Minutes of Annual Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 16 May 2016

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. J. Denbee, Dist. Cllrs. R. Filmer & A. Gilling & one resident.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. *N.B. The meeting started at 8.50 p.m. following the Annual Parish meeting.*

38/16 Election of Chairman: Cllr. Gooding proposed Cllr. Hinton, seconded by Cllr. Jones – unanimously agreed.

39/16 Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Completed

40/16 Apologies: None.

41/16 Election of Vice Chairman: The Chairman proposed Cllr. Gooding, seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett – unanimously agreed.

42/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting (18.4.16): confirmed & signed.

43/16 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Police representative at May surgery plus visit by PC Wills – various issues passed on inc. continued 'fly-tipping' at several sites - recent dumping at Batch Bridge & Wick Lane (Dist. Cllr. Filmer would check with SDC); SDC dealing with reported damaged car.
- **Lympsham First School:** Mrs. Robertson would be appointed Executive Head Teacher for Lympsham and East Brent from September.
- **Manor Hall:** Nothing to report.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Clerk reported responses from Highways to recent issues – Rectory Way currently being worked on including taking hedge out near T-junction & fencing of field prior to further works.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Safety matting under 'new' swing finished today; Clerk reported that some replacement matting had to be purchased due to Health & Safety considerations when several of the older mats were found to be inadequate; the Clerk thanked Cllr. Bennett for her inspection report; both Cllrs. Bennett & Rosser had attended the recent Play Area Safety course & would be recommending improvements at next stage of refurbishment discussions - it was agreed to discuss this at the 'extra' meeting on 6th June, including improved signage. The 'Party for Our Park' was considered to be very successful & Cllrs. Rosser & Bennett were thanked for their hard work & commitment – total monies raised from the event were £1,305-24; Cllr. Rosser thanked fellow Councillors for their support & District Councillors for their sponsorship & commended Batch Hotel. The Clerk thanked Cllr. Rosser for organising the banking so efficiently. (Remaining crisps & sweets donated to FOLS for School Fair.)
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Clerk mentioned concerns re rubbish around neighbourhood.
- **Drainage Issues:** Still awaiting info. re Drainage Board looking to SDC & SCC for a joint way forward re the pump issue – Dist. Cllr. Filmer to check.
- **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.
- **Affordable Housing:** Consultation feedback received from SDC – circulated to Councillors & put on website; AFH Team hope to be in a position to formally report back to PC on 6th June – Clerk has provisionally booked venue – all Parish Councillors signified their availability.
- **Village Events:** Lympsham Open Gardens 18th & 19th June; Church Fete 25th June; Harvest Home 10th Sept.
- **County / District Issues:** Mentioned elsewhere.
- **Clerk:** Expressed frustration that Transparency Funding application had been 'lost' & he would have to apply again. Came & Company had supplied three quotations re insurance – following discussion, the Chairman proposed acceptance of Ecclesiastical's quote, seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett (all agreed).

44/16 Planning Applications: 31/16/00003/STP Mr. D. Fairchild, 11 The Boundaries, Lympsham, BS24 0DF – Conversion of one garage to living accommodation, erection of first floor extension above existing garages, single storey garage & replacement porch all to SW elevation – Objection as new garage is outside the existing building line. [One Cllr. abstained.]

45/16 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

46/16 Approval of Section 1 of Annual Return (Annual Governance Statement): Proposed by Cllr. Gooding, seconded by Cllr. Rosser, all agreed.

47/16 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below & first instalment of Precept & Council Tax Support plus Play Area funding.)
C/A: £14,859-01 S/A: £2,432-45 VAT to be claimed: £857-44
Player-Mason A/C: £2,398-61 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.] Petty Cash: £141-06

48/16 Cheques issued since last meeting: None.

49/16 Cheques issued at May meeting: 101556 SALC £226-17 (Affil.); 101557 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101558 PGC Contracting Services £480 (Safety surface in Play Area); 101559 Clerk's salary £438; 101560 Came & Company £273-75 (Insur.).

50/16 Approval of Section 2 of Annual Return (Accounting Statements): Prop. by Cllr. Tuttiett, sec. by Cllr. Rosser, all agreed.

51/16 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 6th June 2016): Affordable Housing report from AFH Team; Play Area refurbishment plans.

The meeting ended at 9.58 p.m.