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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of **LAMERTON PARISH COUNCIL** in Lamerton Community Centre
On **Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 7.30pm**

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

Absent: Cllr A Reid

In Attendance: Mrs C Oxenham (Parish Clerk), approximately 15 members of the public, Cllr N Jory (WDBC)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A question was raised asking if the PC should still be considering this piece of land as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. They also noted that DCC (Highways) have assessed the site for this planning application and have indicated that planning should not be granted.

Cllrs replied that the site has been evaluated by AECOM as suitable for the Neighbourhood Plan which is separate to this planning application. Cllr Jory confirmed that he had spoken to the planning department today and while he was not able to divulge anything further, he could reassure people that the Highways objection is significant.

Cllr Deeks also explained that the Parish Council have to submit their response by referring to the constraints and contraventions to TTV23. This however does not mean that parishioners views have not been taken into account.

The point was made that the PC own land which abuts the field in question but are not in occupation of the land (it is leased to the community centre). There are no pecuniary interests.

90-2026 APOLOGIES

Cllr Grainger had sent his apologies.

91-2026 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Parish Council as a whole noted an interest due to their ownership of the land abutting the parcel of land in question. This was proposed Cllr Cole, seconded by Cllr Dreher and agreed by all. There are no pecuniary interests and dispensations granted to allow the discussion to continue.

92-2026 PLANNING

a) For discussion:

WDBC 0172/26/OPA	Outline application with access, layout and scale with some matters reserved for the erection of 5 houses. Land at Sx 448 767, Green Hill, Lamerton	Object Proposed Cllr Exley-Deane, seconded Cllr Deeks All in agreement.
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There have been several letters of objection from residents, all of whom have been directed to lodge them with WDBC.

Cllr Dreher had produced a report giving the reasons for the parish councils objections which will be forwarded to WDBC.

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93-2026 TO DISCUSS ANY UPDATES RE REMOVAL OF THE DAMAGED TREE AT THE CEMETERY

Cllr Grainger has advised that DCC Highways are not responsible for the safety of trees on private land. They have asked for photos of the tree and have requested an exact location as it may be a risk to the highway.

Currently the Parish Council have received quotes from:

TreeSpec £2,796 – this would be to take the stump down to 4m, removed wood being available for parishioners to take. However further expenses may be incurred if a road closure is needed.

Cornish Trees and Gardens £1800. This does not include removal of any waste or road closure etc. A valid insurance certificate has not been provided.

Trencrom - £4,560 – includes full removal and road closure

Western Tree Care - £2420 doesn't include road closure or £3920 to include road closure

Clerk to contact other companies for quotes as suggested by DCC and will also contact Highways to ask for clarification regarding whether a road closure is needed. Photos of the tree will also be sent as requested.

94-2026 MINOR ITEMS/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To set date for further extraordinary meeting to discuss planning 3053/25/FUL (READVERTISEMENT (revised plans) erection of 3 dwellings and creation of access (Land at Sx 448 762 (Land to the South of Fortesque Terrace).

95-2026 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Extraordinary meeting proposed for 16th June (subject to hall availability. Cllr Exley-Deane proposed that clerk write to Cllr Jory objecting to the short time frames pushing Cllrs to have extra meetings, seconded Cllr Deeks. All in favour

Ordinary meeting Tuesday 14th July at 7.30pm

96-2026 CLOSE – The meeting closed at 20.37pm