

MINUTES OF LYMPSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 18/01/2021 DRAFT

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

Also Attending: District Councillor. A. Gilling, and Mrs S. Ferguson (Clerk)

Absent: Cllr H. Allsopp.

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

LPC01/21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st December 2020
It was resolved to approve the minutes of 21st December 2020- Unanimous.

LPC02/21 Apologies and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:
Councillors R. Leveridge and G. Tuttiett declared an Interest in Item 5 of the Agenda

LPC03/21 To welcome Newly Co-opted Councillor following Acceptance of Office after last meeting
The Chairman welcomed Mrs.H. White to the Parish Council.

LPC04/21 Planning Applications for consideration:

- 31/20/00022/24 Manor Cottage, Church Road, Lympsham, Somerset, BS24 0DT. Erection of a greenhouse and outdoor ground level swimming pool. Minor alterations to existing outbuilding to form a changing room.

It was resolved to SUPPORT this application with no observations.

- 31/21/00001 Artavia, Church Corner, Lympsham, Somerset. BS24 0DR. Church Oak (T1) (G3)-Crown reduce limbs overhanging garden of Artavia, Church Corner, by 2m by removal of secondary growth to suitable reduction points.

It was resolved to SUPPORT this application.

LPC05/21 To consider request for donation to "Lympsham in Bloom 2021"
It was resolved to grant a sum of £500.00.

LPC06/21 to consider request for donation to Guiding Association for volunteering trip to Tanzania
It was resolved to grant £100.00

LPC07/21 To consider request from residents who wish to help establish clear footpaths
It was debated and Councillor G. Tuttiett volunteered to take on the role of Parish Path Liaison Officer, while Cllr H. White volunteered to take on overseeing the Bridleways in the village. Clerk to inform the two volunteer residents and thank them for their help with this.

LPC08/21 To approve New Councillor Essentials and Planning Application webinar costs.
It was resolved to approve the costs of training sessions.

LPC09/21 Financial Report and to approve Payment schedule for January 2021

Current Account £8538.35 (This includes HSBC deposit account money of £1440.61 A new deposit account has been opened with Unity Trust and this amount will be transferred as soon as received in account switch). VAT (To reclaim) £534.43 Village Event Fund £1625.00 Player –Mason A/C £2406.15

(These figures include cheques shown below);

1. Clerk Salary January 2021 £562.76
2. Whitehouse Kennels (Dog bins) £96.00

It was resolved to approve the payments for January 2021.

LPC10/21 CLERK REPORT

A third Lockdown is now in place throughout the Country with the new variant of Covid bringing a surge of new cases, and the NHS coming under significant pressure. The Clerk will endeavour to keep Members up to date with information as it is received and also regularly update the village noticeboards and website as appropriate with relevant information. Covid -19 cases have again been confirmed this month in the village. Our local area currently stands at 475 per 100k resident population at the time of writing this report.

The Clerk has contacted the Environment Agency to check if a waste carrier licence is needed by the Council for Whitehouse Kennels to collect and dispose of the contents of the four dog bins in the village. A telephone call has established that it is the Kennels who are responsible for obtaining said Licence, as although the Parish Council are the “producers”, the Licence needs to be held by the “carriers and disposers”.

Whitehouse Kennels have since taken out the Licence on 8th January 2021 and passed a copy to the Clerk. A young resident has taken it upon himself to act as a Litter picker during the Lockdown period, and this has been brought to the Clerk’s attention. He collected seven bags from the village and has been on the local news. The Clerk has commended him on his community spirit and wonders if the Council might like a letter of thanks to go to him.

A response has been received from the Somerset Climate Emergency Fund regarding the Funding application sent in by the Clerk. Due to the Lockdown there will be a delay in processing the applications. This response has been sent to Members and the Chairman of the Sports Club.

The Clerk has relayed the information passed on from County Councillor Filmer at the December meeting to the gentleman who is advertising the Lympsham Self-Build project. He has since confirmed his Land Agent is in touch with Sedgemoor District Planning department.

The Christmas Carol sing a long took place on our doorsteps on Christmas Eve, and was well received, if not very tuneful or in time!

GENERAL REPORTS

Neighbourhood Watch: Various online scams involving NHS and Amazon have been noted. A major jewellery haul uncovered by Police who have asked the Public to help find the owners.

Lympsham Academy and Pre-school: Closed apart from children of keyworkers. Approximately twenty pupils are in attendance.

Sports Club: Still closed due to Lockdown 3. Chairman Bennett attended the Latest meeting.

Manor Hall: Covered in the meeting before Parish Council meeting.

Highways: Clerk has had complaints of speeding in Eastertown.

Play Area: To remain open during Lockdown 3 as per Government regulations. Inspection carried out by Clerk, nothing to report.

Grounds Maintenance and General Maintenance Issues: No work due until Spring.

Drainage Issues: None reported, but activity by tankers in the Boundaries over New Year period.

Footpaths: No issues reported. Email received from resident, see above.

Village Events: All currently suspended.

Lympsham in Bloom: Hoping for support from Parish Council & Nuttall Trust for 2021: unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the planned programme of Gardening Club meetings had to be cancelled, so Club won't have funds to give to Lympsham in Bloom this year.

Village Signpost Sub-Committee: Nothing further to report as yet.

St. Christopher's Church Re-ordering: Heating Consultant's report now received with recommendations for the future: this will be included in the overall plans due to be presented to the Diocese in mid-February.

County and District Report:

Vaccination programme roll-out: Somerset residents who have been identified by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) as the highest priority are being invited for Covid-19 vaccinations first, including people aged over 80 and health and care staff. Residents should not contact their local NHS services for vaccination, they will be contacted when it's their turn and given the information that they need for their appointment.

SCC Support: More than 700 County Council staff are being redeployed to support the NHS challenge of rolling out the county's biggest ever vaccination programme. The first community GP-led sites have begun vaccinations and follows the launch of the programme in hospital hubs. Further plans are being drawn up to ensure vaccination in other locations across the county. Operating seven days a week which will require a considerable staffing resource and whilst every effort is being made to avoid disruption to SCC services some impact will undoubtedly be felt in areas outside of vulnerable people services.

High Speed Broadband: Three companies have been selected to roll-out the next phase of full fibre network on behalf of the Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) programme, backed by Government funding. Airband, Truespeed and Wessex Internet will be installing full fibre broadband across Devon and Somerset to more than 56,000 rural homes and businesses over the next 4 years.

LPC11/21 Items to take forward to next Agenda:

- Clerk request to attend South West Training Seminar 24th March 2021 (Cost £45+ vat)
- To appoint Internal Auditor

- To approve Risk Management Report and Internal Controls Report for 2020/21 for Internal Audit checks
- New Community Champion Adult and Junior Awards 2020/21
- To consider Annual Parish Meeting Speakers (15th March 2021)

Planning Application Decisions by Sedgemoor District Council this month:

31/20/00020 Wharf Farm, Wharfside, Lympsham, Somerset, BS24 0EZ. Erection of a first floor extension to existing dwelling. –Withdrawn after application.

31/20/00019 Ranscombe House. Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of 2no. holiday lets.

Decision Level: Committee. Decision: Granted permission. Decision Date: 12/01/2021.

Next Meeting: Monday 22nd February 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 8.42pm