Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 15 February 2016

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mrs. A. Bennett, Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett.
Also attending: Dist. Cllrs. R. Filmer & A. Gilling; Mr. M. Boley.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

11/16 Apologies: Mr. R. Hoare (Accepted).

12/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting (18.1.16): confirmed & signed.

13/16 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk had received copy email re Police reps. nominated for Surgery dates (March to Dec.) when duties permit.
- **Lympsham First School:** Mr. Boley outlined plans for 'piping the rhyne' behind School & further: PC supported future project. [Mr. Boley left meeting at 7.48 p.m.]
- **Manor Hall:** Nothing to report.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Repair of verge on West Road under way; other remedial work accomplished, although various verge areas along Lympsham Road suffering; still concern re muddy verge opposite Hobbs Boat on A370. Fly tipping along Accommodation Road reported, but believed to be a N. Somerset issue; request from Lympsham Tennis Club re new sign discussed – Dist. Cllr. Filmer to advise Clerk re permissions required.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** New swing installed – Clerk to seek quote for relaying of mats that had sunk into soil; £750 received from Nuttall Trust for next piece of equipment: with the addition of another recent donation, discussion centred on reviving the bus shelter plan with the possibility of railway station façade facing the Play Area – quotes to be obtained; Cllr. Rosser suggested & outlined a fund raising event that would hopefully allow applications for further grants to enable the PC to complete the Play Area overhaul sooner – the Chairman thanked Cllr. Rosser for the attractive idea & proposal & seconded it – all agreed.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Contractor to advise re any change in contract charge.
- **Drainage Issues:** Still awaiting response from Chief Engineer of Drainage Board.
- **Footpaths:** Query re bull near footpath.
- **Affordable Housing:** Presentation planned for Thursday 14th April at Pavilion.
- **Village Events:** Six Nations Rugby at Pavilion raising money for Air Ambulance; celebration of K. Hart's award on Sunday 28th Feb. at Pavilion; celebration of Queen's 90th birthday cream tea on 21st April plus beacon being lit later; Pavilion working party 20th Feb; Sports Club AGM on 31st March.
- **County / District Issues:** Devolution of county / district services still being discussed; awaiting information re Hinckley – significant investment in planning & development; SDC has been putting aside money for flooding prevention work to negate contributions from residents.
- **Clerk:** Recommended the Parish 'Re-Pitching Our Tent' project presentation (also attended by Cllr. Hoare) to PC: it was agreed that Revd. Lewis deliver it to the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 16th May; Coastal Cluster meeting on 17th Feb. has been cancelled – next meeting on 1st June (Cllr. Bennett to attend).

14/16 Planning Applications:
31/15/00016 SCC, re Lympsham C of E. VC First School, Rectory Way: Replacement of & repairs to the windows & stone surrounds in the main school – Supported in order to prevent further deterioration & to improve ventilation.

15/16 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

16/16 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below, return of loan by LEBE's Community Café & donation.)
C/A: £8,547-19 S/A: £2,432-03 VAT to be claimed: £777-16
Player-Mason A/C: £2,396-22 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.] Petty Cash: £101-11

17/16 Cheques issued since last meeting: None.

18/16 Cheques issued at February meeting: 101538 Mendip Community Transport £25 (Grant);
101539 Lympsham Sports Club £50 (Donation); 101540 White House Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.);
101541 Decision Power £546 (Website support & hosting '16–'17);
101542 Wickstead Leisure Ltd. £2,760 (Swings); 101543 PGC Contracting Services £311 (Gr. Maint.);
101544 Clerk's salary & expenses £438; 101545 Petty cash £100.

19/16 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 21st March 2016): Play Area Fund Raising Event on Sunday 8th May.

The meeting ended at 9.26 p.m.