

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 11 August 2014
[Following Manor Hall Committee Meeting. N.B. Meetings postponed from 21st July.]

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. E. Male, & Mr. G. Tuttiett.
Also present: District Councillor A. Gilling.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

60/14 Apologies: Mr. R. Hoare, Mrs. J. Rosser & Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer (Accepted).

61/14 Minutes of Previous Meeting (23.6.14): were confirmed and signed.

62/14 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk explained change in local Police cover: since last meeting PC Lawson stationed in Bridgwater – Clerk had presented her with small token of thanks from PC; update on SID results; recent thefts & concerns discussed; new Village Agent (Kim Wilcox) attended last surgery to good effect – will attend Sept. PC meeting.
- **Lympsham First School:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall:** Covered in previous meeting.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Clerk explained problem of finding out ownership of hedges that need trimming; he updated PC on progress re Rectory Way / Brean Road junction; drains appear still blocked between Hobbs Boat & Bleadon Bridge.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Discussion re RoSPA report & inconsistencies therein – whilst the PC is unable to afford a major overhaul of equipment, it will plan to replace individual items as needed, starting with 'Swing – Junior – 1 Bay 2 Seat – Large' – Clerk asked to contact SDC officers re possible additional funding plus investigate possible replacement.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Nothing to report.
- **Drainage Issues:** Cllr. Gooding to check re clearing rhyme behind School / Pre-School; Clerk gave update re Eastertown issues – he would contact Chief Engineer (Drainage Board) with follow up to issues.
- **Footpaths:** Some cleared by SCC evidently following complaints.
- **Affordable Housing:** Dist. Cllr. Gilling advised that various parties are awaiting the SHAR (Strategic Housing & land Report) due out soon.
- **Village Events:** Harvest Home tickets on sale; Lympsham Cricket Club may win the League & will celebrate with a barbecue; WI Baton arrival at the Pavilion with Somerset Sound in attendance confirmed for 5/3/15 to mark centenary – Cllr. Male to write to those concerned, plus WI Advent Service at St. Christopher's. The possibility of the PC helping to fund a Cricket Club Honours Board was discussed [Cllr. Tuttiett declared an interest].
- **County / District Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Gilling reported that: SDC were looking at a funding deficit of £800k; possibility that County Highways might second one of its engineers to Bridgwater House; Rooksbridge wind farm appeal 'thrown out', but could go to judicial appeal. He expressed similar concerns to the PC re the forthcoming policing changes.
- **Clerk:** Will update community on various items mentioned in next Lympsham News. Following discussion re communication, Clerk was given permission to seek quotes for a replacement notice-board at Copse Corner & for new website plus approach possible sponsor.

[Dist. Cllr. Gilling left the meeting at this point: 9.02 p.m.]

63/14 Planning Applications:

31/14/00014/LE Mr. C. Madge, 17 Worthy Crescent, Lympsham, BS24 0DQ: Erection of single storey extension to South elevation – supported as in keeping with neighbouring properties.

31/14/00015/CG Mr. & Mrs. R. Guess, Rectory Farm, Rectory Way, Lympsham, BS24 0EW: Erection of first floor extension to rear (NW) elevation - supported as it would be an improvement not conflicting with neighbouring properties.

31/14/00019/JAB Mr. F. Riordan, The Paddock, Church Road, Lympsham: Crown lift all trees within areas G2 & G3 & oak tree T2 by approx. 4m - supported as it needs to be done to improve access for future works.

64/14 Correspondence of Note: Circulated: Donation of £25 agreed to Sedgemoor CAB [Proposed: Chairman, Seconded by Cllr. Male – all agreed].

65/14 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below)

C/A: £6,359-62

S/A: £2,429-51

VAT: £392-60

Player-Mason A/C: £2,381-87 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.]

Petty Cash: £79-83

66/14 Cheques issued since last meeting: 101444 Whitehouse Kennels £90 (Dog bin serv.); 101445 Clerk's salary & expenses £428-40; 101446 HMRC £321-20 (PAYE); 101447 £100 Petty cash.

67/14 Cheques issued at August meeting: 101448 Clerk's salary & expenses £428-40; 101449 Grant Thornton UK LLP £120 (Audit); 101450 Somerset Wildlife Trust £50 (Grant); 101451 Playsafety Ltd. £81-60 (Play Area Inspection); 101452 Whitehouse Kennels £72 (Dog bin serv.).

68/14 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 15th September 2014): None.

The meeting ended at 9.37 p.m.