

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting*, 16 October 2017

**Preceded by Lympsham Manor Hall Committee meeting*

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

Also attending: County Cllr. R. Filmer & Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

82/17 Apologies: None.

83/17 Minutes of Previous Meeting (18.9.17): confirmed.

84/17 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** PCSO Grobbeler attended October's surgery & interacted with several residents; she was also aware of recently reported concerns re use of car park; suspicious character mentioned on local social media 'trying' door handles – need to be vigilant.
- **Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School:** Reported at previous meeting.
- **Manor Hall:** As above.
- **Highways:** County Councillor had toured local area with Highways Rep. & highlighted various issues inc. road signs & footpath by A370; County Cllr. Filmer awaiting details of jointly funded school flashing warning lights; concern expressed re dip in road surface between Millfield Cottages & Batch Nurseries; possible contravention re trailer advert near Hobbs' Boat; Cllr. Tuttiett queried the possibility of 'Please drive slowly' signs for village: would have to be approved by Highways – perhaps illustrated by Academy Pupils?
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Cllr. Hoare had 'sorted' gate issue; Cllr. Gooding soon to erect signs in Play Area when fixing new bench on cricket ground; instances of cars restricting access to Play Area gate: Cllr. Rosser to provide notice – possible 'hatching' lines may be required; Chairman reported that Community Shelter is being constructed in a barn by local craftsman.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Clerk has sought advice of SDC's Landscape Officer re resident's concern re trees bordering on cricket field overshadowing local houses & possible need to prune trees within Play Area; begonias & geraniums providing a good display around the village; information re purchase of telephone box finally received: PC to purchase & to seek suggestions for use; Clerk explained recent correspondence re dog control orders: SDC Dog Wardens will be patrolling to enforce long standing orders; County Cllr. to check whether spring bulbs would be offered by SDC this year; Cllr. Tuttiett to check on condition of benches near Copse Corner.
- **Drainage Issues:** Currently nothing to report.
- **Footpaths:** Clerk to arrange meeting between Footpaths Officer & Councillors.
- **Affordable Housing:** Feasibility Study reports not all completed, but new Briefing Paper provided by Affordable Housing Policy & Development Manager [Please see Briefing Paper 8 on Village website]: PC noted the update & would consider the possible wording for a 'local letting plan'; following discussion it was felt that a firm decision re community consultation date couldn't be made until the Feasibility Report had been received, hopefully at November's meeting.
- **Village Events:** Children's Pumpkin Party on 30th Oct. at Pavilion & adult Hallowe'en Party on 27th; Fri. 20th Oct. Breast Cancer event; Cricket Club dinner Fri. 3rd Nov; Beaujolais Nouveau Evening 17th Nov.
- **County / District Issues:** Mostly positive verbal report from peer review of SDC; local authority 'chasing up' residents not responding to electoral roll questionnaire; annual budget views requested.
- **Clerk:** In consideration of the co-operation of Lympsham School (now Academy) with the PC & Manor Hall it was agreed to forgo the annual grass-cutting invoice for 2017 to the School: to be reviewed on an annual basis [Proposed by Chair, Seconded by Cllr. Rosser – all agreed].
[9 p.m. Cllr. Bennett left the meeting.]

85/17 Planning Applications: None.

86/17 Correspondence of Note: Circulated; no comments were noted re a local licensing application.

87/17 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £16,128-74

S/A: £2,434-06

VAT: £2,501-14

Player-Mason A/C: £2,405-73 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.] Petty Cash: £101-74

88/17 Cheques issued since September meeting: None.

89/17 Cheques issued at October meeting: 101637 Clerk's salary £446-63; 101638 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101639 Town & Country Signs £191-40 (Play Area signs); 101640 HMRC £335 (PAYE); 101641 SDC £97-66 (Bin emptying).

90/17 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 20.11.17): None apart from 'Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings'.

The meeting ended at 9.08 p.m.