

## MINUTES OF LYMPHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 15/07/2024

Councillors Present: Chairman Mr. R. Leveridge, Ms H. Allsopp, Mr B. Gooding, Mr G. Tuttiett and Mrs H. White.

Also Present Mrs S. Ferguson, Clerk, and one member of the public.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. The meeting opened at 7.07 pm.

LPC50/24

Cllr. Hinton, Unitary Cllrs. B. Filmer, T. Grimes and Mr T. Collings sent apologies. Cllr Tuttiett declared an interest in Planning 31/24/00008 and 31/24/00009 and would abstain from comments made.

LPC51/24

(The Chairman closed the meeting from 7.09 pm until 7.14 pm to allow Mr K. Doherty to introduce himself to the Councillors).

After considering both applications for co-option, it was resolved to co-opt Mr T. Collings as a Councillor. The Chairman thanked Mr Doherty for his interest and hoped he would apply next time there was a vacancy. Mr Collings will sign his Declaration of Office before the next meeting as he was unavailable this evening.

(Mr Doherty then left the meeting).

LPC52/24

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024- Unanimous.

LPC53/24

Public Speaking –No members of the Public were present at this time.

LPC54/24

Planning Applications-

- 31/24/00008/STP. Leaze Farm, Wharfside, Lympsham, Somerset. BS24. Application to determine if prior approval is needed for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building (barn3) to a dwelling house (use Class C3) and associated operational development (Class Q a and b). It was resolved to comment that the Council believed smaller, first-time owner dwellings would have been beneficial as part of this application.
- 31/24/00009/STP. Leaze Farm, Wharfside, Lympsham, Somerset. BS24. Application to determine if prior approval is needed for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building (barn 2) to a dwelling house (Use Class 3) and for associated operational development (Class Q a and b). It was resolved to comment that the Council believed smaller, first-time owner dwellings would have been beneficial as part of this application.

LPC55/24

It was resolved to accept a quote to trim the underside of the lime trees on the Green as requested by residents. The Parish Council will honour this request as a one-off, but do not accept responsibility for future works as the trees are not on Parish Council-owned land.

LPC56/24

The A370 footpath had now been uncovered and some sections were missing. The Council gave thanks for the industrious work carried out by Mr. Criddle. The Clerk was asked to enquire if Sustrans can help with surfacing. Cllr White attended a meeting on Public Rights of Way and updated the Council.

LPC57/24

It was resolved to use the self-employed services of Mr J. Ford as an ad-hoc handyman.

LPC58/24

### **FINANCIAL REPORT AND EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING:**

It was resolved to approve all July and August payments below:

Items marked \* are from Community Infrastructure Levy money (CIL).

1. Whitehouse Kennels (dog bins) July =£96.00
2. Whitehouse Kennels (dog bins) August = £120.00
3. Clerk Salary July = £ 793.90
4. Clerk Salary August= £793.90 +£100.00 quarterly home allowance = £ 893.90

5. HMRC (Tax/N.I.) July = £188.85
6. PGC Contracting July and August = £1065.60
7. HMRC (Tax/N.I.) August = £188.85
8. Nichols Facilities Ltd (SID Management) July = £114.00\*
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10. Lympsham News Puzzle Prize= £14.50
11. Landbased Services (tree work) = £390.00
12. Chatty Hour Expenses (J.Rosser)=£30.45
13. Chatty Hour subsidised lunches (Sports Club Café) = £92.00
14. A. Criddle (footpath clearance) = £840.00 \*
15. IOC (Annual fee) = £35.00
16. Computing Cubed Ltd (Wi-Fi at Manor Hall) = TBC \*

The following are balances after July Payments. The Clerk will update Councillors in August after payments are made.

- C/A £4,300.77
- D/A £43,933.73 (Comprised of £757.66 Lympsham in Bloom funds, £517.20, Gardening Club funds, £1,941.83 Chatty Hour Grant, Old photos Group Grant £350.00, £8,893.33 CIL, £10,000.00 General Reserves and remaining Precept £21,473.71).
- VAT (To reclaim) = £663.64
- Player –Mason =£2415.39

LPC59/24

Clerk and General Reports.

The Wi-Fi work at the Manor Hall is due to be completed this month, the firewall is now configured and the cables will be run through on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

A donation of £200.00 from a resident has been received for Chatty Hour. Interest of £242.23 has been received on the deposit account. The Clerk has transferred £5,000.00 from the deposit account to the Current account to cover the expenditure. Payments due in August have been set up in advance for authorisation as the Council does not meet that month.

The Public Rights of Way work has been carried out by Somerset Council and the Contractor included the bridle path from West Road to South Road.

The electricians have been approached for the lights at the Manor Hall entrance and solar lantern. The Clerk will report back when they have visited and provided a quotation.

Residents have asked if the lime trees on the green can be trimmed back as the branches are overhanging the benches and too low to pass underneath safely.

Potholes and edge loss were reported and swiftly dealt with by the Highways team within two days in some places.

## GENERAL REPORTS

- Somerset Council Report: Unitary Cllr. Filmer sent a brief report that the deal on the Suez Contract (an increase of £7.9million) is to be decided today by the Executive Committee.
- LCN- AGM to be attended by Cllr. Leveridge on 24<sup>th</sup> July.
- LCN Highways Group- There were only 4 attendees at this meeting.
- N.W: Thefts reported in Mark village.

- Lympsham Academy and Pre-school: Summer party planned.
- Sports Club/Café: Silent disco held.
- Manor Hall: Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- Highways: Further potholes were reported and filled.
- Play Area and Defibrillator: Visual Checks were carried out by the Clerk, and there was nothing to report this month. The defibrillator has been checked and reported to the Circuit.
- Grounds Maintenance and General Maintenance Issues: Trees on green (see Min 55/24).
- Drainage Issues: None
- Footpaths: Cut back taken place
- Village Events: The Open Gardens and Village Fete were well supported and raised much-needed funds for the Church and Charities. The amounts raised will be revealed in the next edition of Lympsham News.
- St. Christopher's Church Re-ordering: Cllr Leveridge updated the Council on a recently found stress fracture in a pinnacle above the nave. This had been made safe until a repair quote had been agreed upon.

LPC60/24

Items to take forward to the next meeting on Monday 09<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (There is no meeting in August):

- 6 monthly Budget review and Predictions of Spend until the end of the Financial Year.
- Clerk to research costs of Defibrillators for future reference.

The meeting closed at 8.11 pm.

These Minutes were signed as a true record on Monday 09<sup>th</sup> September 2024