

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 15 October 2018

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Miss H. Allsopp, Mrs. A. Bennett, Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Hoare, Mr. R. Jones & Mr. G. Tuttiert.

Also attending: County Cllr. R. Filmer, District Cllr. A. Gilling, Ms. E. Carter (Housing Dev. Officer) & seven Residents.

Minutes were taken by a Locum Clerk in the planned absence of the Clerk.

N.B. Meeting commenced at 7.58 p.m. following Manor Hall Committee Meeting.

92/18 Apologies: - None.

93/18 Minutes of Previous Meeting (17.9.18): Confirmed.

94/18 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Affordable Housing:** Ms. Carter provided update re West Road – Housing Association in process of taking proposed site to its Board for approval, so pre-application plans hopefully presented to PC at November's meeting. Ms. Carter had received a request from representatives of the Beavers Lodge site to meet again with the PC in the near future to give update – a Monday was considered viable. Discussion followed the presentation of a revised Local Letting Plan (inc. priority groups) that would be applicable to both sites – Ms. Carter to liaise; the agreed 'Cascade' for 'Lympsham (inc. Eastertown)' was agreed by all (Prop: Chairman, Seconded: Cllr. Tuttiert) – Ms. Carter to email revised copy & was thanked for her input. [8.30 p.m. Ms. Carter left the meeting, followed by seven Residents.] It was suggested that it may be possible to see if there was a need for allotments in the parish via the Lympsham News – Chairman to be kept informed.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Mrs. Ferguson had met with local PCSO & Village Agent at last surgery; currently quiet on Farmwatch, but some stealing of red fuel / diesel reported elsewhere.
- **Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School:** Brief discussion re change of age range consultation – no follow up required, but change considered good for all.
- **Manor Hall:** Discussed at previous meeting.
- **Highways:** County Cllr. Filmer would seek update from Highways Officer re progress of 'flashing signs' – LEBE's Community Café was thanked for its donation of £500 towards the project (N.B. Local contribution of £1,500 to be made up of £500 each from PC, LEBE's & Academy - the latter already granted from Nuttall Trust) – PC to receive invoice when works completed. Various reports of some maintenance achieved, but markings on roads are an indication of future works; diversion signs not clear in places with barriers poorly placed e.g. Brean Road & Eastertown.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Cllr. Bennett thanked for her report; Cllr. Gooding to collect mats from storage to return to Play Area; Cllr. Tuttiert has arranged for signwriter to display date on community shelter at minimal cost; the play train requires refurbishment of three wheels – to be addressed.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Hedge adjacent to Lympsham Road causing concern to passers-by – not a PC issue; memorial cherry tree arrangements dealt with.
- **Drainage Issues:** Locum Clerk reported disappointing response from representative of Drainage Board to Chair of Sports Club request re culverting of rhyme especially considering H & S issues – Dist. Cllr. Gilling to follow up.
- **Footpaths:** Following response re Eastertown issue, Clerk asked to send formal letter to Footpaths Officer requesting that landowner should return footpath to its proper use (copy to R. Filmer).
- **GDPR:** Privacy Policy provided by Mrs. Ferguson approved by all (Prop: Cllr. Gooding, Sec: Cllr. Bennett).
- **Village Events:** Race Night at Pavilion Friday 2nd Nov., Beaujolais Nouveau Evening Friday 16th Nov. in aid of Papyrus. Chairman proposed grant of £100 towards sponsorship of young resident to World Scout Jamboree in 2019 (Sec: Cllr. Tuttiert) – all agreed. D. Prowton received Somerset County Community Award accompanied by his daughter & Cllr. Tuttiert – duly appreciated. Cllr. Allsopp introduced 'new' committee in village: 'Love Lympsham' to augment current local events on a quarterly basis & raise funds for appropriate items e.g. Christmas window trail, pudding competition, quiz, etc.
- **County / District Issues:** County Cllr. Filmer gave update re potholes, NHS project, Hinkley schedule & County issues with finances. District Cllr. Gilling referred to impact of costs of Looked After Children & large proportion of Drainage levies compared to other authorities; also SDC being 'wooded' by neighbouring authorities. Cllr. Bennett confirmed that she had attended Parish Cluster meeting on 9th October.
- **Clerk:** Lympsham News advertising money gradually coming in; Clerk to look into procedure to view accounts online; following discussion re confusion of broadband companies & their offers, PC refused Truespeed's request to 'cold call' in the area & suggested that any submission to the PC be in the new year as the next two meetings will have full agendas. Mr. Leveridge explained the change in monitoring of the AED defibrillator & the PC approved the annual charge; the PC also approved Mr. Leveridge liaising with HSBC re the PC & Manor Hall accounts 'Safeguard reviews' & for him to approach the Community Council of Somerset re the registration / insurance of the Community Café (as PC & Manor Hall are both members).

[C. Cllr. Filmer & Dist. Cllr. Gilling left the Hall prior to next item]

95/18 Planning Applications:

31/18/00014/DRT Mrs. S. Simpson, Applewood, Bridgwater Road: Conversion & extension of existing garage to include raising the roof & formation of dormer window to provide ancillary accommodation - Support as in keeping with local environment & an improvement of existing premises.

[C. Cllr. Filmer & Dist. Cllr. Gilling returned to the Hall. Cllr. Bennett left meeting at 10.07 p.m.]

96/18 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

97/18 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £13,464-43
Player-Mason A/C: £2,405-91

S/A: £1,435-59
Petty Cash: £10-20

VAT: £218

98/18 Cheques issued since September meeting: None.

99/18 Cheques issued at October meeting: 101702 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101703 HMRC £315-60 (PAYE); 101705 Arrears for retiring Clerk £44-70; 101706 Clerk's salary inc. arrears & N.I. overpayment £602-26; 101707 AED Locator (EU) Ltd. £58-80 (Defib. Annual contract); 101708 Mrs. M. Frost £100 (Grant).

100/18 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 19.11.18): Cllr. Hoare offered his apologies.



The meeting ended at 10.16 p.m.