

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 17 November 2014

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mrs. E. Male, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiert.
Also attending: Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

88/14 Apologies: Mr. R. Hoare, Mr. R. Jones & Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling. (Accepted).

89/14 Minutes of Previous Meeting (20.10.14): were confirmed and signed.

90/14 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk writing letter to Commissioner; latest SID findings received.
- **Lympsham First School:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall:** Nothing to report.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Some temporary road signs removed; Cllr. Tuttiert repeated concerns for the historic fingerpost: Clerk to contact SDC Conservation Officer; continued concern expressed re road subsidence despite Highways 'reassurance'; Clerk thanked for representing PC at Development Committee meeting re Solar Farm application – disappointment expressed that despite some support for the PC's concerns re traffic management plan, Highways' early approval appeared to overrule safety issues.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Order confirmed with Wickstead re replacement swing - predominately wooden structure (probably installed January); Clerk to apply to Nuttall Trust for next part of 'rolling programme' & Cllr. Rosser would be seeing Wickstead representative re funding forms – may need to have community events to raise funds. Following provision of bench by Harvest Home Committee, the WI has offered to donate to another one: PC to contribute to enable a matching one to be purchased.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Flooding notices to be kept up on notice-boards (Cllr. Male still has 'kits'); £20 donated for winter flowering pansies [Proposed by Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Male – all agreed]; Dist. Cllr. Filmer to check whether Lympsham had missed out re 'free bulbs'.
- **Drainage Issues:** Clerk to pursue date/s for meeting with Drainage Board: items to include concern expressed re possible reduction of maintenance re dredging of rhyme behind School / Pre-School.
- **Footpaths:** Getting damper! Path near end of South Road becoming overgrown.
- **Affordable Housing:** Clerk had been contacted by new Housing Project Development Officer – seeking update.
- **Village Events:** Fri. 21st Nov. Beaujolais evening; School & Church Christmas Fairs & WI Advent Service advertised.
- **County / District Issues:** Cllr. Male attending Coastal Cluster meeting: local Police support, Broadband & consultation re bus & library provision to be discussed.
- **Clerk:** Dates for 2015 meetings confirmed.

91/14 Planning Applications: [Dist. Cllr. Filmer left the room.]

31/14/00026/CG Premier Inn Hotels Ltd., Land at Hobbs Boat Inn, Bridgwater Road: Erection of two storey extension to South elevation, alterations to hotel reception inc. covered entrance & internal alterations – No observations.

[Cllr. Gooding declared an interest in next item.]

31/14/00028/LE Mr. & Mrs. M. Boley, The Mill Shed, Batch End Farm, Batch Lane, Lympsham: Erection of extension to rear (North) elevation to form garage, porch & storage area & first floor office – Support as encouraging local business.

31/14/00024/LE Mr. M. Bingham, OS Field No. 7229, Brean Road, Lympsham: Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of land to site one static caravans. (sic) – Objection as caravan would be visible from the footpath & the site has been the subject of several enforcement appeals, etc. during the last ten years.

[Dist. Cllr. Filmer returned to the meeting.]

92/14 Correspondence of Note: Clerk to collect de-icing material from Highways Depot.

93/14 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below)

C/A: £10,563-46 [Not inc. commitments for Play Area apparatus & notice-board (est. £3k)] S/A: £2,429-93 VAT: £450-88
Player-Mason A/C: £2,384-27 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.] Petty Cash: £46-02

94/14 Cheques issued since last meeting: None.

95/14 Cheques issued at November meeting: 101460 Mendip Comm. Transport £25 (Grant);
101461 Clerk's salary & expenses £428-60; 101462 SPFA £72 (Affil.);
101463 SDC £97-66 (Play Area bin serv.); 101464 Whitehouse Kennels £90 (Dog bin serv.).

96/14 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 15th December 2014): Draft Precept

The meeting ended at 8.53 p.m.