

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 15 December 2014

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Hoare, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. E. Male, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiert. Also attending: Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

97/14 Apologies: Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer (Accepted).

98/14 Minutes of Previous Meeting (17.11.14): were confirmed and signed.

99/14 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Christmas surgery attended by Village Agent; PCSO Dixon presented with a cake – her regular, planned visits will be missed; awaiting results of report re recent fly-tipping in Eastertown from Clean Surroundings Dept.
- **Lympsham First School:** Recent Church inspection reported as outstanding; Clerk to discuss rine issues with Head Teacher.
- **Manor Hall:** Nothing to report.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Early indications of recent successful Ofsted inspection.
- **Highways:** Clerk reported that proposal re Rectory Way / Brean Road junction would be delayed due to various requests to look at inclusion of 'change of priority': this might have cost implications, but original money 'ringfenced'; Clerk also reported responses re temporary signs, fingerpost, etc. issues – Clerk to seek permission to move fingerpost for refurbishment; subsidence on Lympsham Road & Rectory Way still causing concern; query as to reason for blue markings along West Road; Clerk had collected deicing materials from Dunball depot – now held by Cllr. Tuttiert for distribution.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Re previously discussed provision of benches in Play Area: it was agreed to place order for two benches to gain best value [Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Rosser – all agreed].
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Filmer thanked for 'chasing' bulbs for village; following request for dogbin in Ferry Lane area, Clerk to investigate costs; evidence of uncontrolled dogs on Churchyard path; nettles in hedgerow need containing.
- **Drainage Issues:** Clerk reported frustration at not receiving responses from Chief Engineer despite 'phone calls.
- **Footpaths:** paths near the Batch had been cleared; bridle way too wet to clear.
- **Affordable Housing:** Housing Project Development Officer to attend a future meeting to give update.
- **Village Events:** Beaujolais evening successful along with School & Church Christmas Fairs & Cricket Club Bingo. Pavilion Stewards' review was also successful. It was agreed to support the Copse Corner Christmas Lights appeal with a donation of £50 [Prop. Cllr. Tuttiert, sec. Cllr. Male]. Cllr. Rosser was thanked for sourcing this year's Christmas tree.
- **County / District Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Gilling mentioned the balancing of budgets in Sedgemoor, Highways staffing cuts in light of no representation at district level; frustrations of Broadband and lack of progress with lengthmen.
- **Clerk:** New notice-board for Copse Corner had just been delivered – Clerk to discuss installation with local builder; Clerk briefed PC on 2014 – 2016 National Salary Award including non-consolidated (one off) payment in December – PC supported the new agreement [Prop. by Chairman, sec. by Cllr. Tuttiert].

[Dist. Cllr. Gilling left the meeting.]

100/14 Planning Applications: 31/14/00027/SJH Mr. R. Astill, Little Grange, Rectory Way, Lympsham: Erection of replacement front porch / canopy – Supported as an enhancement to the property.

101/14 Correspondence of Note: Clerk to respond re bus shelter request; approval was given for the Shop / Post Office to have 'No parking' hatching immediately outside the entrance door providing it is painted sympathetically.

102/14 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below)

C/A: £9,021-03 [Not inc. commitments for Play Area apparatus & notice-board (est. £3k)] S/A: £2,429-93
VAT to be claimed: £466-78 Player-Mason A/C: £2,384-27 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.]
Petty Cash: £79-74

103/14 Cheques issued since last meeting: 101465 Whitehouse Kennels £72 (Dog bin serv.);
101466 Lympsham Manor Hall £198 (Hire); 101467 PGC Contracting Services £697 (Gr. Maint. for 2 quarters plus);
101468 Petty Cash £100.

104/14 Cheques issued at December meeting: 101469 Clerk's salary inc. non-con. payment + quarterly office expenses £554-43;
101470 CPRE £36 (Affil.).

105/14 St. Christopher's Church Grounds Maintenance Grant: [Cllr. Hoare declared a pecuniary interest.] The Chairman proposed the continuation of the annual grant similar to previous year's sum of £700, seconded by Cllr. Jones: all agreed.

106/14 Draft Precept: Following the Clerk's provision of current & projected figures alongside various notes & caveats, the Chairman proposed that the Precept Request for 2015 / 16 be similar to that of current year: seconded by Cllr. Tuttiert – all agreed.

107/14 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 19th January 2015*): Lympsham News

*Preceded by Manor Hall Committee AGM & Manor Hall Committee Meeting

The meeting ended at 9.17 p.m.