

MINUTES OF LYMPSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21/03/2022

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

Also Attending: Mrs S. Ferguson (Clerk)

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. The meeting opened at 7.00pm

LPC116/21 Apologies and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: County Cllr. B. Filmer and District Cllr. A. Gilling sent apologies which were duly accepted.

LPC117/21

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

LPC118/21 Planning Applications for consideration:

- 31/21/00041/STP Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of residential caravan "The Retreat" as a dwelling. The Retreat, Rectory Way, Lympsham, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset, BS24 0ES. It was resolved to submit "No Observations".
- 31/22/00004/JAB. Reduce crown height of Birch (T1) by 2.5m and up to 2m laterally.: Lympsham Play area, Rectory Way, Lympsham, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset, BS24 0EW31/22/00002/AG. The Clerk explained that the Planning Officer had reduced the size of the crown reduction after a site visit. It was resolved to accept her recommendations.
- 31/22/00002 Sandfries, South Road, Lympsham, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset, BS24 0DX Erection of a single storey extension to the rear (NE) elevation, erection of a first floor extension to the side (SE) elevation & alterations to existing dwelling. It was resolved to Support the application as it would be an improvement to the Dwelling and in keeping with the style of the property.

LPC119/21

It was resolved to ask the Clerk to research various sizing options of football goals and to report back to Full Council.

LPC120/21 The letter from W.I. was noted for future reference.

LPC121/21 The correspondence was noted and Clerk has replied and actioned. It was suggested to approach the dog warden for advice if the issue continues on the field.

LPC122 /21 It was resolved to note national increase and increase Clerk to point 18 on salary scale from 1st April 2022.

LPC123/21 It was resolved to grant a one off payment of £50.00 towards the upkeep of Ralph's Wood.

LPC124/21 The letter from Contractor regarding proposed price increase for Grounds Maintenance within Contract in 2022 was considered and it was resolved that a meeting would be set up between the Contractor and the Chairman with the Clerk in attendance.

LPC125/21 The Gardening Club's reply to Clerk was noted. The Clerk would allocate £250.00 to Lympsham in Bloom as requested.

LPC126/21:

Financial Report and to approve payments for March 2022

- a. Clerk salary (+ back pay for increase from 1/4/21) =£708.27
- b. Chairman's Allowance –refreshments during meeting =£19.00
- c. HMRC N.I. and tax = £114.46
- d. Signage for Sports field =£32.64

- e. Items for Jubilee Celebration =£258.16*
- f. Punch and Judy show (Jubilee) = £150.00*
- g. Chalice Morris Men (Jubilee) = £150.00*
- h. Decision Power (Website host and support) =£486.00*
- i. Sports Club (Climate Change Windows) = £13,460.00*
- j. Sports Club (Renaissance Fund Grant for picnic tables) = £2765.00*

*Denotes payments made under Delegation since last meeting as all in budget and agreed. It was resolved to approve all payments and to note Annual Parish Meeting refreshments and Community Award monies would be refunded to Clerk under Scheme of Delegation and formally approved in April as amounts were not confirmed thus far.

(The figures shown below include payments above):

- C/A £2423.30
- D/A £13,838.05 (Made up of £1066.84 Village Event Funds, £2165.06 Climate Change Grant, £803.03, Lymsham in Bloom funds, £967.64 Gardening Club funds, £5234.94 CIL and £3600.54 Capital Reserves)
- VAT (To reclaim) = £128.44 (Claim sent 14/03/22)
- Player –Mason =£2406.63

LPC127/21 Clerk Report

Covid figures continue to be high in the area, and residents are urged to be cautious and test if any symptoms arise.

Election Nomination Packs have gone out to Councillors, and the Clerk will take the completed forms to Sedgemoor District Council offices week commencing 21st March, which is when the Notice of Election is published. Please could Councillors start to think about any changes to their Registers of Interest, which will have to be completed if elected.

So far, one of the two successful Nuttall Trust applications have now been received, so the solar lighting at the side of the Manor Hall, and the Platinum Jubilee picnic table can soon be arranged. This morning, the Clerk also received a cheque of £250.00 from the Trust for Lymsham News which was an unexpected bonus as there had been no notification this bid had been successful.

Correspondence has been received on several issues this month;

1) There is concern that dogs are being run off the lead on the sports field daily and one resident has asked if this could be addressed with signage put up, as her elderly dog on a lead has been intimidated by a loose dog. The Clerk noticed that signage was coated in algae, so has cleaned them and has ordered 4 more which will cost £27.20 + vat. A fresh notice to all dog walkers has also been put in the Shop, Sports club and on the Notice board.

2) Concern has been expressed at the amount of use of the outfield on the Cricket pitch by adults coming by car to the village, donning football spike boots and playing football for up to 5 hours at a time. This is causing damage to the surface of the field and there have been complaints from two residents in the Boundaries of foul language and of other young adults using their garden fence as a backstop for the goal, which the residents feel is unacceptable, especially coming into the warmer weather when they wish to enjoy their gardens.

3) The Gardening Club has replied to the letter sent after the last meeting. The remaining Committee members have agreed to give £250.00 of the funds they have to Lympsham in Bloom, and wish the Parish Council to consider locations to plant trees around the village with some of the remaining money. A representative will attend the Parish Meeting to discuss the possible locations. It is hoped to have a speaker in the warmer months which would use some of the funds left over.

4) There has also been a request for the school bus stop area on Copse Corner to be levelled and the pot holes filled, the Clerk has filled in a request with Highways, but had no response as yet. Some of the parents had indicated they would be prepared to help with this if a load of stone could be purchased from Lympsham Concrete. The Clerk has noted red markings have now appeared, so is hopeful that this will soon be remedied.

GENERAL REPORTS

Neighbourhood Watch: Burglaries reported in Highbridge and Mark, email NHS scams also have been reported.

Lympsham Academy and Pre-school: Damage to water heater and wiring by persons unknown reported.,

Sports Club and café: The long awaited new doors and windows installation was started and is now completed. A street food night is to take place on Friday 1st April.

Manor Hall: 6 bookings in February, and Pilates classes due to start soon.

Highways: Copse Corner school bus stop – see above.

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

Lympsham in Bloom: Thanks to the Parish Council & the Nuttall Trust for grants plus receiving funding from several other sources; there is due to be a coffee morning at the end of March to discuss possible plans.

St. Christopher's Church Re-ordering: Most of the proposed plans seem to be acceptable to the Diocese - now awaiting official planning notices.

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 subject to Planning permission for Sedgemoor DC.

Drainage Issues: None reported thus far.

County and District Report: Councillors- None available this month.

LPC128/21

Items for discussion/report at next meeting; Lympsham News advertisers.

Next Meeting: Monday 11th April 2022

*To follow Manor Hall Management Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 7.56 pm