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Minutes of the Meeting of **LAMERTON PARISH COUNCIL** in Lamerton Community Centre
On **Tuesday 14th July 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, Mrs C Oxenham (clerk), Cllr J Grainger (DCC)

In Attendance: Cllr N Jory, 12 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

a) Brief overview of the proposals and rational behind the recently submitted planning application re Court Cottage Farm (6 homes)

The owner's son spoke on behalf of his parents' application. In essence they are local people who want to leave a lasting legacy in the parish rather than the deteriorating farm buildings which have no purpose any more.

Questions – No affordable housing offered so S106 contribution will require that affordable housing will be required elsewhere. Would this be considered somewhere else in the village as part of the Neighbourhood Plan (a value of £240,000 has been sited)? To be discussed with Stags who are handling things.

Are any developers interested? Not at the moment. They are dealing with the current rather than the future and don't want to hand it over to a developer who would possibly turn the site into something the family would not want.

b) Presentation by Parish Councillors regarding the process of discussion, decision and response to planning applications which are shared with the Parish Council

Cllr Dreher gave a brief overview of the Parish Council's role in the process once an application has been made, and some suggestions on how to set out an oppositional argument effectively.

107-2026 APOLOGIES

Cllr Reid had sent her apologies in advance of the meeting, as had Cllr Grainger and the clerk.

108-2026 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Geake declared an interest in planning application 1529/26/VAR

109-2026 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON:

a) AGM 19th May - Cllr Deeks proposed that these minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Dreher and agreed by all.

b) Extraordinary meeting on 7th June - Cllr Geake proposed that these minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Exley-Deane and agreed by all.

c) Extraordinary meeting on 16th June – Cllr Dreher proposed that these minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Deeks and agreed by all who had been present.

Planning items were then discussed.

110-2026 COMMUNITY CENTRE

a) Appointment of Councillor representative – to be deferred to the next meeting.

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b) Discussion regarding any updates re the lease and works going forward – no updates

111-2026 TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RE HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Newly re-opened road at property at Camplehaye – Nothing to update although Highways are looking at the case.

112-2026 FINANCES

Unity Trust bank balance as at 30th June2026 – current account £14,600.82, reserves account £15,487.96 and Special Events £787.28

a) Invoices due for payment to be authorised. Proposed Cllr Deeks, seconded Cllr Exley-Deane. All in favour. All payments have been loaded ready for authorisation by Cllr Cole and Cllr Dreher asap.

Clerks salary June	£334.16
HMRC	£78.60
Clerk (reimbursement of defibrillator pad payment)	£126.00
Elliot Groundcare (cuts 4 and 5)	£280.00
Unity Trust Bank (account management fee)	£7.00
Dartprint (newsletter)	£76.50
Lamerton Sports and Com. Centre (Hall hire March and April)	£30.00
ICO (Data Protection Fee)	£47.00
Lamerton Sports and Community Centre (Hall hire)	£60.00

113-2026 TRAFFIC UPDATE AND VAS CAMERA UPDATE

Southern camera now no longer working. Cllr Exley-Deane will investigate. Speedwatch reported 17 motorists last week. 376 motorists reported speeding in the rolling annual total.

114-2026 WEBSITE – UPDATES RE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED

Nothing to report.

115-2026 PLANNING

a) For information only:

WDBC 2555/25/OPA	Application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved (access and layout), for the erection of 7 dwellings Camplehaye Residential Home, Lamerton	Refusal
WDBC 1544/26/AGR	Erection of agricultural storage with feeding and building New Venn Farm, Lamerton, PL19 8RR	Information only, prior approval not required
WDBC 1075/26/LBC	Listed Building Consent for a lime mortar protective shelter coat to the front elevation, replace cement plaster on sitting room walls with lime plaster, replace modern changes to sitting room fireplace with an oak and steel lintel The Old Manor, Chaddlehanger PL19 0LG	Conditional approval
WDBC 1008/26/FUL	Construction of detached dwellinghouse 3 Lamerton Villas, Lamerton, PL19 8QB	Refusal
WDBC 0908/26/PIP	Application for permission in principle for proposed construction for up to 9 dwellings	Refusal

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	Development site at Sx 447 766, Lamerton	
WDBC 3217/25/OPA	Outline application with all matters reserved except access for residential development of up to 20 dwellings, formation of new access and associated works Land at Sx 445 766	Conditional approval

b) For discussion:

WDBC 1426/26/HHO	READVERTISEMENT (amended drawing). Two storey rear extension, including partial demolition Homeleigh, Heathfield, PL19 0LF	Support Proposed Cllr Dreher, second Cllr Geake. All in favour
WDBC 1369/26/FUL	Demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of 6 dwellings with associated works and change of use to residential Land at Sx 450 771	Support subject to exploration of S106 allocation. Proposed Cllr Cole, seconded Cllr Geake. All in favour.
WDBC 1529/26/VAR	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 2943/18/FUL for erection of agricultural barn (retrospective) Little Blackthorn, Hays Down, PL19 0NN	Support Proposed Cllr Deeks, seconded Cllr Exley-Deane. Agreed by all apart from Cllr Geake who declared an interest
WDBC 0671/26/FUL	Siting of mixed use building (agricultural and equestrian) and hardstanding area. Moorlands, Heathfield PL19 0LE	Support Proposed Cllr Dreher, seconded Cllr Geake. All in favour

116-2026 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

a) To note any updates and receive any interim reports.

27 responses were received as a result of the public consultations plus 5 from statutory consultees.

Landscape officer has now sent a response regarding Trenance and querying the status of the AECOM amber rating which in her opinion should have been red. A meeting is to be requested with the WDBC Neighbourhood Planning officer to look at options.

117-2026 CEMETERY

a) Update re land registry enquiries – Nothing to report

b) Condition of cemetery seat - Cllr Dreher has been to have a look at the seat. The timbers need replacing but they are mounted into concrete and metal ends. There is some corrosion and a quote is expected soon to see if it is worth replacing the corroded brackets.

c) To consider quotes for the removal of the damaged beech tree – Cllr Geake proposed we accept the quote from Tree Spec to include removing the remaining stump (£2796 incl VAT). Tree Spec to organise a road closure which will incur additional costs, seconded by Cllr Deeks and agreed by all.

118-2026 LITTER PICKING

Next date is 26/07/26 at 2pm at the village hall carpark.

119-2026 TO ENSURE ALL COUNCILLORS ARE USING A GENERIC EMAIL ADDRESS AS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE AUDIT

Cllr Exley-Deane and Cllr Geake are still not able to access. They will attempt to resolve this before the

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next meeting.

120-2026 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Sir Geoffrey Cox MP highlighting broadband coverage issues within the parish

Letter on behalf of St Lukes organising a charity gardening event next summer – this has gone in the newsletter.

DNPA notice of intention to commence preparation of the new Dartmoor Local Plan

121-2026 MINOR ITEMS

Tree Preservation Order has been approved for a tree bordering the playing field. Query as to who owns the hedge. Deferred to next meeting to look at maps stored at the village hall.

122-2026 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7.30pm

123-2026 CLOSE – The meeting closed at 9.00pm