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Minutes of the Meeting of **LAMERTON PARISH COUNCIL** in Lamerton Sports and Community Centre
On **Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 19.30 pm**

Present: Cllr A Cole (chair), Cllr K Dreher, Cllr S Deeks, Cllr M Exley-Deane

Absent: Cllr R Geake, Cllr N Jory (WDBC)

In Attendance: Mrs C Oxenham (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The lack of white lines and state of the road was again raised by a member of the public.

1-2026 APOLOGIES

Cllr Geake (waiting for an emergency vet), and Cllr Jory (ill) had sent their apologies.

2-2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

3-2026 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER 2025

Cllr Exley-Deane proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Dreher and agreed by all.

4-2026 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2025

Cllr Deeks proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Exley-Deane and agreed by all.

5-2026 COMMUNITY CENTRE TO DISCUSS ANY PROGRESS REGARDING THE LEASE AND WORKS GOING FORWARD

Clerk has contacted the Community Centre Secretary and is waiting for her to come back with some potential meeting dates but there haven't been any suggested dates so far. Cllr Exley-Deane proposed that the Parish Council now suggest dates for a meeting, seconded by Cllr Deeks and agreed by all. Proposed dates – 27th January 3rd February and 10th Feb were suggested.

6-2026 TO DISCUSS ANY UPDATES RE HIGHWAYS MATTERS

i) Newly re-opened road access at Camplehaye – Cllr Dreher proposed we write back to Cllr Jory and the Enforcement officer and advise they are looking at the north end not the south end, adjacent to Camplehaye Cottages. Seconded Cllr Exley-Deane All in favour.

ii) Mullywell man-hole issue – this has been reported to DCC Highways (W251890596) – Cllr Cole has received a report back from Highways that this is the responsibility of SW Water and has been reported to them.

iii) General road conditions/markings throughout the village – This has been reported several times to Highways but to no avail.

7-2026 TO DISCUSS ANY RESPONSE FROM THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RE LAND EAST OF SUMMER GREEN

No update. Cllr Exley-Deane proposed that clerk contacts Cllr Jory and asks for an update, seconded by Cllr Dreher and agreed by all.

8-2026 TRAFFIC UPDATE AND VAS CAMERA UPDATE

Still no VAS data. Speedwatch has started up again subject to weather. 6 motorists reported last week. Current rolling figure is just over 300 motorists reported year to date.

9-2026 WEBSITE – UPDATES RE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED

There has been an issue with the main email account (bandwidth exceeded) but this was resolved within 24 hours of being reported.

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An exclusive page must be added for Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 information to be easily accessed. Cllr Deeks can do this and will liaise with Cllr Dreher to get a final draft version which can be checked with the web providers if necessary.

10-2026 **PLANNING**

a) For information only:

WDBC 2734/25/FUL	Replacement dwelling Belgrove Bungalow, Lamerton, PL19 8SA	Withdrawn
WDBC 2462/25/HHO	Householder application for proposed utility room extension and installation of a new wood burning stove Willestrew House, Lamerton, PL19 8PZ	Conditional approval
WDBC 2463/25/LBC	Listed Building Consent for proposed utility room extension and installation of a new wood burning stove Willestrew House, Lamerton, PL19 8PZ	Conditional approval
WDBC 2879/25/FUL	Demolish stables and rebuild within existing bunded enclosure and change use of existing bunded enclosure from agricultural to equine Lower Hill Farm, Lamerton	Conditional approval
Planning Inspectorate Appeal Ref 6000561	Little Blackthorne, Road from Haye Down to Sportsmans Cross, Haye Down, PL19 0NN Change of use of stables to dwelling and creation of a garden Ref 1555/25/FUL	Appeal allowed and planning permission granted.

b) For discussion/decision:

WDBC 3300/25/HHO	Householder application for proposed detached car port Lower Hill Farm, Lamerton, PL19 8RR	No comment. Proposed Cllr Exley-Deane, seconded Cllr Dreher. All in favour
WDBC 3475/25/HHO	Householder application for proposed removal of existing enclosed veranda extension to SW elevation and replacement with new front extension. East Hilltown, Lamerton, PL19 8RR	No comment. Proposed Cllr Dreher, seconded Cllr Exley-Deane. all in favour
WDBC 3053/25/FUL	Land at Sx 448 762 (Land to the South of Fortesque Terrace), Lamerton Erection of 3 dwellings and creation of access (Relisted by WDBC due to additional information being submitted which required a further period of notice)	*Object. Proposed Cllr Dreher, seconded Cllr Exley-Deane. All in favour Previous comments still apply.

*Object on all previous grounds plus change in number of houses does not change the objection. New submission is for 3 houses. However, two are 4 bed and one is a 2 bed affordable house. This is still against TTV25. This application exacerbates the imbalance in the housing availability's issue and doesn't respond to local housing needs.

11-2026 **FINANCES**

Unity Trust Bank account balance as at 31stDecember 2025 Current account £14,773.57

a) Invoices due for payment to be authorised:

Clerks salary December and January	£668.32
HMRC December and January	£157.20
HMRC Employers NI contributions (December and January)	£5.22
Unity Trust (account management fee November and December)	£12.00
Elliott Groundcare (Missing invoice for cuts 8 and 9)	£260.00
SLCC (Subs)	£100

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Hall hire (Nov and Dec)	£40
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Proposed Cllr Exley-Deane, seconded Cllr Deeks and agreed by all. Clerk has loaded payments onto the account ready for authorisation by Cllrs Dreher and Cole asap.

b) To consider grant requests from the Sports and Community Centre (Parish Hall) and CAB Hall:

There are 3 requests from the Parish Hall:

- i) £1599 to enable the Charity to pay the annual rent of £1600, leaving a balance of £1 to be paid. Cllr Exley-Deane proposed this is granted, seconded by Cllr Dreher and agreed by all.
- ii) £1500 towards cutting the playing field – Following discussion, Cllrs could not support a grant towards general maintenance issues, which is a continual overhead. Cllrs note that the hall committee have a significant balance in their accounts and acknowledge that a large portion of this has been ear marked for solar panels, however, the only source of income available to the Parish Council would be an increase in the precept. It would not be correct to add something like this to the precept without first consulting with parishioners.
- iii) £500 towards the upkeep and maintenance of the village playpark – For the reasons stated at (ii), Cllrs were unable to approve this grant request. Should a specific item be needed, Cllrs could consider supporting, but not an ongoing general maintenance application.

Cllr Exley-Deane proposed that both items (ii) and (iii) be rejected, seconded by Cllr Dreher. Action agreed by all. Other grants and loans may be available, and it was suggested that the hall committee might want to look at Bickleigh Parish Council website for details of a PWLB grant they applied for and the processes involved.

CAB grant request: Cllr Exley-Deane proposed that a grant is made of £200, seconded by Cllr Dreher and agreed by all. Cllr Deeks proposed that they be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to explain to people what they do and the services they provide, seconded by Cllr Exley-Deane and agreed by all.

c) To consider request from NP group for funding to pay WDBC for mapping for the Neighbourhood Plan – NP needs to include various maps. (In total 7). They will deal with copyright etc. Cost approximately £120 plus VAT. Cllr Exley Deane proposed that we support the application, seconded by Cllr Deeks and agreed by all. Clerk to also contact Cllr Jory and see if anything would be available from his Locality budget.

d) To set the precept for 2026/27 – Having considered the prepared statement of income and expenditure and following a full discussion Cllr Cole proposed a precept request of £12,500, seconded by Cllr Exley-Deane and agreed by all.

12-2026 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP – TO NOTE ANY UPDATES

The 34th Interim report had previously been circulated to Councillors. Cllrs approved the actions proposed in the report.

13-2026 CEMETERY

a) Update re water, hedges and trees

2 quotes have been received for the works required in the cemetery. After considering both quotes, Cllr Dreher proposed that the quote from the current contractor is accepted, seconded by Cllr Exley-Deane and agreed by all. Clerk to contact Jonathan Elliott but ask for it to be considered in line with the current contract as some items (eg clearing the path of moss) appear to already be included.

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b) Condition of the cemetery seat – this is in a very poor state. The concrete ends are OK but the wooden slats need replacing. Cllr Dreher will make some enquiries to see if she could get a quote for repair.

14-2026 **LITTER PICKING**

The next scheduled litter pick will take place on 8th February at 2pm.

15-2026 **REPRINT OF THE BOOK OF LAMERTON**

There have been approximately 25 requests so far. Cllr Cole to get some further quotes for 'print on demand' and get a copy of the contract from Halsgrove (the publisher).

16-2026 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) To note road closure 24th Feb – 25th Feb – road from Derriton Cross to Collacombe Cross, Culverhill (Pole recovery)

b) Cllr Cole has received notification from Sir Geoffrey Cox that there is to be a meeting on 30/01/26 at Holsworthy Memorial Hall for Parish Councils to raise their concerns directly with those stakeholders responsible for broadband and mobile provision.

17-2026 **MINOR ITEMS/ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Deeks had previously received an enquiry from a member of the public re a potential planning application in the area. The NP group were copied into the message but there has been no further contact.

18-2026 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 24th February 2026 at 7.30pm

19-2026 **CLOSE** – The meeting closed at 21.25pm