

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 15 September 2014

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Hoare, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett.
Also present: District Councillor R. Filmer & Mrs. K. Wilcox (Village Agent).

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

69/14 Apologies: Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. E. Male & Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling. (Accepted).

70/14 Minutes of Previous Meeting (11.8.14): were confirmed and signed.

71/14 Kim Wilcox: Briefing re role as Village Agent in supporting vulnerable and / or elderly in local area; the Chairman thanked her for her presentation.

72/14 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Nothing to report.
- **Lympsham First School:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall:** Faulty exterior lights replaced; Cllr. Hoare to check window leakage.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Clerk had reported damaged sign at Rectory Way / Brean Road junction; subsidence also there & along Lympsham Road near A370; West Road & South Road considered much better now resurfaced.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Clerk reported follow up re Cllr. Tuttiett's suggested replacement for junior swing: no local funding available, awaiting cost details – would compare with Cllr. Rosser's previous info.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Contractor commended for work before Harvest Home.
- **Drainage Issues:** Clerk updated PC on latest communications: meeting with Drainage Board to happen when further info re pump had been received; Dist. Cllr. Filmer confirmed that discussions re pump had taken place in SDC; query as to when rhyme behind School / Pre-School would be planned.
- **Footpaths:** A lot of pruning seems to have taken place; Clerk referred to Improvement Scheme Delivery email re key footpath: he was asked to respond accordingly.
- **Affordable Housing:** Awaiting update.
- **Village Events:** Harvest Home was very successful (inc. an early evening disco opportunity); Cricket Presentation evening on 4th Oct. New steward at Pavilion – redecoration taking place.
- **County / District Issues:** Cllr. Male had supplied notes from Coastal Cluster meeting [distributed with minutes]; Dist. Cllr. Filmer reminded meeting re budget consultation; changes due in development rights for barns; RLT & CIL system changes.
- **Clerk:** Clerk explained the need for a 'new' parish website & the costs involved: it was agreed to contract Decision Power to create the site and provide support – proposed by Chairman, seconded Cllr. Rosser & all agreed; Clerk to act as 'go between' / editor. PC considered replacement of notice-board at Copse Corner: all agreed to order model similar to design of one by Play Area, but on a smaller scale [Proposed by Cllr. Gooding, seconded by Cllr. Rosser].

73/14 Planning Applications:

05/14/00019/CG Hadstone Energy Ltd., Land to the south of Wick Farm, Brean Road, Lympsham, BS24 0HD: Formation of solar farm, associated infrastructure & access – Although solar farm not in Parish, observations to be expressed re access routes.

N.B. Following subsequent discovery & reading of 'Traffic Management Plan' on line that outlined that the proposed route would severely affect Lympsham, PC instructed Clerk to object to the application.

31/14/00020/KEG The Parish of Three Saints, St. Christopher's Church, Church Road, Lympsham, BS24 0DT: Replacement roof on the vestry – Supported as a sensible solution.

31/14/00022/SJH Mr. P. Schwarz, Eastfield Cottage, Eastertown, Lympsham, BS24 0HY: Erection of part two storey, part single storey extension to East elevation - Supported as it is a logical improvement to the building, with materials appropriate to the environment; however, the PC observes that the finished extension would appear to be very close to the rhyme.

31/14/00016/CJA Mr. Borough, Land at Fairfields, Lympsham Road, Lympsham, BS24 0DE: Erection of dwelling - Objection as it is outside the village boundary and the proposed access would present road safety issues.

31/14/00021/LE Mr. J. Hopkins, Barn at Dolhurst, Dolhurst Lane, Lympsham, BS24: Application for the Prior Approval of the proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling – No observations.

74/14 Correspondence of Note: Circulated; letter of thanks received from Somerset Wildlife Trust; Clerk asked to send letter to Planning Inspectorate to support SDC's Enforcement Notice.

75/14 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below)

C/A: £5,716-02

S/A: £2,429-51

VAT: £407-60

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

Petty Cash: £79-83

76/14 Cheques issued since last meeting: None.

77/14 Cheques issued at September meeting: 101453 Sedgemoor CAB £25-00;
101454 Clerk's salary & quarterly expenses £528-60; 101455 Whitehouse Kennels £90 (Dog bin serv.).

78/14 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 20th October 2014*): Clerk to check qualification requirements for Parish Councillors in light of next year's elections.

* To be preceded by Manor Hall Committee meeting

The meeting ended at 9.36 p.m.