

MINUTES OF LYMPHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11/04/2022

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

Also Attending: Mrs S. Ferguson (Clerk) and two residents

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. The meeting opened at 7.50pm

LPC129/22

Apologies and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: County Cllr. B. Filmer and Cllr. H. White sent apologies which were duly accepted.

LPC130/21

It was resolved to approve the minutes of 21st March 2022 - Unanimous.

LPC131/21 Planning Applications for consideration:

- 31/22/00006/STP 11 The Boundaries, Lympsham. BS24 0DF. Erection of single storey rear (NE) extension partially on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished). It was resolved to support this application as it did not overlook neighbouring properties and was an improvement to the existing conservatory.

LPC132/21

It was resolved to purchase two 12x6 football goals with CIL money. Clerk is still waiting on a reply from Sedgemoor on validity of spending CIL.

LPC133/21 The Clerk reported back on the meeting with the Grounds Maintenance Contractor which went very well, and an agreement was reached. Due to rising inflation and uncertain times, a tender will go out for a one-year Contract (2023) in October 2022 so that the costs can be considered and reflected in the Budget for 2023-2024.

LPC134/21 There was correspondence from the Internal Auditor who had no matters to raise on the Financial controls of the Council, and from the Clerk on the Platinum Jubilee Committee's latest meeting.

LPC135/21:

Financial Report and to formally approve payments for April 2022. It was resolved to accept all payments.

- a. Clerk salary = £710.00
- b. SDC Play area bin October 2021-March 2022= £97.66
- c. Clerk fuel +car parking for delivering Nomination Papers to SDC = £13.30
- d. Tasker Printers (Lympsham News) = £598.00
- e. PGC Contracting=£280.80
- f. Whitehouse Kennels (dog bins) =£96.00

The balances of Accounts are shown below after all April payments are made. The first tranche of Precept (£10,000.00) is due this month.

- C/A £1683.34 (This includes £450.00 Nuttall Trust for Picnic Bench for Jubilee Year and £250.00 for Lympsham News).
- D/A £13,849.08 (Made up of £1066.84 Village Event Funds, £2165.06 Climate Change Grant, £1053.03, Lympsham in Bloom funds, £717.64 Gardening Club funds, £5234.94 CIL and £3611.57 Capital Reserves)

- VAT (To reclaim) = £79.08
- VAT 126 Claim sent (but not yet received = £128.44)
- Player –Mason =£2406.63

LPC136/21 Reports

Clerk Report

Covid case numbers remain very high, and continue to have an impact on our essential services. We should all continue to do all we can to help prevent the transmission of Covid-19, especially to the most vulnerable in our communities. In the week ending 1st April, approximately 111,106 tests were carried out across the county. This is a reduction on previous weeks, but lateral flow testing is no longer free of charge to the public. There were 6,188 new confirmed cases identified by these tests. The rates of Covid-19 in Somerset remain very high at 1100.6 per 100,000. This is just below the South-West average, but considerably higher than the national average.

Election Nomination Papers have been delivered to Sedgemoor District Council offices. The Parish Council is uncontested, and all Members have stood again.

One of our most respected residents in Copse Corner will be 80 years old this month. This gentleman has raised £1000's for charities with his festive lights displays, Members may like to mark his special day which coincides with the Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen on 21st April.

The increase in interest rates meant the Reserves account received £11.03 interest on 31st March.

The Clerk has looked at the aluminium football goals available for grass (with rollers), and the only size available is the 12x6 which the previous quote was for. The cost including delivery is £2569.70 for a pair, or £1434.89 for a single goal. This could change due to price increases.

A meeting of the Jubilee Committee took place on Tuesday 5th April, but only five people including the Clerk were in attendance. Unfortunately, the Chairman of the Committee has stepped down due to health issues. The Celebration will still take place in a smaller capacity, volunteers are needed to help the Big Jubilee lunch take place on Sunday 5th June.

The Clerk has received advance warning of the Great Western Ride. The route goes through Long Ashton, Failand, Barrow Gurney, Winford, Chew Stoke, Compton Martin, Ubley, Blagdon, Cheddar, Rodney Stoke, Wedmore, East Huntspill, Burnham, Uphill and Weston so, as you can see, the event passes either through or near our local community, and this year's Ride is scheduled to take place on Sunday 17th July 2022.

The Clerk has completed an Evaluation form for the Climate Change Emergency Fund which has gone back to Somerset County Council. There will be a follow up visit at some point in the future.

GENERAL REPORTS

Neighbourhood Watch: Council Tax scams have been reported.

Lympsham Academy and Pre-school: No further reports.

Sports Club and Café: Given at Manor Hall Management Committee meeting

Manor Hall: Report will be given at Manor Hall Management Committee Meeting. Pilates classes due to start on 22nd April

Highways: Areas highlighted for repair.

Play Area: Play area and Defibrillator checks carried out and report sent to Ambulance service.

Lympsham in Bloom: Cllr R. Leveridge spoke about the funding he has been successful in acquiring for this year's displays. More volunteers would be most welcome to help plant, weed and water the flower beds and planters. The colour scheme would be primarily red, white and blue, plus some blue and yellow to recognise the plight of those in the conflict in the Ukraine. He gave thanks to the volunteer who had organised some sleepers for beds at the entrance to the village.

St. Christopher's Church Re-ordering: Nothing to report this month

Grounds Maintenance and General Maintenance Issues: The crown reduction of silver birch work will be carried out on Tuesday 26th April by Land Based Services.

Drainage Issues: None reported thus far.

County and District Report: Councillors- No report due to Pre-Election period.

LPC137/21

Items for discussion/report at next meeting: None forthcoming.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 16th May at 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 8.42 pm