

MINUTES OF LYMPHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 19/10/2020

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

Also Attending; Mrs S. Ferguson (Clerk) and County Cllr B. Filmer

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. The meeting opened at 7.59 pm.

76/20 Apologies and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Cllr R. Leveridge declared an Interest in item 6. (81/20)

-No apologies were received

77/20 To resolve to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14/09/2020.

-It was resolved to approve the minutes of 14th September 2020- Unanimous.

78/20 Planning Applications for consideration: None received.

79/20 To approve Clerk scale increase to point 16 following salary evaluation and Appraisal.

-It was resolved to approve the Increase-Unanimous.

80/20 To discuss letter from Women's Institute (feasibility study) and request to use telephone box for a community project.

-The letter was discussed and the Council agreed to a feasibility study by the Women's Institute, and welcomed the idea for use of the telephone box as a community plants and cuttings swap shop. It was resolved to pay for the paint needed.

Action: Clerk was asked to reply to the Women's Institute.

81/20 To consider Grant Award towards Grounds Maintenance of churchyard.

(Cllr R. Leveridge declared an interest in this item)

-It was resolved to grant £700.00 towards Grounds Maintenance (LGA 1972, sec 214. (6), sec 33.44)

82/20 To discuss ideas for Climate Change Fund Application.

Various ideas were considered and the Clerk was asked to approach the Sports Club Committee to check if they had projects that fitted in with the criteria before she submitted an application to the Fund.

83/20 To finalise comments on Planning White Paper.

-Action: Clerk to collate and send comments on behalf of the Council

84/20 To discuss ideas for wild flower areas in village.

Various ideas were considered but would need to fit in with the Lympsham- in -Bloom team.

-Action: Clerk to put the two parties in touch with each other for discussion.

85/20 Finance Report and to approve payments for October 2020.

Finance report sent to all Councillors before remote meeting.

C/A £11627.24

S/A £1440.61

Player Mason A/C: £2406.15

VAT (To reclaim) £381.99

CIL £176.21

VE75/H.H. £1625.00

Cheques issued since September meeting from C/A.:

101270 £7.49 Grass mat pegs; 101272 £45.83 SLCC Principal Membership fee; 101273 £62.16 Play area banner; 101274 £6.00 Online Conference balance of payment; 101275 Whitehouse Kennels (dog bins); 101276 £562.56 Clerk salary October 2020; 101277 £115.10 Zoom Subscription; 101278 £36.00 SALC (Webinar Training).

101279 £97.66 SDC Play area bins (arrived after Agenda was completed, but needs paying before November meeting)

-It was resolved to approve the Financial Report & payments for October 2020 – Unanimous.

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Signed:

Chairman

Date:

Reports: (to receive reports on the following matters):

GENERAL REPORTS

Neighbourhood Watch: A quieter month than September with only a few reports of rural crime locally. Report of a rogue trader in Weston-super-Mare taking money from a householder and then not delivering the service quoted for.

Lympsham Academy and Pre-school: All pupils now back at school with Covid-19 precautions in place.

Sports Club: Lympsham playing field was awarded first place in the Somerset Playing Fields Association Awards, and the Groundsmen were presented with the Healey Cup and a cheque for £100.00. Many congratulations to Dave and Jack Luff for their sterling work, the judges were highly impressed. Clerk was asked to send letter of congratulations and thanks to the Groundsmen

Manor Hall: Will be covered by Committee Meeting.

Highways: Speed still a concern through the village, and very sadly, a fatal accident on A370 near to Bleadon.

Play Area: Clerk has temporarily removed the shelf from the Post office play board as children are standing on it and exposing sharp edges when the brackets snap off. (It was replaced in September but has happened again.) A banner has been placed in the play area to remind users to social distance and a track and trace code has been produced and displayed in three locations.

Grounds Maintenance and General Maintenance Issues: Regular GM taking place.

Drainage Issues: None reported.

Footpaths: No issues reported.

Village Events: All currently suspended.

Lympsham in Bloom: The autumn planting scheme is yellow, orange and purple e.g. pansies and polyanthus, daffodils and tulips. The two newest beds had to be dug up to allow weed suppressant membrane to be put down before replanting; other plots and containers following suit soon; awaiting Truespeed's donation. The team is hoping to make the bed at the entrance to the Pavilion a more permanent feature linking to the overall display, using the four existing half barrels with gravel donated by Lympsham Concrete.

Village Signpost Sub-Committee: Somerset Highways Engineer has very recently responded with positive comments re the supply and erection of some of the signs, plus some advice; she will be sending the Sub-Committee quotations and further guidance soon.

St. Christopher's Church Re-ordering: Recently there have been several meetings with our church architects to investigate the floor levels and firm up prospective plans, particularly in relation to the drainage and water supply necessary for key requirements of the refurbishment.

County and District Report: County Cllr B. Filmer reported that the R-rate of Covid-19 was currently between 1.1 to 1.4 in Somerset and the amount of deaths was lower than the five-year average. Ninety percent of children were attending school currently. County had got into financial difficulties due to holding insufficient reserves, but an unqualified audit report had shown that these major financial issues had been turned around in just two years. The Climate Change Emergency Fund had now opened for applications. The former site of Splash swimming centre is being redeveloped with plans for a seven screen cinema, ten pin bowling, and four restaurants, totalling £15 million in investment. The speed limit reduction scheme on the A370 is ongoing and will hopefully be passed by the end of the year, bringing speed limits from derestricted to 50 and 40 mph.

Items for discussion /Report at next meeting:

- Eastertown Evolution Document
- 2021 Budget
- Unity Trust Bank
- Bench refurbishment in play area and The Pound
- Possible purchase of village marquee

Planning Application Decisions by Sedgemoor District Council this month;

- Stonebow Farm, Eastertown, Lympsham, Somerset, BS24 0HT. Prior approval for the change of use of an agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling.
Decision Date :23/09/2020. Decision: Prior approval approved. Decision Level: Delegated.
- 31/20/00011 Westerly, South Road, Lympsham.BS24 0DX. Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of existing store to new additional living accommodation. Erection of a double garage and formation of new access. Associated site and drainage works.
Decision Date: 14/09/2020 Decision; Granted permission. Decision Level: Delegated
- 31/20/00015 North House, Boat Lane, Lympsham, Somerset. BS24 0BL. Erection of a detached garage.
Decision Date: 07/10/2020 Decision: Granted permission. Decision Level: Delegated.

Next meeting Monday 16th November 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

These Minutes were certified as correct and signed by the Chairman at 7.35pm on Monday 16th November 2020.