

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 16 November 2015

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett.
Also attending: County Cllr. J. Denbee, Dist. Cllrs. R. Filmer & A. Gilling

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

94/15 Apologies: Mr. R. Hoare (Accepted).

95/15 Minutes of Previous Meeting (19.10.15): were confirmed and signed.

96/15 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Recent SID results had been emailed to PC Wills following concerns re speeding – also highlighted at recent Coastal Cluster meeting that Clerk had attended; mention of painting removed from Pavilion: Cllr. Tuttiett investigating.
- **Lympsham First School:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall:** Cllr. Rosser advised PC that there would be four evenings to fund for the pantomime: performance dates 15th / 16th January with hopefully a licensed bar; Cllr. Hoare thanked for filling in potholes in road leading up to Pavilion.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Three Nativity performances planned.
- **Highways:** Highways Dept. commended for clearing footpaths along main road; following another resident's request, C.Cllr. Denbee asked to be copied in on proposed Lympsham Road footpath history & also progress of Rectory Way / Brean Road alteration; pothole developing outside St. Aidan / The Elms; Clerk had reminded Clean Surroundings re dumped piano
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Confirmation of swing order: due to be installed in January (much appreciated grant received from Harvest Home Committee).
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Clerk reported that Christmas tree plus decorations for the annual display at Church Road / South Road was likely to be funded by local residents; hedges along Lympsham Road finally cut on 2nd November after very lengthy delay; following Cllr. Tuttiett's request, Chairman proposed £30 grant to 'guerrilla gardeners' for ground cover, seconded by Cllr. Jones – all agreed; Cllr. Tuttiett was thanked for installing refurbished seat in Eastertown.
- **Drainage Issues:** Still awaiting update from Drainage Board.
- **Footpaths:** Clerk has asked for updated map; South Road footpaths trimmed privately.
- **Affordable Housing:** Recent updates seem encouraging for the future.
- **Village Events:** Beaujolais Nouveau evening at Pavilion on 20th Nov. in aid of Papyrus (inc. raffle); LEBE's Community Café due to be opened tomorrow; new Chairman & some new Committee members at Sports Club; Eastertown resident 'lighting up' for Christmas on 28th Nov. in aid of Dementia Research.
- **County / District Issues:** C. Cllr. Denbee referred to Highways, Social Services & unfair funding of education issues alongside developing Isleport Business Park. Dist. Cllrs. mentioned economic seminar in Bridgwater, Bridgwater College's takeover of Taunton College & Hinkley Point.
- **Clerk:** Following information from the SDC Electoral Officer that there had been no request for an election, Chairman proposed to elect new Councillor by Co-option with the Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be on 21.12.15 or meeting thereafter [Seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett – all agreed]; Clerk commended the recent Planning Seminar to Councillors, especially 'Planning Enforcement' presentation; following attendance at the Coastal Cluster meeting, Clerk mentioned possibilities re local transport via Mendip Community Transport: he had contacted the Lympsham WI for suggestions.

97/15 Planning Applications:

SCC 1/31/15/016 Lympsham C. of E. First School, Rectory Way: Replacement of & repairs to the windows & stone surrounds in the main school – Support as necessary for Health & Safety.

98/15 Correspondence of Note: Circulated. Following information from the representative of Hadstone Energy Ltd., the PC agreed that any donation forthcoming would go towards the ongoing refurbishment of the Play Area, should the planned construction of a solar farm in an adjoining parish go ahead. The Clerk was instructed to seek further clarification as to the sum involved.

99/15 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below, but not grant from Harvest Home Comm. for Play Area – to be banked later.)

C/A: £10,471-49

S/A: £2,431-61

VAT to be claimed: £157-88

Player-Mason A/C: £2,393-81 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.]

Petty Cash: £25-83

100/15 Cheques issued since last meeting: None.

101/15 Cheques issued at November meeting: 101521 Clerk's salary £437-80; 101522 Loan to LEBE's Community Café £100; 101523 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101524 Petty Cash £100; 101525 SPFA £15 (Memb.).

102/15 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 21st December 2015): Draft Precept & St. Christopher's Church Grounds Maintenance Grant

The meeting ended at 8.32 p.m.