

MINUTES OF LYMPHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20/07/2020

Councillors Present: Mrs. A. Bennett, (Chairman), Miss H Allsopp, Mr. B. Gooding, Mr J. Hinton, Mr R. Leveridge, Mrs N.Macleod & Mr. G. Tuttiett.
Also attending County Cllr B. Filmer

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. The meeting opened at 7.56pm

50/20 Apologies and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: Cllr B. Gooding & District Cllr A. Gillling sent their apologies

-It was resolved to accept both apologies

51/20 To resolve to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15/06/ 2020.

--It was resolved to approve the minutes of 15th June 2020.

52/20 Planning Applications for consideration: None received.

53/20 Finance Report and to approve payments for July 2020.

Finance report sent to all Councillors before remote meeting.

C/A £7223.46 S/A £1440.57 Player Mason A/C: £2406.15

VAT (To reclaim) £284.03 CIL £176.21 VE75/H.H. £1625.00

Cheques issued since June meeting from C/A.; 101246 £466.12 Clerk salary July'20; 101247 £42.57 Office sundries/signage; 101348 £251.76 SALC Annual Fee;101249 £275.00 SALC CiLCA Mentor Course;101250 £120.00 Whitehouse Kennels (dog bin service); 101251 £90.60 Playsafety Ltd (Annual inspection of play area); 101252 £24.99 Bell for play train; 101253 £34.02 signage for play area.

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

54/20 To approve Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Management Scheme & Training Policies

-It was resolved to approve the Policies. Proposed; Cllr R. Leveridge, Sec; Cllr G. Tuttiett – Carried.

55/20 To consider website & accessibility.

-It was resolved to accept the quote for the necessary work from Decision Power.

Proposed Cllr. J.Hinton, sec; Cllr N. Macleod-Carried.

56/20 To consider new village signposts, position & how many.

Cllr R. Leveridge is currently waiting for a reply from Highways, see reports

57/20 To consider play area.

-It was resolved that the train needs further assessment as to whether it could be safely used without the wheels. Action; Clerk to ask Cllr B. Gooding to make a judgement when the train was lifted to remove wheels. **Action;** Clerk was also asked to enquire if a local contractor was able to install picnic bench & springer before September, if Cllr Gooding was too busy with other obligations.

58/20 To consider grant request form Citizens Advice.

-It was resolved not to offer on this occasion.

59/20 To consider correspondence from W.I. regarding a new village hall.

The Council thanked the W.I. for the letter and discussed the proposal. It was decided that the existing community meeting spaces were considered adequate for a small electorate of 800. This could be revisited if the village was to significantly increase in size, but for now the oncome of a small Parish Council would not run to such a project.

60/20 Reports; (to receive reports on the following matters):

N.W; Automated Telephone scams reported.

Lympsham Academy & Pre-school; Closed for summer holidays from 17th July.

Sports Club; Now open at weekends for drinks and going well.

Manor Hall; When to re-open? Can the Hall be made Covid-19 secure? To discuss.

Highways; Resident in South Road concerned about dead tree on right hand side. Clerk has reported to SDC.

Play Area; Inspection completed, see separate report from Clerk.

Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues; Regular GM taking place.

Drainage Issues; None reported.

Footpaths; Nothing reported.

Village Events; All currently suspended.

Lympsham in Bloom; Thank you to Sandy Prowton for planting up the Copse Corner beds & to Jeff Brown's Garage for extending the colour of our village's 'floral displays'; there have been several very positive responses to all our efforts on social media. Truespeed has generously offered additional plants which we have deferred until later in the year when we have to consider replanting. RL

Village 'Welcome' Signs: Cllr. Leveridge is currently awaiting a reply from Highways re the regulations & procedures that need to be considered; a local photographic competition has been mooted to seek appropriate images to depict our village - it may be better to consider this when we know sufficient monies can be allocated to this project.

St. Christopher's Church 'Re-ordering': Proposals have been submitted to the relevant Diocesan Committee for its July meeting in order to seek advice and approval; this will enable planning to progress during the Autumn.

County and District Report: County Cllr R. Filmer gave an update tot the Council. The speed limit review on A370 will soon be open to public consultation with a view to reduce from 50 to 40 mph through Lympsham section.

The 'R' number in Somerset is holding at 0.6 -0.7, although there have been concerns it may rise now holiday accommodations have reopened. There have been reports of bars in Brean not observing social distancing rules.

There is a Somerset Outbreak Management Plan in place should the virus increase in the County. The working Party for Climate Change has started up once more and the second round of consultations has been abandoned in favour of a more proactive approach.

Birth Registrations have now reopened and there is a backlog of 2000 babies born during the Pandemic to catch up on.

61/20 Items for discussion/report at next meeting; None at present.

Next meeting 14th September 2020 (No meeting in August).

Planning Application Outcomes in last month;

31/20/00008 Mr Harper. Wayside, Bridgwater Road, Lympsham. BS24 OBP.

Amended to single storey extension to front (East), side (south)and rear (west) elevations on site of existing (to be demolished).

Granted (7/07/2020) Delegated.

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

Minutes signed as a true record by Aline Bennett (Chairman) 14/09/2020