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**Minutes of … LITTLE COMPTON**

 **ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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These are the minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of Little Compton Parish Council held on **Monday 15th September 2025** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:**

Councillors: Matt Povey (Chairman), Nigel Martin (NM), Charlie Huntingford (CH)

Clerk(s): Sarah Elliott and Trudi Ade-Hall (TA)

Stratford District Councillor: Sarah Whalley-Hoggins

There were 5 members of the public present.

1. **Apologies and absences**: Graeme Evans (GE), Wayne Parker and Warwickshire County Councillor Jo Barker.
2. Minutes of the 21st July 2025 meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. Report from our District Councillor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins:

Sarah started with an update on the Ellen Badger Development and said that there are no plans for beds in the new building (there were suggestions that the long building next to the Ellen Badger may house beds, but this is unlikely). It is a source of frustration that the top of the building, which has the best views and should be utilized for to benefit patients in terms of care and welfare, is in fact being used for staff workspace and meetings. The lifts are not suitable for patient transport as they are too small. CRB (part of the SWFT consortium) are having a meeting with SDC in September (they are as equally culpable as SWFT).

The current Council has failed to collect £930K of business rates from just three businesses in Stratford. Sarah was not able to disclose much about this, apart from what was made available in a White Paper.

There is a drive to achieve the “Net Zero” agenda for SDC – this is costing huge amounts of money to the Council. One part of this is the initiative to use Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) to power rubbish collection lorries - <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/news/press.cfm/item/138137>. Sarah has expressed concerns that this alternative fuel doesn’t use “virgin palm oil” but has been told that it may involve used palm oil. Interestingly, Warwickshire and Leamington have pulled out of this initiative.

1. Correspondence received :
2. There was a request to level a bump on a plot in the cemetery. NE has replied to the correspondent and will be following this up.
3. An email was received with information about a community grant that is available – Warwick & Stratford District Council Built Facility Strategy. This may be an opportunity to gain some financial backing for items such as additional equipment in the playing ground – NE will respond to the survey.

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1. General Public :
2. Concerns were expressed about speeding through the village. “Have the white gates solved the problem?”. The main issue is through the main street with drivers not doing 30 mph. The “Ways and Means Act” may be applicable here. For some residents a convex / blind spot mirror on the opposite verge may be the best way forward to enable them to safely navigate the roads. There was a discussion about the use of “**20 is plenty**” signage (applying to the appropriate authorities for permission to reduce the speed limit was agreed to be both time-consuming and likely to be rejected in the current climate). However – it was agreed to look into informal signage from Amazon (TA to get costs) and speak to both Reed College and Kitebrook (CH) to enforce the speed limits through the village.
3. There was a discussion about getting a working party together – need a list of tasks to do such as litter picking, cleaning the road signs and cutting back plants. Sarah said that we would be able to get some equipment for this initiative from SDC.
4. There was a request for the dates of the meetings to be made available in CentrePoint, along with a reminder when they are upcoming.
5. Planning Applications:
6. Most of the planning applications had been approved, however, some concerns were expressed over the development of the quarry site at Little Rollright and the disruption to traffic coming into the village that this may cause.
7. Defibrillator - the defibrillator has now been installed. An invoice has been received for £600 – this was thought to be excessive. Talked about perhaps asking Shipston First Responders to come back and deliver training.
8. Finances were acknowledged for August and September (to date). Post meeting note: the £108 payment marked green bin payment was a petty cash refund for the green bin at the cemetery and Microsoft subscription.

The meeting was closed at 7:51pm

Date of next Meeting will be on Monday 17th November 2025 at 7pm