

## MINUTES OF LYMPSHAM PARISH MEETING 16/03/20

Councillors Present: Mrs. A. Bennett, (Chairman), Miss H Allsopp, Mr. B. Gooding, Mr R. Leveridge, Mrs Macleod & Mr. G. Tuttiett.

Also attending: County Cllr. R. Filmer.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

17/20 Apologies and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: Mr. Hinton - Accepted.

18/20 Minutes of Previous Meeting (10<sup>th</sup> February '20): Confirmed.

19/20 Planning Applications for consideration: None received

### 20/20 Finance Report and to approve payments for March 2020.

C/A £7081.21 S/A £1439.18 VAT (Claim sent £389.27) Player Mason A/C: £2406.15 Petty Cash: £80.24

Cheques issued since February meeting :101219 SLCC (CiLCA registration Fee) £350.00;101218 White House Kennels (Dog bins) £96.00; 101219 SALC (Chairman Training) £30.00;101220 Donation to Wide and Slow Campaign £36.00;101221 Clerk salary March '20 £498.32;101222 HMRC £58.80; 101223 Chairman Fuel Expenses £25.20

### 21/20 To approve Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure 2020.

Code of Conduct: Prop H.A, Sec G.T.-Carried. Complaints Procedure: Prop G.T., Sec R.L.-Carried.

### 22/20 Reports; (to receive reports on the following matters)

- **Neighbourhood Watch;** Attempted break in of horsebox at Rectory Farm, two reports of sheep stolen. Cllr Leveridge expressed concern that these crimes had not filtered through to NW groups, despite being reported. Action: He is to contact PCC to establish why this isn't happening and also to establish position on PCSO recruitment.
- **Lympsham C. of Academy & Pre-School;** Double/anti-social parking is an issue. Cllr MacLeod suggested a letter from Parish Council to parents (Duty of care to pupil's safety). This could be a two pronged approach with Police backing up. Action; (Cllr Leveridge to suggest this in his approach to Police, see NW above, and report back to Clerk who will then approach Academy.)
- **Sports Club;** Cllr Allsopp attended Club meeting and provided a report. The AGM date is set for 26<sup>th</sup> March, (Corona virus restrictions permitting.)
- **Highways;** Concern was expressed by Chairman as to litter being dropped from cars. Clerk to monitor amount and whether excessive from local takeaways etc. SID Coffee morning organised for 29<sup>th</sup> May at Hope Farm at 10.30 am. (Corona virus restrictions permitting clerk to approach member of previous team to ask for a demonstration/talk.
- **Play Area;** Clerk had completed safety checks report. Grass still very boggy. Repairs/new installation of springer on hold for this reason.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues;** Daffodils looking beautiful around village. Contractor had already been spotted trimming hedges.
- **Drainage Issues;** blocked drain on Rectory Way, had flooded across road in recent heavy rainfall. Action; Clerk to report. Ditch by Manor Farm will be sorted when Contractor gives a date.
- **Footpaths;** Nothing reported.
- **Village Events;** With great sadness VE75 Celebrations have had to be postponed due to Corona virus restrictions. It is hoped to hold them around VJ75 weekend in August. Cllr Allsopp reported that Food Festival will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> September, restrictions permitting.
- **Lympsham in Bloom;** new planters in place. Cllr Gooding was thanked for his assistance in moving these. Sleeper beds also ready for planting.
- **County and District Report;** County Budget set, up 1.9%. increase of 2% for Social care funding. Climate Change fund to be made available for funding projects. Cluster meeting has now been cancelled and District have suspended all meetings for foreseeable future due to Corona virus threat.
- **Clerk Report;** Clerk has registered for CiLCA qualification, delay in starting due to course being oversubscribed, registration will be available from mid-April, first support day 20/03/20. Also to attend Internal Audit course on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Clerk reported a problem with Council laptop which had stopped working, some information lost as Passport was also corrupted when main power board blew. She has purchased a personal laptop to be able to continue with Council business for now.

Many residents have approached the Clerk about a way to become a "Helping Hand" to those whose have to self-isolate during this difficult and unprecedented time. It was suggested that the elderly and others would feel more comfortable with people they already know, so helping neighbours would seem to be a good option. Clerk will liaise with Sub- Post Mistress who already offers home deliveries at lunchtimes, and the Village Agent who will be aware of those who might like this offer of help with shopping, collecting medication etc. The Tuesday café will close for this period after this week, so Ros Dark has offered to provide hot meals as well as an option, which can be delivered by the volunteers. Clerk will speak with all concerned and advertise the service on village noticeboards and the website and Lympsham News.

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**23/20 CORONA VIRUS Pandemic**

Immediately before this meeting an announcement was made by the Prime Minister in conjunction with Chief Health Advisors that restrictions to combat the Pandemic would be put in place. UK residents have been told to avoid non-essential contact with social distancing and self-isolation measures. People are to start working from home wherever possible and avoid pubs, clubs and theatres.

**SDC are cancelling Public Meetings until further notice.**

**To this end the Clerk has introduced a "High Consequence Infectious Disease Policy" which can be activated by three Councillors' request to the Chairman who then notifies the Clerk.**

**The Chairman was advised by the Clerk to call an Extraordinary Meeting as soon as possible to pass this Policy as a resolution.**

\*\*\*\*Manor Hall Meeting which was due in April will also be cancelled until further notice. \*\*\*

Meeting closed at 8.56pm.

*A. M. Bennett*  
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