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

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

Absent: Cllr Geake

In Attendance: Mrs C Oxenham (Parish Clerk), Cllr N Jory (WDBC), 1 member of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions

39-2026 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Geake (lambing commitments)

40-2026 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

41-2026 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th FEBRUARY 2026**

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

42-2026 **TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Deeks proposed that Annie Reid be co-opted, seconded by Cllr Exley-Deane and approved by all. Cllr Reid was welcomed on to the parish council.

43-2026 **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

a) To discuss any progress regarding the lease and works going forward – No update regarding this although new members have now been appointed on to the committee (Val Hill is the Chair, and Shirley Culverhouse the new secretary). Next meeting is 8th April.

44-2026 **TO DISCUSS ANY UPDATES RE HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Newly re-opened road access at Camplehaye – Cllr Jory has made no further progress regarding this but will continue to investigate. Cllrs are aware that this may now be superseded by the latest planning application but reiterated how dangerous this junction is.

45-2026 **TRAFFIC UPDATE AND VAS CAMERA UPDATE**

Community Speedwatch reported 25 motorists for speeding last week. The yearly total is now 365. The mobile camera is due to be moved shortly.

46-2026 **WEBSITE – UPDATES RE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED**

Clerk is in communication with the web providers regarding updating the website. It is hoped this will be resolved shortly.

47-2026 **PLANNING**

a) For discussion/decision:

WDBC 0205/26/FUL	Single storey extension Venn House Residential Home, Lamerton, PL19 8RX	Neutral Proposed Cllr Exley-Deane, seconded Cllr Dreher Cllr Reid abstained. . All others in favour.
WDBC 0206/26/LBC	Listed Building Consent for single storey extension Venn House Residential Home, Lamerton PL19 8RX	As above.
WDBC 0387/26/FUL	Redevelopment of the agricultural barn/stables to 1 dwelling, in lieu of a Class Q change of use (4033/24/PDM), plus creation of new access and the	* Object Proposed Cllr Exley-Deane, seconded Cllr Dreher. Cllr

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	change of use of the surrounding land to garden together with associated works. The Stables, Lower Hill Farm, Road Past Lower Hill Farm, Lamerton	Reid abstained. All others in agreement with decision
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* Disproportionate for a single dwelling. Doesn't meet with any housing needs which the village has. Access is in an unsafe location as proposed on the plans. Will possibly impact on the avenue of trees on Green Lane which is the proposed designated green space in the draft neighbourhood plan and will lead to the removal of a substantial amount of Devon Bank.

Cllr Cole proposed that a TPO order is applied for, seconded by Cllr Deeks. All in favour.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Jory regarding his representations at the recent meeting re The Farriers planning application.

48-2026 **FINANCES**

Unity Trust Bank account balance as of 28th February 2026 Current account £14,249.25

a) Invoices due for payment to be authorised:

Clerks salary March	£334.36
HMRC March	£78.40
HMRC (NI) March	£2.61
Dartprint newsletter	£76.50
Unity Trust Bank (account management fee Feb)	£7.00
Lamerton Sports and Community Centre (Hall hire Jan and Feb)	£30.00
Parish Lengthsman	£1,380.00

Proposed Cllr Dreher, seconded Cllr Exley-Deane 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 – Clerk to apply for £120 for NPG mapping as previously agreed.

49-2026 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP**

a) To note any updates – The NPG are now ready to move forward to Regulation 14 consultation. Latest drafts have been circulated and once some minor spellings have been corrected this will be the final copy.

b) To receive any minutes and interim reports (see 36th interim report). The latest minutes have only just been approved by the NPG preceding this meeting and therefore had not been circulated to Councillors prior to his PC meeting. The 36th interim report had previously been circulated.

c) To sanction approval of the draft plan as presented to Councillors as February 2026 version and to adopt this version to go forward to Regulation 14 consultation.

Cllr Dreher was thanked for all her hard work. Cllr Deeks proposed that all the proposals in the interim report were approved, seconded by Cllr Exley-Deane, Cllr Reid abstained and all others in favour.

- To approve the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Regulation 14 consultation and to the publication of the documentation as such on the Parish Council website
- To approve a consultation period of 6 weeks commencing on 1st May
- To approve the consultation feedback form
- To approve expenditure of up to £100 plus VAT for the printing of flyers and posters publicising the Regulation 14 consultation and to apply for WDBC Locality funding to cover

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this expenditure

- To approve an approach to the Tavistock Times Gazette to publish information about the consultation period and draft plan
- To approve a public meeting between 6pm – 7pm on 19th May 2026 to enable the NPG to answer questions from members of the public about the NP

d) If agreed, to approve printing costs of not exceeding £100 plus VAT with Dartprint for 6 hard copies for members of the public unable to access an online version. Proposed Cllr Exley-Deane, seconded Cllr Deeks and approved by all.

50-2026 CEMETERY

a) Update re water, hedges – Cllr Exley-Deane proposed that £8 be authorised for clerk to apply to the HM Land Registry for a search to locate the title number of the Cemetery. This will enable office copy entries to be obtained which will enable the boundaries to be established. Seconded by Cllr Dreher. All in favour.

b) Condition of the cemetery seat – Cllr Dreher is still looking in to this.

c) To consider quotes for removal of the large tree on roadside side of cemetery – Several quotes have now been received which range from in excess of £4000 to £500. Cllr Deeks proposed that clerk make further enquiries regarding proposals for road closures and public liability insurance, seconded by Cllr Dreher. All in favour. Clerk to also make enquiries with the insurance company to see if this type of thing would be covered.

51-2026 TO DISCUSS PARISHIONERS' CONCERNS RE THE CHANGES TO THE NUMBER 85 BUS

Cllrs empathise with this situation and have discussed the matter with Cllr Jory who will take this up with Stagecoach and DCC.

52-2026 LITTER PICKING

The next scheduled litter pick is on 12th April at 2pm.

53-2026 REPRINT OF THE BOOK OF LAMERTON

There is nothing further to add.

54-2026 CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council acknowledged the comments made regarding the suitability and content of the newsletter.

55-2026 MINOR ITEMS/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To set date for extraordinary meeting to discuss planning application 2555/25/OPA.

56-2026 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Extraordinary meeting - Proposed 20th April

Scheduled meeting Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 7.30pm APM followed by AGM (Cllr Reid away)

57-2026 CLOSE – The meeting closed at 21.30pm