

MINUTES OF LYMPSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20/06/2022

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 Attending: Mrs S. Ferguson (Clerk), County Cllr. B. Filmer, District Cllr A. Gilling, County Cllr. T. Grimes, Mr Nichols and one resident.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. The meeting opened at 7.30pm

The Chairman opened the meeting and a minute's silence was to remember Mr. Keith Hart BEM, a much respected resident of the village.

LPC20/22

Apologies and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations- None received.

LPC21/22

It was resolved to approve the minutes of 16th May 2022 - Unanimous.

LPC22/22 Public Speaking

The Chairman suspended the meeting at 7.35pm to allow Mr S. Nichols, a representative from a Company selling Speed Indicator Devices to address the floor. He then took questions from the Members. The meeting reopened at 7.50pm.

LPC23/22

The Members discussed various ideas for the CIL money projects and it was resolved to go ahead with a three-year Speed Indicator Device programme. Other possible future projects were discussed were village signs, a possible recreational area and a commemorative item to remember the Jubilee year.

County Cllr B. Filmer and County Cllr T. Grimes left the room before the next item

LPC24/22 Planning Applications for consideration:

- 31/22/00008 Mendip View, Rectory Way, Lympsham. BS240ES. Change of use from agricultural buildings to 12 –pitch touring caravan site to include the demolition of outbuildings. It was resolved to offer No Observations.
- 31/22/00009 Mendip View, Rectory Way, Lympsham. BS24 OES. Retrospective application for the subdivision of dwelling to form 2no.dwellings. It was resolved to offer No Observations. The Chairman suspended the meeting at 8.00pm to discuss the following application and allow a resident to speak. The meeting reopened at 8.20pm
- 31/19/00016 Strongvox Homes Ltd. Land at Beavers Lodge Farm, Lympsham Road, Lympsham. BS24. Erection of 40rural exception dwellings including 16 local needs affordable homes and associated works including a public footway and formation of a new vehicular access. Amended and new reports to consider. It was resolved to maintain the decision to **Object** to this amended proposal whilst appreciating that efforts have been made to mitigate some of the original concerns raised, on the following grounds:

1. The development with a reduced amount of 40 houses, would still mean an increase in the size of the village of approximately 25 %, when taking the 20 houses recently built in Lime Grove, and a recently passed application for three dwellings at Manor Farm. The Council accepts there **may** be a need for more affordable units, but would like a Community led project working with an affordable housing provider, with an up to date Housing Needs Assessment. There is **currently no identified local need** for open market housing of this scale in the village. The Parish Council believe the infrastructure of the village **would** be impacted by as many as 40 houses.
2. The Council need assurance from the Consultees that drainage needs for this development in **Flood Zone 3** can be **adequately** met and the applicant should have considered alternative sites by carrying out sequential tests comparing the sites to establish the lowest risk of flooding. The Council feels a duty to ensure flooding will not impact on the existing houses in The Worthing's and Worthy Crescent.
3. The updated Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment does not acknowledge the loss of both village character and of wildlife habitat should this development take place.
4. The entrance to the site has been moved a few yards and is now right by a SLOW sign on the road, begging the question that this is an appropriate place.
5. The issue of increased traffic would mean more congestion and turning onto the A370 would become progressively more difficult with the addition of this many vehicles. This junction is busy and it is a concern that traffic does back up turning into the village as well as out of it. **The new report from Highways states this would not necessarily be the case but the Parish Council and the local community are agreed that this report seriously underestimates the increased traffic and are forgetting the massive influx in the summer months by tourists with caravans and motorhomes who use the village as a cut through to Brean.**
6. **There is currently an ongoing issue with subsidence to the main village road.**

County Cllr B. Filmer and County Cllr T. Grimes rejoined the meeting

LPC25/22

The Members discussed a proposed site visit to a local paddock for discussion and asked the Clerk to arrange a suitable time to meet with the owners.

LPC26/22

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

- Items marked with an asterisk have been paid since last meeting.

- a. Clerk salary = £710.00
- b. SLCC Membership Fee = £196.62
- c. Clerk fuel + car parking for delivering Election Papers to SDC = £13.30
- d. PGC Contracting=£514.80
- e. Whitehouse Kennels (dog bins) =£120.00
- f. ICO Data Protection Fee = £40.00*
- g. Jubilee items: £209.74, £41.30, £14.99 and £130.86*
- h. Jubilee Buffet=£650.00*
- i. Event Insurance = £249.00*
- j. PA System hire =£100.00*

- k. Lympsham in Bloom expenditure = £615.36*
- l. HMRC Tax /N.I. = £292.89
- m. Annual Insurance = £479.57*

The balances of Accounts are shown below after all payments are made.

- C/A £5988.61
- D/A £16,431.31 (Comprised of £433.34 Jubilee Funds, £1590.48 Climate Change Grant, £1037.67 Lympsham in Bloom funds, £717.64 Gardening Club funds, £8152.18 CIL and £4500.00 Capital Reserves)
- VAT (To reclaim) = £888.99
- Player –Mason =£2406.87

LPC27/22 Clerk Report

The Clerk helped the Vice Chairman of the Jubilee Committee to carry out preparations for the Celebrations. Volunteers turned up to help with bunting on Monday 30th May at 11am. Preparations continued throughout the week and Event Insurance and risk assessments were needed.

The first activity was a scavenger hunt at 6pm on the Thursday evening leading into tasting of the Beacon Tart and a Big Jubilee Quiz, followed by a bugler and the lighting of the Beacon (organised by Cllr Tuttiett) at 9. 45pm. This evening was amazingly busy and the bar staff needed support to cope with the influx of customers. On Sunday 5th June volunteers turned up to help set up gazebos and stalls, and the W.I. prepared cream teas. The Big Jubilee Lunch was very successful and well attended. There will be a write up of both Jubilee events in the Summer edition of Lympsham News which is out this week.

The Clerk has been approached by residents who would like the area of grass that fronts The Worthings to be cut more often. They also feel the hedge there is also a little high and wide and obstructs vision when turning right out of the road. It was also remarked that the grass on the edge of the Cricket field needed cutting more often. This is not currently maintained by the Parish Council, but may be worth considering in future.

The Clerk has asked PGC Contracting to trim branches which are obscuring the 20 mph flashing lights sign near the cricket pitch.

There has been positive correspondence regarding the Horse riding speed signs, the Chairman expressed thanks to Cllr White for her perseverance with organising site visits with the Police, Highways and British Horse Society. It has been asked if East Brent and Brent Knoll could also have these signs put up.

A meeting took place to discuss a better site for some trees (which had been planted in the middle of an open space used for football) by SDC without prior consultation with the community or Parish Council. Cllr Tuttiett expressed a wish for the trees to be planted on the wide verge in front of the David Wilson houses and opposite the Garage which sells motorhomes. He would like the Clerk to approach County to see if this area could be adopted by the Parish Council. This decision can obviously only be taken by full Council and would need to be put on the next Agenda for resolution. The Officer from Sedgemoor explained that he had been limited where the trees could be planted, and an alternative site within the open space was also discussed, and he agreed that the spoil heaps from the existing plantings were unacceptable and needed to be removed. The trees would need to be replanted in the autumn now anyway.

The SLCC renewal fee is 87% pro rata with Loxton Parish Council paying the other 13%. This was calculated by ratio of salary earned by the Clerk at each Council.

The church fete is approaching and a door to door collection of tombola items and toys in good condition will be made by volunteers on the weekend of 18th and 19th June.

The Clerk requested Annual leave from 23rd June to 30th June inclusive.

GENERAL REPORTS

Neighbourhood Watch: Missing person reported locally

Lympsham Academy and Pre-school: New head teacher in place from September

Sports Club and Café: Contributed towards Event Insurance and PA System for Jubilee Lunch.

Manor Hall: There have been some issues reported by the school cleaner of bins not being emptied by outside users and also there was a dirty floor reported when a Pilates class took place after school. The Bookings Clerk will take photos before and after future bookings.

Highways: Areas highlighted for repairs have been rectified.

Play Area: Play area and Defibrillator checks carried out and report sent to Ambulance service. The defibrillator was reported as accessed once this month. A shelf on the train ticket office play board has been displaced. The brackets have been removed for safety reasons.

Lympsham in Bloom: Cllr R. Leveridge updated Members.

St. Christopher's Church Re-ordering: Cllr R. Leveridge updated Members.

Grounds Maintenance and General Maintenance Issues: Some extra work undertaken as areas needed attention.

Drainage Issues: None reported thus far.

County and District Report: There has been an emergency meeting of the Council to discuss the replacement of the Chief Executive who had moved on to another position and the salary to offer for the job. The Committees were now established and the Councillors had attended inductions for these. There will be Planning training offered to all Parish Councillors in July. There is a shortage of Planning Officers. County Cllr. B. Filmer has followed up the clearance of footways on the A370

LPC28/22

Items for discussion/report at next meeting: Replanting of trees, site to be agreed. Grass area at The Worthing's.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 18th July to follow the Manor Hall Management Committee meeting at 7.30pm. The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.