

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Annual Meeting, 15 May 2017

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mrs. A. Bennett, Mr. B. Gooding, Cllr. R. Jones, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett.

Also attending: County Cllr. R. Filmer, Mr. D. Harvey (Affordable Housing Policy & Development Manager, SDC) plus eight Residents.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. [Meeting started at 8.45 p.m. following Annual Parish Meeting.]

41/17 Election of Chairman: Cllr. Tuttiett proposed Cllr. Hinton, seconded by Cllr. Gooding – unanimously agreed.

42/16 Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Completed.

43/16 Apologies: Mr. R. Hoare & Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling – Accepted.

44/16 Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr. Rosser proposed Cllr. Gooding, seconded by Cllr. Jones – unanimously agreed.

45/17 Minutes of Previous Meeting (24.4.17): confirmed & signed.

46/17 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings: [8.48 p.m. Cllr. Gooding left the meeting for the first item.]

Affordable Housing: Following Mr. Harvey's précis of previously received Briefing Paper 6 (available on SDC website or on www.lympshamvillage.co.uk/) & discussion, it was agreed that, rather than have a 'steering group', due to the PC being fairly small in composition, the whole Council would oversee possible future project work even if extra meetings needed to be convened. It was also agreed to accept the award of grants as described on p.2 of the paper [Proposed by Chairman, Seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett – all agreed] & furthermore 'the E.G. Carter full suite of feasibility works' were approved & it was confirmed that the PC would be prepared to sign off on satisfactory completion of these works & provide authorisation for payment.

N.B. The PC preferred option (3) is for SDC to hold grant on behalf of PC [Prop: Chairman, Sec: Cllr. Bennett – all agreed]. The Chairman thanked Mr. Harvey for his time & support.

[9 p.m. Mr. Harvey & visitors left the meeting; Cllr. Gooding returned to the room.]

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** PCSO Y. Mayo visited last surgery – LEBE's Café continues to be a good base for this.
- **Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School:** Concern expressed re road safety & possible need for a crossing / flashing lights; following discussion Clerk asked County Cllr. for SCC person to apply to as previous requests for measures had been turned down.
- **Manor Hall:** Nothing to discuss.
- **Highways:** Clerk reported response from Highways re speeding & other issues.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Children reported to be looking forward to playing on new equipment: turfing required, so Clerk to contact GM contractor to arrange; some pollarding of trees probably required in Autumn – SDC to be consulted; Chairman still 'chasing' Shelter – Cllr. Tuttiett had a possible source of economic tiles.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Nothing to report.
- **Drainage Issues:** As above.
- **Footpaths:** Blocked footpath reported (Sheet 182 353/543) – Clerk to notify SCC.
- **Village Events:** 25th Anniversary of Pavilion very successful; children's cricket training started, but oversubscribed.
- **County / District Issues:** 'Purdah' in place due to General Election
- **Clerk:** It was agreed to accept the latest annual insurance premium with the proviso that, should additional cover be available for the recent Play Area equipment at a reasonable cost, then this should be included: Proposed: Cllr. Tuttiett, Seconded: Cllr. Gooding – all agreed.

47/17 Planning Applications: [9.40 p.m. County Cllr. Filmer left the Hall.]

31/17/00005/STP H. Daniels, Knotts Cottage, West Road, Lympsham, BS24 0EQ: Erection of a two storey extension to North & East Elevations – Supported as in keeping with local environment.

31/16/00016/STP Mr. M. Jones, Adj. BWOOC Ltd., Bridgwater Road, Lympsham: Outline planning permission, with some matters reserved, for the erection of 6 start-up commercial units – Objection as safety concerns re increased traffic in proximity to nearby domestic buildings & school transport 'drop off' point plus could compromise rhynes.

[9.53 p.m. County Cllr. returned to the meeting.]

48/17 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

49/17 Approval of Section 1 of Annual Return (Annual Governance Statement): Proposed by Cllr. Gooding, seconded by Cllr. Rosser, all agreed.

50/17 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £18,357-66

S/A: £2,433-82

VAT: £229-89

Player-Mason A/C: £2,405-12 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.] Petty Cash: £11-17

51/17 Cheques issued since April meeting: None.

52/17 Cheques issued at May meeting: 101612 Clerk's salary £446-83; 101613 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.).

53/17 Approval of Section 2 of Annual Return (Accounting Statements): Prop. by Cllr. Bennett, sec. by Cllr. Jones, all agreed.

54/17 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 19.6.17): None apart from 'Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings'.

The meeting ended at 10 p.m.