

## MINUTES OF LYMPHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 15/04/2024

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

Also Present Mrs S. Ferguson, Clerk.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. The meeting opened at 7.19 pm.

LPC1/24

There were no apologies for absence or Declarations of Interest and Dispensations received.

LPC2/24

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024- Unanimous.

LPC3/24

Public Speaking –There were no members of the Public present.

LPC4/24

Planning Applications-

- 31.24/000006/LE. Land to the south of Bleadon Bridge, East of Bridgwater Road, Lympsham, Somerset. BS24. Erection of livestock building and formation of track and hardstanding. It was resolved to approve this application as support of a local business.
- 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 offer No observations.
- 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 offer No observations.

LPC5/24

The footpath quotations were considered and it was resolved to offer the Contract to Mr A. Criddle.

LPC6/24

The Bank Mandate change had been sent and acknowledged as received safely.

LPC7/24

The request from a resident regarding changing the pathway between the hedgerow was discussed and it was decided to try applying an algae cleaner to get rid of the build-up as a first step. The Clerk offered to carry this out.

LPC8/24

It was resolved to add a link from the Lympsham Village website to the Eastertown Community website.

LPC9/24

It was resolved to look at options for traffic calming by joining a list for further advice from the Somerset Road Safety Department.

LPC10/24

The Clerk had distributed the Update from the Chairman of the Eastertown Common Committee (Eastertown Evolution Community Interest Company).

LPC11/24

The Lympsham News was discussed and Cllr. Leveridge offered to produce the Summer edition with help from the Clerk. Further requests for a permanent Editor would be placed in the edition.

LPC12/24

All Correspondence had been sent by email to the Members.

LPC13/24

The Internal Auditor Report was noted. The report was favourable and there were no matters of concern.

LPC14/24

The Annual Governance Statement 2023-2024 was read out and it was resolved to approve it. The Chairman and Clerk duly signed the Statement.

LPC15/24

The Clerk in her role as Responsible Financial Officer presented the Accounting Statements 2023-2024 and it was resolved to approve them. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

LPC16/24

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

It was resolved to approve all April payments below:

- a. Whitehouse Kennels =£96.00
- b. Nichols Facilities (Speed Indicator Device Management) = £99.00
- c. Clerk Salary = £793.90
- d. HMRC (Tax/N.I.) = £188.85
- e. PGC Contracting (Grounds Maintenance) = £540.00
- f. Hewish Printers (Lympsham News) = £614.00
- g. Postage = £7.35
- h. Chatty Hour expenses (Mrs Rosser) = £31.14
- i. Chatty Hour (Café)= £75.00
- j. Internal Auditor= £50.00
- k. Play Area Inspection =£85.00
- l. SPFA = £15.00

The following are balances after April Payments. (Please note Nichols Facilities Ltd is paid from CIL money).

- C/A £67.16 (Precept expected this later in the month)
- CIL Balance £8105.07
- Deposit Account £13,586.23

**Breakdown:** £773.66 Lympsham in Bloom Funds, £517.20 Gardening Club Funds, £864.28 Chatty Hour Grant, £350.00, Old Photos Group Grant, £8,200.07 CIL, £10,000 General Reserves and £1081.09 remaining 2023-24 Precept.

- VAT (To reclaim) = £186.26
- Player –Mason =£2415.39

LPC17/24 Clerk Report

**General Reports:**

- Somerset Council Report: Unitary Cllr B. Filmer gave an update on the Finances of Somerset, the sale of Commercial assets, voluntary redundancies, road safety campaign, Voting I.D. for

elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Bridgwater hospital will have a makeover with £20m from Central Government. It will be used as a training facility for Social Care workers.

- N.W: Quiet month
- Lympsham Academy and Pre-school:
- Sports Club/Café: AGM to be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
- Manor Hall: Committee met prior to this meeting.
- Highways: SID reported as not working on West Road-resolved.
- Play Area and Defib: Visual Checks carried out by Clerk. Vandalism to the play boat which had been made safe. Defib reported to the Circuit.
- Grounds Maintenance and General Maintenance Issues: None
- Drainage Issues: None
- Footpaths: Nothing new this month.
- Village Events: There was an Easter Egg Hunt at Sports Club on Easter Sunday. The Litter pick on Easter Monday was successful and 6 people took part collecting 6 sacks full and a large plastic bucket. Brean Road needs attention, but the traffic was too busy that day.
- St. Christopher's Church Re-ordering: Cllr Leveridge reported that some tenders had arrived.

LPC18/24

Items to take forward to next meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024:

- Delegation Scheme for Planning Application Comments outside normal meeting times.
- Chairman A. Bennett advised the Members of her intention to step down from the Council after eight years' of service. Her last duty will be to open the Annual Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May as Chairman and tender her resignation from the Council.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

These Minutes were signed as a true record on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024