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Minutes of the Meeting of **LAMERTON PARISH COUNCIL** in Lamerton Sports and Community Centre  
On **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025** at **19.30 pm**

**Present:** Cllr M Exley-Deane (Chair), Cllr A Cole (vice-chair), Cllr K Dreher, Cllr R Geake, Cllr S Deeks

**Absent:** Cllrs Grainger (DCC) and Jory (WDBC)

**In Attendance:** Mrs C Oxenham (Parish Clerk), 1 member of the public

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The poor state of road markings in the village by the school was again raised. This has previously been reported to Devon Highways who currently won't do anything. Cllr Exley-Deane will report again. There is also a manhole in the middle of the road going up to the school which appears to be sinking. Clerk will report to Highways.

## **104-2025 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Jory (WDBC) and Cllr Grainger (DCC) had sent their apologies.

## **105-2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

## **106-2025 TO NOTE RESIGNATION OF CHAIR AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIR**

Cllr Exley-Deane announced his resignation as chair due to work commitments. Cllr Dreher proposed Cllr Cole be appointed, seconded by Cllr Deeks and approved by all. Cllr Exley-Deane was thanked for everything he had done during his role of chairman.

## **107-2025 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025**

Cllr Geake proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Exley-Deane and agreed by all who had been present at the meeting.

## **108-2025 COMMUNITY CENTRE - TO DISCUSS PROGRESS RE THE LEASE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS**

Contribution towards a sink fund was discussed. Currently the Parish Council grant £1600 in terms of the rent. To cover half of the costs suggested by the report commissioned towards the long-term maintenance of the hall, the Parish Council would require a precept increase of approximately £5 per Band D property per annum. Clerk will contact DALC for some legal advice and contact Katie (Community Centre) for a copy of the minutes from the last meeting.

## **109-2025 TO DISCUSS ANY UPDATES RE HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

ii) Newly re-opened road access at Camplehaye – Cllr Jory was not in attendance and therefore there was no update. Clerk to contact him for an update.

## **110-2025 TRAFFIC UPDATE AND VAS CAMERA UPDATE**

VAS – Northern camera still causing issues (the same issue occurred in 2020).

Speedwatch has been active again since the weather has improved and the road works have been completed. 376 motorists were reported in past year. 17 in the last week in August.

## **111-2025 WEBSITE – UPDATES RE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED**

Issues regarding problems have been resolved very quickly.

## **112-2025 PLANNING**

a) For information only:

WDBC 1015/25/FUL	Removal of existing garden sheds/structures and prefabricated garage to be replaced by one steel portal framed building for purposes of a garage, garden storage and garage for personal use Land at Sx 444 753	Withdrawn
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WDBC 1043/25/HHO	Householder application for proposed garage with ancillary accommodation over The Old Shippon, Lower Hill Farm, Lamerton	Conditional approval
WDBC 1555/25/FUL	Change of use of stables to dwelling and creation of garden (retrospective) Little Blackthorn, Haye Down	Refusal Appeal lodged (ref 6000561)
WDBC 1567/25/FUL	Erection of 5 dwellings and creation of access Land at Sx 448 762 (Land to South of Fortescue Terrace)	Refusal
WDBC 1754/25/FUL	Construction of a covered slurry store together with associated landscaping South Hilltown Farm, Lamerton	Conditional approval

b) For discussion/decision:

WDBC 2205/25/FUL	Erection of a detached dwelling 3 Lamerton Villas, Lamerton PL19 8QB	Object. Proposed Cllr Exley-Deane, seconded Cllr Dreher. All in agreement.
WDBC 1123 TPO	Tree Preservation order that no person shall a) Cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy or b) cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of any tree as specified in the order.	

In summary reasons for objection - falls outside ONS data (not 2 bedrooms). Against Dev8 and Dev9 for housing need. Access is a concern. VAS data shows high volumes of speeding traffic. Clerk to send full report to WDBC.

c) To discuss progress re legal advice concerning planning application 0107/22/OPA (Land North of Green Hill) – The PC has been advised that due to the time lapse it is unlikely that a High Court would entertain a judicial review.

### 113-2025 **FINANCES**

Unity Trust Bank account balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 £13,071.14

a) To acknowledge clerks pay rise and annual incremental increase (backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April)

b) Invoices due for payment to be authorised:

Clerks salary (August) plus backdated pay	£367.42
Clerk (reimbursement of postage for allotment lease)	£4.70
HMRC (August)	£87.00
HMRC (NI employers contribution)	£2.61
Elliott Groundcare (cemetery cuts 6 (30/07/25 & 7 13/08/25)	£260.00
Unity Trust (account management fee July and August)	£12.00
M Exley-Deane (reimbursement of ink)	£22.99
Lamerton Sports and Community Centre (meeting room July)	£15.00
Sam Deeks (reimbursement for name badges previously approved)	£27.08

Proposed Cllr Deeks, seconded Cllr Dreher and agreed by all. Clerk has loaded payments onto the account ready for authorisation by Cllrs Dreher and Cole asap.

c) To acknowledge receipt of £300 payment from the Allotment Society.  
Clerk to contact the allotment society to issue a correct cheque (£275).

d) To note that clerk has still not received bank details from Mr May Somerville of where to make payment. Clerk to contact him again advising payment will be made into an account we already hold details for unless advised to the contrary.

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e) To record notification of exempt status from external auditor (PKF Littlejohn)

f) To note payments and receipts at half-way point.

**114-2025** **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP – TO NOTE ANY UPDATES**

Cllr Dreher had presented Councillors with interim report number 32. In summary. Technical support was approved at the end of last year. The NPG are continuing to meet in task groups due to no funding. Cllr Exley-Deane proposed that the 2 documents (ie AECOM Site assessment of May 2025 and Strategic Environmental Assessment of September 2025) are put onto the website for public viewing, seconded by Cllr Deeks and agreed by all.

**115-2025** **CEMETERY – UPDATE RE WATER, HEDGES AND TREES**

No updates. Cllrs Deeks and Cole still to visit.

**116-2025** **LITTER PICKING**

26<sup>th</sup> October is the next scheduled pick at 2pm.

**117-2025** **REPRINT OF THE BOOK OF LAMERTON**

The last book is 25 years old. Cllr Cole is looking into the feasibility of organising a reprint as the previous 1000 copies have been sold. New hardback version would be expected to retail at about £24.95. Suggested reprint would have to be at least 400 copies for it to be economically viable. Cllr Dreher to put something on the next newsletter to gauge public response.

**118-2025** **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to report

**119-2025** **MINOR ITEMS/ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Clerk to set dates for next years' meeting in line with current year.

**120-2025** **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30pm

**121-2025** **CLOSE** – The meeting closed at 21.05pm