/07/26	6/7/26 LVHCIO	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	21.25	0.00	29,866.43
07/07/26	7/7/26	Burial fee	0.00	650.00	30,516.43
09/07/26	9/7/26 AW	Bespoke Web Designs	105.00	0.00	30,411.43
09/07/26	9/7/26	Public toilets cleaning	1,220.00	0.00	29,191.43
09/07/26	9/7/26 LVHCIO	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	17.00	0.00	29,174.43
10/07/26	10/7/26	Cllr expenses	24.20	0.00	29,150.23
10/07/26	10/7/26 ET	Hub building project	385.00	0.00	28,765.23
13/07/26	13/7/26	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	28,790.23
14/07/26	14/7/26	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	28,815.23
14/07/26	14/7/26 PT	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	28,840.23
15/07/26	15/7/26 EDF	EDF Energy Ref: Lights in CField	155.65	0.00	28,684.58
21/07/26	21/7/26	Herald Advert	0.00	10.00	28,694.58
21/07/26	21/7/26	Burial fee	0.00	325.00	29,019.58
22/07/26	22/7/26	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	29,044.58
22/07/26	22/7/26 DCC	Locality Grant – community lunches	0.00	750.00	29,794.58
22/07/26	22/7/26 DCC DAP	Devon County Council - Auditor	1,335.60	0.00	28,458.98
22/07/26	22/7/26 LSC	Lympstone Lads grant	40.00	0.00	28,418.98
23/07/26	23/7/26 Copyrite	Herald printing	775.00	0.00	27,643.98
27/07/26	27/7/26 HMRC VAT	HMRC (VAT) claim 1/4-30/6/26	0.00	1,455.70	29,099.68
30/07/26	30/7/26 BGL23	British Gas Lite 730923 YC	12.06	0.00	29,087.62
30/07/26	30/7/26 BGL921	British Gas 730921 YC	66.97	0.00	29,020.65
30/07/26	30/7/26 BGL922	British Gas Lite 730922 Public toilets	41.58	0.00	28,979.07
31/07/26	31/07/26	Herald Advert	0.00	30.00	29,009.07
31/07/26	31/7/26 Exact	Hub building project	390.00	0.00	28,619.07
31/07/26	31/7/26	PC contractor (June)	1,140.00	0.00	27,479.07
31/07/26	31/7/26	PC contractor (July)	1,525.00	0.00	25,954.07
31/07/26	31/7/26 LSC	Lympstone lads grant	40.00	0.00	25,914.07
31/07/26	31/7/26 UT	Unity Trust Bank	7.00	0.00	25,907.07

Uncleared and unpresented effects

Total uncleared and unpresented	0.00	0.00
Total debits / credits	7531.78	21320.7

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Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Savings Account

Statement Number	9	Bank Statement No.	9
Statement Opening Balance	£207,953.64	Opening Date	01/07/26
Statement Closing Balance	£189,953.64	Closing Date	31/07/26
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£189,953.64		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
03/07/26	Transfer		18,000.00	0.00	189,953.64

Uncleared and unpresented effects

Total uncleared and unpresented	0.00	0.00
Total debits / credits	18000	0

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Financial Statement - Cashbook

Statement of receipts and payments between 01/04/26 and 31/07/26 inclusive. This may include transactions with ledger dates outside this period.

Balances at the start of the year

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£76,379.83

Short Term Investment Accounts

Savings Account	£130,996.02
Total	£207,375.85

RECEIPTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			
10 Precept	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
15 CIL	0.00	0.00	0.00
20 DCC re Candys Field	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 Herald Adverts	1,649.00	0.00	1,649.00
30 Burial Fees	2,410.00	0.00	2,410.00
35 Lymp FC	0.00	0.00	0.00
45 Wayleaves	7.54	0.00	7.54
50 Misc	50.00	0.00	50.00
65 External grants	4,317.00	0.00	4,317.00
70 YC Rech	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	3,131.93	0.00	3,131.93

110 Interest	957.62	0.00	957.62
Council Total	42,523.09	0.00	42,523.09
Total Receipts	42,523.09	0.00	42,523.09

PAYMENTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			
1000 Employment	10,021.10	0.00	10,021.10
1005 Employment	548.94	0.00	548.94
1015 Village Hall hire	228.50	0.00	228.50
1020 Chairman's Allowance	200.00	0.00	200.00
1025 Subscriptions	1,273.00	218.49	1,491.49
1030 Courses, travel etc	199.20	35.00	234.20
1035 Insurance, Audit, Electricity	1,113.00	222.60	1,335.60
1040 Misc	252.00	0.00	252.00
1045 Herald Printing	3,106.00	1.20	3,107.20
1050 PC Maintenance Contractor	5,120.00	0.00	5,120.00
1055 Grass cutting	600.00	0.00	600.00
1060 Other maintenance	3,062.10	612.42	3,674.52
1065 General tree work	0.00	0.00	0.00
1070 Bin emptying	0.00	0.00	0.00
1080 Notice boards - maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1085 Play equipment	131.00	26.20	157.20
1090 Lights in CF	220.08	44.01	264.09
1095 Toilets	2,707.88	111.66	2,819.54
1100 Flood equip maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1105 LFRG expenses	61.35	0.00	61.35
1110 Gulliford cemetery	0.00	0.00	0.00
1115 Burial Ground	0.00	0.00	0.00
1120 YC Maintenance	125.00	25.00	150.00
1125 YC Utilities	312.10	15.60	327.70
1130 Website etc	175.00	0.00	175.00
1140 Gully Emptying	0.00	0.00	0.00
1145 Neighbourhood Plan	2,003.00	397.80	2,400.80
1150 Community Hub projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
1155 Hub Building project	710.00	65.00	775.00
1160 DCC / DCF Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000 S137 Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010 Other Grants	80.00	0.00	80.00
2015 Bank fees	14.00	0.00	14.00
9999 VAT Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council Total	32,263.25	1,774.98	34,038.23
Total Payments	32,263.25	1,774.98	34,038.23

July 2026 - Unity Trust Bank Accounts Summary:

Closing Balances at 31/07/26

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£25,907.07

Short Term Investment Accounts

Savings Account	£189,953.64
Total	**£215,860.71**

August Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Current Account

Statement Number	41	Bank Statement No.	41
Statement Opening Balance	£25,907.07	Opening Date	01/08/26
Statement Closing Balance	£18,003.72	Closing Date	31/08/26
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£18,003.72		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
03/08/26	3/8/26 Devon signs	Devon Signs	36.00	0.00	25,871.07
03/08/26	3/8/26	Employment	960.30	0.00	24,910.77
03/08/26	3/8/26	Employment	141.69	0.00	24,769.08
03/08/26	3/8/26	Employment	2,375.19	0.00	22,393.89
05/08/26	3/7/26	Employment	214.29	0.00	22,179.60
09/08/26	9/8/26 LVHCIO	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	17.00	0.00	22,162.60
09/08/26	Com Lunch	Community lunches	54.12	0.00	22,108.48
09/08/26	Com Lunch	Community lunches	41.39	0.00	22,067.09
10/08/26	10/8/26 EDF	EDF Energy Ref: (Candys Field)	106.14	0.00	21,960.95
10/08/26	10/8/26	Herald Advert	0.00	25.00	21,985.95
11/08/26	11/8/26	Herald Advert	0.00	125.00	22,110.95
14/08/26	14/08 Zurich	Zurich Municipal	1,673.65	0.00	20,437.30
14/08/26	14/8/26 LVHCIO	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	21.25	0.00	20,416.05
18/08/26	18/8/26 EDF	EDF Energy Ref: (Candys Field)	141.20	0.00	20,274.85
18/08/26	18/8/26	Herald Advert	0.00	9.00	20,283.85
19/08/26	19/8/26	Herald Advert	0.00	30.00	20,313.85
20/08/26	20/8/26 DALC	DALC	76.80	0.00	20,237.05
20/08/26	20/8/26	Herald items	9.00	0.00	20,228.05
21/08/26	21/8/26 LVHCIO	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	17.00	0.00	20,211.05
28/08/26	28/8/26 LFRG	LFRG	98.92	0.00	20,112.13
28/08/26	28/8/26 LVHCIO	Lympstone Village Hall CIO	25.50	0.00	20,086.63
28/08/26	28/8/26	War Memorial	1,880.40	0.00	18,206.23
28/08/26	28/8/26 SWW	Source For Business	195.51	0.00	18,010.72
31/08/26	31/8/26 UT	Unity Trust Bank	7.00	0.00	18,003.72

Uncleared and unpresented effects

Total uncleared and unpresented	0.00	0.00
Total debits / credits	8092.35	189

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August Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Savings Account

Statement Number	10	Bank Statement No.	10
Statement Opening Balance	£189,953.64	Opening Date	01/08/26
Statement Closing Balance	£189,953.64	Closing Date	31/08/26
True/ Cashbook Closing	£189,953.64		

Balance

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
	No activity		0.00	0.00	189,953.64

Uncleared and unpresented effects

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

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August Financial Statement - Cashbook

Statement of receipts and payments between 01/04/26 and 31/08/26 inclusive. This may include transactions with ledger dates outside this period.

Balances at the start of the year

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£76,379.83

Short Term Investment Accounts

Savings Account	£130,996.02
Total	£207,375.85

RECEIPTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			
10 Precept	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
15 CIL	0.00	0.00	0.00
20 DCC re Candys Field	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 Herald Adverts	1,838.00	0.00	1,838.00
30 Burial Fees	2,410.00	0.00	2,410.00
35 Lymp FC	0.00	0.00	0.00
45 Wayleaves	7.54	0.00	7.54
50 Misc	50.00	0.00	50.00
65 External grants	4,317.00	0.00	4,317.00
70 YC Rech	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	3,131.93	0.00	3,131.93
110 Interest	957.62	0.00	957.62
Council Total	42,712.09	0.00	42,712.09
Total Receipts	42,712.09	0.00	42,712.09

PAYMENTS	Net (£)	Vat (£)	Gross (£)
Council			
1000 Salaries	13,570.88	0.00	13,570.88
1005 Expenses	690.63	0.00	690.63
1015 Village Hall hire	309.25	0.00	309.25
1020 Chairman's Allowance	200.00	0.00	200.00
1025 Subscriptions	1,273.00	218.49	1,491.49
1030 Courses, travel etc	263.20	47.80	311.00
1035 Insurance, Audit, Electricity	2,786.65	222.60	3,009.25
1040 Misc	261.00	0.00	261.00

1045	Herald Printing	3,106.00	1.20	3,107.20
1050	PC Maintenance Contractor	5,120.00	0.00	5,120.00
1055	Grass cutting	600.00	0.00	600.00
1060	Other maintenance	3,062.10	612.42	3,674.52
1065	General tree work	0.00	0.00	0.00
1070	Bin emptying	0.00	0.00	0.00
1080	Notice boards - maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
1085	Play equipment	131.00	26.20	157.20
1090	Lights in CF	426.20	85.23	511.43
1095	Toilets	2,894.08	120.97	3,015.05
1100	Flood equip maintenance	128.92	6.00	134.92
1105	LFRG expenses	61.35	0.00	61.35
1110	Gulliford cemetery	0.00	0.00	0.00
1115	Burial Ground	0.00	0.00	0.00
1120	YC Maintenance	125.00	25.00	150.00
1125	YC Utilities	312.10	15.60	327.70
1130	Website etc	175.00	0.00	175.00
1140	Gully Emptying	0.00	0.00	0.00
1145	Neighbourhood Plan	2,003.00	397.80	2,400.80
1150	Community Hub projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
1155	Hub Building project	710.00	65.00	775.00
1160	DCC / DCF Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000	S137 Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	Other Grants	1,742.51	313.40	2,055.91
2015	Bank fees	21.00	0.00	21.00
9999	VAT Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council Total		39,972.87	2,157.71	42,130.58
Total Payments		39,972.87	2,157.71	42,130.58

August 2026 - Unity Trust Bank Accounts Summary:

Closing Balances at 31/08/26

Ordinary Accounts

Current Account	£18,003.72

Short Term Investment Accounts

Savings Account	£189,953.64
Total	£207,957.36

Appendix 2

26/66)

Exeter, Teignbridge and East Devon Councils are jointly working towards a joint SANGS and Infrastructure strategy.

We all know Local Authorities are required to build so many houses a year which is done through the Local Plan, but here in this part of Devon we also need to provide Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace & Green Infrastructure Projects as well!

The 3 Councils are legally required under strict Habitats Regulations to mitigate the impact of residential development on 3 internationally important sites.

The Exe Estuary, the Pebblebed Heaths, and Dawlish Warren already have an adopted Strategy called the "Combined Mitigation Approach". As the greatest percentage of the protected landscape is in East Devon we lead this strategy with a very strong officer team.

Over the next 6 months a new enhanced strategy will be considered and adopted by all 3 Councils. This Strategy will be carried forward into the new Unitary Council.

Currently the strategy is:

• SAMM - Strategic Access Management and Monitoring (on-site mitigation). We do that with a team of wardens and specialist consultants.

• SANG – we provide -Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace and Infrastructure Projects (off-site mitigation)

This is a government strategy led through Natural England that sets the criteria which must provide effective recreational mitigation. **It's a must do and cannot be ignored!**

• It has to provide attractive natural green spaces that provide an alternative to visiting our protected sites.

• It has to be designed for everyday use, particularly walking and dog exercise.

• The areas must be accessible, attractive and of sufficient size and quality.

• Must be managed and maintained in perpetuity.

I'm really pleased that as well as SANGS it's now been acknowledged that other Infrastructure Projects can help mitigate recreational pressure on protected habitats as well.

• these can be delivered within existing parks, countryside sites and other accessible green spaces, where it's more challenging to provide a SANGS.(for example closer to a built-up area)

All of this need strict evidence and monitoring to ensure they contribute towards mitigation requirements by improving public access, connectivity and enjoyment of green spaces.

As well as offsetting the increased population growth to these special designated areas the SANGS and Infrastructure projects also provide additional benefits.

• Habitat creation and enhancement

• Support local biodiversity and appreciation of nature'

• Tree and hedgerow planting

• Community events and volunteering opportunities

Health and wellbeing benefits

• Climate mitigation and adaptation (carbon capture, flood resilience, cooling)

However, doing this costs money and this needs to come from the new developments themselves in the form of 106 funding, CIL, and in the case of large developments paid and delivered by the developers.

District Cllr Jung

7th September 2026

Appendix 3

26/69.1) Planning and Transport Committee

Neighbourhood Plan Update September 2026

The Working Group are still meeting and evidence gathering! Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and input from the EDDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer have meant a considerable rewrites. We are currently on Version 18 of the actual plan and Version 7 of the Village DesignStatement.

As usual Angela King's support and help have been invaluable especially with the new changes to national planning requirements. I've got to be honest though it can be frustrating when we are not allowed to include anything about adequate infrastructure which is of most concern to our residents or something that is in Woodbury's or another parish's plan because the rules have just changed. We have also made things harder for ourselves by trying to achieve a benefit to the village of visitor parking in new developments to ease pressure on existing parking space in the village The evidence gathering that is needed to try and achieve visitor parking spaces is complicated and Linda has been counting cars and taking pictures for weeks now.

Angela arranged contact with West Hill NP group for us to discuss mutual concerns and experiences. They are using consultants to help prepare the body of their plan. Nick Linda and I met with them last week. Their help was invaluable and they have recommended their two consultants with good track records who may be able to assist us. You saw in my notes from the meeting the costs we are likely to incur. A ball park figure for the work West Hill has commissioned is £500 per day per person for Place Studio and Janvrin Edbrook who has worked for Exmouth about £65 per hour.

Our time scale just by the sheer detail of what is expected is slipping much further than we have hoped. If we are going to get this over the line in time and have a life we have come to the realisation that some professional help of a consultant will be needed. We feel we have the bones of our plan which AK has so far agreed with. What we need is professional help to present/format it a way that is acceptable to the scrutineers and help us to organise our supporting evidence and identify any gaps there may be.

We do have three days of DCT time and one third of our original budget left but will probably need to renegotiate with them if we are going to require them to do different tasks for us. However, our experience working with them on the second consultation and West Hill's own evaluation of what they can offer suggest they are better used for public engagement elements of the work rather than content production. If we are going to go for the third consultation before the end of the year when our current plan reaches the end its lifetime and while the current Housing Needs Survey is admissible, we will need help.

We think in order to get the help we need in the time frame, we respectfully ask Council to consider our request for a proposed budget as indicated in my notes to you of £15,000.

Cllr Sue Francis
Lead to Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan working group

Appendix 4

26/69.3) Community committee
Report to Council September 2026
Gulliford Burial Ground Committee Meeting:
The Joint Committee made up of representatives from WPC, LPC and Chair and secretary of the 'Friends of Gulliford Burial Ground meet quarterly to make a visual inspection and discuss any work or maintenance issues. You have all seen the notes I sent after our meeting. So, I'll keep this quite brief.
A visual inspection by the committee noted that apart from known works needing to be done, overall, the ground was looking in pretty good shape. There is a professionally prepared survey with a 10year maintenance plan which details the works and checks required to ensure the Burial Ground is a peaceful, safe place. This plan has been really helpful in assessing and anticipating the amounts the two parishes need to set aside each year to cover the works needed, insurance upkeep inspections etc.
Council have been asked to consider and approve the anticipated share amount of £2,000 for 2027/28in our next budget. This is in addition to the 50% share of the cost of renovation before the end of this calendar year to part of the listed boundary wall before the winter weather causes more damage. The Burial Ground is an important historical asset and to maintain the site in good repair these amounts are needed.
Away from budgets and costs to the nice bits a very successful poetry afternoon was held in the ground. Feedback from those attending was very positive and the event much enjoyed. This has led to the possibility of an art afternoon of sketching or painting being arranged for the next community event.
The Committee did have to decline the offer to house a very beautiful handcrafted full scale pottery temple on the site. The temple is looking for a new home after being sited at Chatsworth for a period of time. Unfortunately, it was felt despite the temple's artistic and atheistic merit the burial ground was too isolated and not secure enough for it to be enjoyed and safely displayed there.

Cllr Sue Francis
Joint Gulliford Burial Ground committee member

Appendix 5

26/69.3) Community committee

Annual Meeting with Webmasters

I'll try and keep this brief as you have all seen my notes. The Clerk and I meet with the WEBMASTERS each August normally just to review the year and discuss any issues or concerns.

The meeting this year had a specific purpose to plan for the PC's necessary transition to a .gov website. When the PC voted to join/buy Parishes Online a .gov domain was part of the package. It has become necessary to satisfy the auditor and statutory requirements to activate this now and the PC have a dedicated website.

Our meeting subject to your approval set out a preliminary plan and time scale to achieve this. It is envisaged that Lympstone .org will continue to operate overseen by the Webmasters while Lympstone PC's website runs parallel to it with the more formal aspects of what is currently on Lympstone .org e.g. Council minutes, agendas etc. The new dedicated LPC website would likely be run by The Clerk and a dedicated Cllr. The same or another Cllr would be the link with/for Lympstone.org

This separation would actually enable simplification of the whole content currently on Lympstone.org.

There will be links between the two sites which should make the transition simple and user friendly. When the .gov site becomes live all new PC content will be entered and found there with a simple back to lympstone.org link and any PC related documents/content simply become archived.

It was agreed that the Bishop Clyst .gov site would be a good model to follow for our new PC site. It is clear and easily navigable.

The new site will be LympstonePC.gov.uk. Access to certain areas of the PC domain would necessarily be restricted but Cllrs could have password access for e.g. Sharepoint if adopted for confidential documents etc

The webmasters are asking our consultant for a price to achieve the transition and setting up of the new site. A maximum budget figure has been suggested for you to approve but the webmasters are optimistic it should be less. As lympstone.org is so well used and valued by the community it is envisaged the PC will continue to support it financially when necessary as they do now.

A tentative time line for transition to the new format is end of March 2027 which should tie in with the end/start of financial year and audit requirements.

There are still some issues where to place some cross over content e.g LFRG, Emergency Plan, and Community Lunches. Where do these belong - org or .gov or both? There are bound to be a few starting hitches but the webmasters are confident they can be worked out relatively easily.

Cllr Sue Francis
Link Cllr to the website