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Minutes of the Meeting of **LAMERTON PARISH COUNCIL** in Lamerton Sports and Community Centre
On **Tuesday 24th February 2026 at 19.30 pm**

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

Absent: All present

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Parishioner reported that he has had a letter from Southwest Water re damaged manhole at Mullywell. Will be repaired at the end of May

20-2026 APOLOGIES

All present.

21-2026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

22-2026 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th JANUARY 2026

Cllr Dreher proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record, seconded by Cllr Deeks and agreed by all who had been present.

23-2026 COMMUNITY CENTRE

a) To discuss any progress regarding the lease and works going forward – No update.

b) To note date of AGM on 23rd April, to thank Cllr Deeks for his hard work, and to ask for the name of the representative going forward. Clerk to respond that this person will be appointed at our AGM and Cllr Deeks will continue to be our representative until that time.

24-2026 TO DISCUSS ANY UPDATES RE HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a) Newly re-opened road access at Camplehaye – Cllr Jory has clarified that the right opening (by the Blacksmiths Arms) is being discussed. This may be superseded by the recent planning application, but Cllr Jory will continue to make enquiries.

b) Mullywell man-hole issue see PQT.

25-2026 TO DISCUSS ANY RESPONSE FROM THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RE LAND EAST OF SUMMER GREEN

The concerns have been addressed, and the case was closed in July 2024. The Senior Enforcement Officer is satisfied that correct procedures have been followed.

26-2026 TRAFFIC UPDATE AND VAS CAMERA UPDATE

VAS camera data still unavailable. Speedwatch has been productive. 25 drivers reported for speeding last week (344 running annual total).

27-2026 WEBSITE – UPDATES RE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED

Nothing to update.

28-2026 PLANNING

a) For information only:

WDBC 0046/26/PDM	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2No dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated development (Class Q) Land at Sx 449 795 Haye Down	Information only
WDBC 3300/25/HHO	Householder application for proposed detached car port Lower Hill Farm, Lamerton	Conditional Approval

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DCC 4445/2025	Extension to existing transfer station at Haye Down Industrial Estate, Haye Down, Tavistock PL19 0NN	Application approved
WDBC 029599	Alleged unauthorised change of use of land to rugby pitch with associated erection of floodlights Land to rear of Downcroft Lamerton, PL19 8SD	Breach of planning control ceased and the case is closed
WDBC 1567/25/FUL	Notice of appeal re erection of 5 dwellings and creation of access Land at Sx 448 762 (Land to South of Fortesque Terrace)	Appeal reference 6004459
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	Conditional approval
WDBC 0299/26/PDM	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 4No dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated development (Class Q (a+b)) Barn at Sx 439 774 Hurditch Farm, Tavistock	Information only

b) For discussion/decision:

WDBC 2555/25/OPA	Application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved (access and layout), for the erection of 7 dwellings Camplehay Residential Home, Lamerton PL19 8QD	WDBC issued in error and will relist at a later date
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FINANCES

Unity Trust Bank account balance as at 31st January 2026 Current account £13,536.83

a) Invoices due for payment to be authorised:

Clerks salary February	£334.16
HMRC February	£78.60
HMRC (NI) February	£2.61
Clerk admin – book of stamps	£6.96
Unity Trust Bank (account management fee Jan)	£6.00
Zurich Municipal Insurance	£363.00
Elliott Groundcare	£1050.00

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

b) Update re the application for grant funding for the NPG mapping

This has been approved and clerk will apply as soon as the system is working. Cllr Jory was thanked for his support.

30-2026

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

a) To note any updates – Draft document has been checked by the group and amended where necessary. This has been approved by the NPG and will be presented to the PC meeting for approval at the next meeting.

35th Interim report was presented to Cllrs for approval – to continue to sanction the publication of draft revisions on the website, to sanction publicity for the plan to go forward into regulation 14 once approved by the PC and to approve an application to WD locality funding for printing expenditure. Proposed Cllr Exley-Deane, seconded Cllr Deeks and agreed by all.

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b) Regulation 14 flyer – Once at reg. 14 stage, there is a 6- week public consultation period. Many residents will be able to access the information digitally, but hard copies will also be required to be strategically placed around the local area. Cllrs will be seeking further support from Locality funding in the region of approximately £100 if approved at the next PC meeting.

31-2026 CEMETERY

a) Update re water, hedges and trees – Cllr Deeks and Cole have now looked at everything in the cemetery. The hedge in between the adjoining property and the cemetery has been thinned down by the new property owners. The Parish Council understood this to be PC responsibility. Deeds to be checked and if we don't have a copy, clerk should contact the Land Registry. Proposed Cllr Dreher, seconded by Cllr Exley-Deane and agreed by all.

b) Condition of the cemetery seat – Cllr Dreher will continue to make enquiries.

c) Condition of large tree on roadside side of cemetery – A large branch has broken off this beech tree which appears to be hollow and needs removing. Clerk to contact local experts for quotes.

d) To review cemetery fees – Cllr Exley-Deane proposed that they remain the same, seconded by Cllr Geake and agreed by all.

32-2026 LITTER PICKING

8th February was the last pick. 2pm Sunday 12th April will be the next one.

33-2026 REPRINT OF THE BOOK OF LAMERTON

Cllr Cole has made further enquiries. The minimum order would need to be 400 books which would be part of a larger run. We have still had minimal enquiries (less than 50) so is not a viable project to undertake. Cllr Deeks proposed a final mention will be made in the newsletter to prompt anyone else who may be interested, seconded by Cllr Exley-Deane and agreed by all (but Cllr Cole who declared an interest). He will also see if there are any 'print on demand' options available.

34-2026 TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE LATEST NEWSLETTER

Following the litter pick date and a small addition re the Book of Lamerton, Cllrs approved the publication. Cllr Dreher to send a final copy to clerk to forward to Dartprint.

35-2026 CORRESPONDENCE

Notice from DCC re road closure Road from Derriton Cross to Collacombe Cross, Culverhill for Airband pole recovery.

Notice from DCC re change of date for road closure on road from The Old School House to East Hilltown Farm. Dates now 26/05/26 – 28/05/26

36-2026 MINOR ITEMS/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Planning applications – Cllr Exley-Deane proposed that clerk asks for an extension for any application which comes in within a week of a meeting, or falls outside of a scheduled meeting, seconded by Cllr Dreher and agreed by all.

Following recent flooding, Cllr Cole requested that the lengthsman come and clear the drains. A number of deep potholes have now been left and have been reported to DCC Highways.

37-2026 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7.30pm

38-2026 CLOSE – The meeting closed at 20. 45pm