

MINUTES OF LYMPSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 22/02/2021 DRAFT

Councillors Present: Mrs. A. Bennett, (Chairman), Ms H. Allsopp, 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)

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. The meeting opened at 7.31 pm.

LPC12/21 Apologies and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

County Councillor B. Filmer would attend later in the evening and sent apologies for the first part of the meeting.

Chairman Mrs A. Bennett declared an interest in item three, planning application 31/20/00021.

LPC13/21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January 2021

It was resolved to approve the minutes of 18th January 2021- Unanimous.

LPC14/21 Planning Applications for consideration:

- 31/21/0002 2 The Old Chapel, West Road, Lympsham, Somerset. BS24 0EG. Construction of natural stone wall set within the property boundary with entrance leading from the driveway to the garden.

It was resolved to support this application as it is keeping with the property using quality materials reflecting the character of the surroundings.

Chairman Mrs A. Bennett left the virtual meeting before next item. Vice Chairman Mr. B. Gooding took the chair for the next item only .

- 31/20/00021 Millfield Cottages, Brean Road, Lympsham, Somerset. BS24. Erection of a dwelling.

It was resolved to object to this application as it is outside the village boundary, in open countryside and is on agricultural land. The Council also agreed that added vehicles on an already very busy road which is a major bus route during the tourist season could present Highway safety issues.

Chairman Mrs. A. Bennett returned to the virtual meeting room.

LPC15/21 The Clerk reported that a speaker from 'Green Wedmore' had volunteered to attend the Annual Parish Meeting (15th March 2021). It was resolved to ask the Clerk to send thanks and accept the offer.

LPC16/21

It was resolved to donate £100.00 to collection for a memorial for a well-respected resident. Clerk to organise as soon as possible.

LPC17/21 The Members considered the request from Residents for an additional dog waste bin in South Road. The Clerk provided quotes for the new bin and it was resolved to discuss further to establish possible sites. The Clerk mentioned another request had also been made for a bin on Rectory Way.

LPC18/21 The New Community Champion Award was discussed.

It was introduced by Chairman Bennett and the Members resolved to present the first award at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th March. The Clerk will action this.

LPC19/21 It was resolved to approve the Risk Management Report and Internal Controls Report for 2020-2021 for Internal Audit checks following a few amendments.

LPC 20/21 It was resolved to appoint Mr Richard Young as Internal Auditor for 2021-2021.

LPC 21/21 It was resolved to approve Clerk request to attend South West Training Seminar 24th March 2021 (Cost £45+ vat)

LPC22/21 Financial Report and to approve Payment schedule for February 2021

- Current Account £6024.26
- Deposit Account (Reserves and Earmarked Reserves) £3700.00
- VAT (To reclaim) £550.43
- Player –Mason A/C £2406.15

(These figures include cheques shown below and two donations totalling £1000.00 from the Nuttall Trust).

- Clerk Salary + Quarterly Expenses = £662.56
- Whitehouse Kennels (Dog bins) £96.00 + Environment Agency Licence £154.00
- Decision Power (Hosting of website and Renewal of web name) = £427.74
- SALC (Councillor Training) = £25.00

It was resolved to approve the payments for February 2021.

LPC23/21 Clerk Report

- A welcome sum of £2379.00 from the RLT/2 scheme has been donated from Brean Parish Council to Lympsham for the play area. The Clerk has sent thanks to the Clerk of Brean to pass on to the Members of the Council.
- The contact details and signatories have successfully been updated for the Player-Mason Account.
- The Nuttall Trust has awarded £750.00 (Play train) and £250.00 (Lympsham News) following the applications made in December 2020.

- A request to put a bench and trees in an area in Boat Lane for a special birthday has been received, and after some enquiries, the Clerk has put the resident in touch with the correct Officer at Sedgemoor for further discussion.
- The girl guiding volunteer trip to Tanzania has been postponed due to Covid restrictions. The donation approved at last month's meeting will be kept for next year if the trip can then go ahead. The guides who applied on behalf of the Association expressed their thanks to the Parish Council for the offer of £100.00.
- A number of residents have been inspired by our young litter picker and have contacted the Clerk to access litter picking equipment. A group Litter pick will be organised when Covid restrictions are lifted to allow this to take place. It may be an idea to purchase some more equipment.
- The Clerk has rewritten past Minutes along with all Policies to reflect the changes needed for accessibility. These are now all on the website.
- A response had from the Somerset Climate Emergency Fund come in asking for further information from the Clerk which has been actioned and returned.
- Several reports of potholes, missing signs, and broken gratings had been reported by the Clerk and most have been actioned by Highways.
- The last few weeks have been fraught for some residents with the closure of Church Road, and the Clerk had answered queries and tried to help by acting as an intermediary between residents and the team from roadworks.
- It has come to the Clerk's attention that the Council Asset Register needs updating as there has been erroneous depreciation which has only come to light as the Clerk has been training with the Scribe Accounts team. After taking advice from Somerset Association of Local Councils, the register will now be changed to show purchase value of assets, which will mean a significant change from the figures before. The Clerk will need to restate last year's

figure on the Audit and inform the Auditor that the entire Asset register has been reviewed with the prices being adjusted to the correct "historic cost ".

LPC24/21 General Reports:

- Neighbourhood Watch: There have been reports of farm machinery going missing and several email scams, one involving fake vaccination offers which some residents had found distressing
- Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School: The school remains open to children of keyworkers only during Lockdown Three.
- Manor Hall: Donation received from Nuttall Trust for curtain linings £500.00
- Sports Club: Still closed due to restrictions. Preparations underway for new Café venture when restrictions are lifted.
- Highways: Clerk has reported various repairs that need doing, and had a meeting with a very helpful Sedgemoor workman who has all the jobs pencilled in. Road closures have been difficult for many residents, but for now all roads are open again. Roadways now in at Lime Grove and piling work has commenced.
- Play Area: Clerk carried out inspections. The apparatus could all do with a power wash in better weather.
- Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues: Nothing to report.
- Drainage Issues: Clerk has reported once more the blocked drain opposite Holm Farm, and now has assurances that the work will take place in April. There is a partial collapse somewhere in the pipe.
- Footpaths: Clerk has walked two footpaths near Manor Farm and both are clear of obstruction. A report from two volunteers who have checked footpaths in Eastertown would be sent to District and forwarded to Councillors.
- Village Events: All currently suspended.
- Lympsham in Bloom 2021: Thankfully we have received funding from the Nuttall Trust as well as Lympsham Parish Council, so this year's plans can continue in full. Thanks to Rob Jacques for enabling dog walkers to access the bin by the plough.
- Village Signpost Sub-Committee: Nothing further to report as yet.
- St. Christopher's Church Re-ordering: Awaiting feedback from the Diocese from its meeting on Wednesday; whatever, we are legally required to have a 'Refurbishment and Development Asbestos Survey' carried out (i.e. an Asbestos Register) - this will be carried out in March. A grant from the Nuttall Trust has been received to support the proposed refreshment area.

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County Councillor B. Filmer joined the virtual meeting.

County and District report:

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections would still go ahead, although the other elections are postponed due to the Governments eight-week statutory consultation phase on the transition to a Unitary authority in Somerset will commence in mid to late February

Current Covid-19 Restrictions in Somerset: Residents must stay at home, they must not leave, or be outside of their home except where necessary. All children apart from those of keyworkers will to learn remotely until 8 March.

Somerset Coronavirus Support Helpline: A single phone number is available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus-related support. 0300 790 6275, is open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm.

Vaccination programme roll-out: In just seven weeks, teams across the wider Somerset health and care system have worked round the clock to design, develop and launch 13 GP-led community vaccination sites, two hospital hubs and two large vaccination centres at Taunton Racecourse and the Bath and West showground.

Census 2021: Households across Somerset will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. Census day will be on March 21 and results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years.

One Somerset: It is expected the Governments eight-week statutory consultation phase on the transition to a Unitary authority in Somerset will commence in mid to late February.

Items for discussion at next meeting:

- Overview of Community Infrastructure Levy

Next Meeting: Monday 15th March 2021 at 7.30pm. (To follow Annual Parish Meeting)

The meeting ended at 8.47 pm