

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 18 January 2016

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

Also attending: Dist. Cllrs. R. Filmer & A. Gilling; Mr. D. Harvey & Ms. E. Carter from Sedgemoor Affordable Housing Development Unit plus Mr. P. Gardiner from E.G. Carter & Mr. C. Powell, architect.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. *[Meeting commenced 8.31 p.m. following Manor Hall Committee meetings.]*

1/16 Apologies: Mr. B. Gooding (Accepted).

2/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting (21.12.15): confirmed & signed following inclusion of decision details omitted in draft (108/15).

3/16 Affordable Housing: *[Moved up the agenda for the convenience of visitors.]*

Representatives from Sedgemoor Affordable Housing Unit gave update re Parish Housing Needs Assessment & the positive responses received; Mr. Gardiner & Mr. Powell offered perspectives of possible development: although some information needs to be checked & quantified, & various proposals considered, the PC supported public consultation at the earliest opportunity – a flyer to be distributed with the Lympsham News alongside the usual poster invitations.

[Visitors re Affordable Housing left the meeting at 9.30 p.m. with thanks for their input.]

4/16 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Alleged burglar had been arrested; Clerk had received a positive response from Commissioner re surgeries at Community Café.
- **Lympsham First School:** Dealt with at previous meeting.
- **Manor Hall:** Dealt with at previous meeting.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Notification of closure of West Road; other remedial work seems to be scheduled, but another patch along Rectory Way appears to need rectifying; concern re verge opposite Hobbs Boat.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Thanks to Cllrs. Bennett & Rosser for inspection comments; new swings due to be installed previous Friday, but postponed.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Cllr. Tuttiett thanked for installing seat at Boat Lane.
- **Drainage Issues:** Clerk had been contacted by resident re historic drainage issue: query passed to Chief Engineer of Drainage Board.
- **Footpaths:** Very muddy; kissing gate not operative; fallen tree had already been notified.
- **Village Events:** Pantomime had been successful; PC thanked for support; Burns' Night at Pavilion next Saturday & Six Nations Rugby starts 6th February (proceeds to charity); Chair proposed donation of £50 to assist with buffet for celebration of K. Hart's award (Seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett: all agreed).
- **County / District Issues:** Dist. Cllrs. discussed development of county / district services that might offer future efficiency savings.
- **Clerk:** Table of Councillors' interests amended & agreed; Cllr. Hoare & Clerk to represent PC at Parish 'Re-Pitching Our Tent' project presentation on 6th February; Cllr. Bennett volunteered to attend Coastal Cluster meeting on 17th Feb.

5/16 Planning Applications: Following an email from the Sports Club re proposed storage facility at the rear of Lympsham Pavilion, the PC supported the proposal.

Dismissal of appeal decision noted re OS Field no. 7229, Brean Road.

6/16 Correspondence of Note: Circulated; following request from Mendip Community Transport Chairman proposed a grant of £25, seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett – agreed.

7/16 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below)

C/A: £7,873-19

S/A: £2,432-03

VAT to be claimed: £210-16

Player-Mason A/C: £2,396-22 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.]

Petty Cash: £83-83

8/16 Cheque issued since last meeting: 101533 St. Christopher's Church £700 (Gr. Maint. grant).

9/16 Cheques issued at January meeting: 101534 PAYE £328-40; 101535 Clerk's salary & expenses £437-80; 101536 White House Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101537 CPRE £36 (Affil.).

10/16 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 15th February 2016): Possible plans re piping of rhyne.

The meeting ended at 10.13 p.m.