Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 17 October 2016

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mrs. A. Bennett, Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett. Also attending: Dist. Cllrs. R. Filmer & A. Gilling, plus 2 visitors.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. [N.B. Meeting started at 7.45 p.m. following Manor Hall Committee meeting.]

93/16 Apologies: Mr. R. Hoare - accepted.

94/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting (19.9.16): confirmed & signed.

95/16 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- Neighbourhood Watch: Clerk liaising with Cllr. Bennett re NHW link with resident in Millfield Cottages; some petty thieving reported in local area (quad bikes & power tools targeted).
- Lympsham First School & Pre-School: Clerk related work involved re new leases for Academy status.
- Manor Hall: Dealt with in previous meeting.
- Highways: No feedback from Eastertown HGV issue yet; concerns again expressed re cars at Carbase parked on verge & very close to A370; some potholes marked for repair, but road 'sinking' again at beginning of Lympsham Road.
- Play Area inc. inspection reports: Cllr. Bennett had supplied report; Clerk had received one quote for community shelter, but was awaiting two more; Clerk reported that LEBE's Café had generously donated £500 towards the community shelter; Cllrs. Bennett & Rosser had approached two Lions organisations for grants - hopefully responses very soon: Cllr. Rosser had produced a format for these bids that could be held on file for future approaches - Clerk to receive copy. Wickstead had produced new quotes on equipment that had been favoured by consultees i.e. (to replace dome, toddler metal swing & slide) Copse with Poly Slide plus Mu (low level fitness trail) inc. carriage & installation = £13,500; previous apparatus plus a Dizzy roundabout = £17,500. Cllr. Rosser proposed that the PC could make up the shortfall, but after much discussion including with reference to some monies already committed, it was agreed that it was best to make a decision once news of grants had been secured; an extra meeting was to be convened to discuss this matter, but subsequently it was decided to leave this to November's meeting. Dist. Cllr. Filmer suggested contacting SDC officer re possible grant: Clerk to do this.
- Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues: Wessex Water would investigate cabinet following H & S query; 'guerrilla gardeners' commended for flower displays around the village.
- Drainage Issues: No more news re progress of pumping investigation.
- Footpaths: Cllr. Gooding to check whether Rectory Way footpath is navigable; path opposite Hope Farm had signs of dumping; Clerk to check with Enforcement re replacement sign.
- Affordable Housing: Clerk had very recently been informed that SDC's Affordable Housing Team had nothing to report as 'they were still in active discussion with landowners' with another meeting planned for mid November; it was hoped that the PC would receive an update re options at its next meeting.
- Village Events: Beaujolais Nouveau evening on 18th Nov; Hallowe'en party for youngsters on 28th Oct plus adult party on 29th.
- County / District Issues: Dist. Cllrs. referred to SCC's budget shortfall; Cllr. Filmer explained the issues surrounding a recent
- Government consultation & the PC agreed with the neighbouring PC's response.

 Clerk: Clerk referred to topics covered at 'All Parish meeting' on 22nd Sept. inc. Rural Policing, Budget consultation (Circ.), Highways issues in relationship to Hinkley Point, future Parish cluster arrangements & action on illegal encampments. Following discussion re the latter item, it was proposed that the Clerk contact SDC's legal dept. with a view for it to act on this following any request made by the Chairman, Vice Chairman & Clerk on behalf of the PC [Prop: Chairman, Sec: Cllr. Tuttiett all agreed]. As other neighbouring areas are taking 'defensive measures', the item is to be put on the next agenda to consider possibilities after consultation with the Cricket Club, etc. Proposed dates for 2017 meetings were accepted.

96/16 **Planning Applications:**

31/16/00010/CW Mrs. F. Robertson, Lympsham C. of E. V.C First School: Internal alterations to install a suspended ceiling -Support as it provides a better working environment in what is currently being used as the School Office.

31/16/00011/DRT Boley Pastures Ltd., Land to the South of Wayside, Bridgwater Road, Lympsham: Formation of agricultural stone track & access onto Bridgwater Road - Support as the proposed track & access would provide much improved access & egress for modern farm machinery for this local farm.

- 97/16 Correspondence of Note: Circulated. The RLT application from Pawlett Sports & Playing Fields Assoc. received no objections; Clerk to inform SDC that the PC wishes to adopt the Payphone near South Road; Parish Precept request from SDC to be discussed at December's meeting.
- Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below & grant from Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities (£449-50) 98/16 S/A: £2.433-29 VAT to be claimed: £979-44 Player-Mason A/C: £2,403-42 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.] Petty Cash: £111-26
- 99/16 Cheques issued since September meeting: 101578 Clerk's salary & quarterly office expenses (Sept.) £490-21; 101579 Petty cash £100.
- 100/16 Cheques issued at October meeting: 101580 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101581 Clerk's salary & expenses (Oct.) £442-26; 101582 HMRC £443-15 (PAYE).
- 101/16 Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities Grant: As the quotation re IT equipment hadn't been received, this item has been deferred until a later meeting.
- 102/16 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 21st November 2016): Security of Cricket Field; Refurbishment of Play Area Project

The meeting ended at 9.11 p.m.