

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 18 December 2017

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mrs. A. Bennett, Mr. B. Gooding Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttielt.

Also attending: County Cllr. R. Filmer, Mr. D. Harvey & Ms. E. Carter (Housing, Health & Wellbeing Service, SDC) plus approx. twenty residents.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

100/17 Apologies: Mr. R. Hoare & Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling – Accepted.

101/17 Minutes of Previous Meeting (20.11.17): confirmed.

102/17 Affordable Housing: Mr. Harvey presented latest Briefing Paper (no. 9) [Please see Lympsham Village website: www.lympshamvillage.co.uk/] expressing disappointment with lack of progress in completion of feasibility study inc. answers & assurance required from Wessex Water re current drainage issues. C. Cllr. Filmer had received information that major work at Brent Knoll had been completed which should improve conditions in Lympsham, but still work to be done in 2018. Chairman emphasised the need for assurances re drainage improvements before consideration of new housing.

7.52 p.m. Chair suspended meeting to enable questions & comments from the floor: these included historical & current concerns re drainage problems & highways aspects. (Both subjects raised in communication with Clerk previous to meeting.)

N.B. E.G. Carter has employed a specific engineer to discuss issues with Wessex Water.

8.12 p.m. Meeting resumed with Chair being mindful of concerns expressed & stating that it was a critical requirement for all feasibility reports to be read & discussed prior to any future decisions. [D. Harvey & Ms. E. Carter left meeting along with visitors.]

103/17 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk thanked Cllr. Rosser for 'covering' December's surgery when PCSO S. Piers attended – commendable that there has been Police input at 75% of year's meetings; report of external Christmas lights stolen in West Road; Farm Watch alert re Landrover; Clerk reminded meeting of need to report to 101 if visitors ignore 'No Cold Calling' notices.
- **Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School:** Following a request from the Lympsham Academy's School Council & discussion of current options, it was agreed that the Clerk would approach SCC Traffic Engineer to request a site assessment re 'flashing school signs' that could be funded jointly by PC / Academy / SCC. [Proposed by Chair, Seconded by Cllr. Jones, all agreed.]; N.B. The Clerk is 'holding' donations in PC's petty cash A/C re the local Speedwatch's bid to fund a similar sign, but all signs are dependent on Highways' approval. (Also notice has been received that recent years' SID provision with SCC will finish in early 2018.)
- **Manor Hall:** Following discussion with the Head Teacher, it was agreed that the Clerk would apply for a grant re a required 'fire-wall' between Kitchen & Hall.
- **Highways:** Clerk passed on Highways' response re Lympsham Road 'dip'; Cllr. Tuttielt reported a prompt response to Hobbs Boat road concerns; serious concerns expressed re safety of A370 in light of very recent incident: concerns re speeding do not appear to promote any positive action, so it was agreed to seek external expertise to suggest solution/s inc. redesign of junctions; C. Cllr. has requested speeding survey for A370.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Community Shelter base down & structure currently being erected; possible carved signs under consideration; sign installed in Play Area thanks to Cllr. Gooding; area requiring seeding now done, but will be turfed in spring if necessary.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Seats at Copse Corner require repair or replacement – Chair proposed £100 (Seconded by Cllr. Tuttielt – all agreed) to support project.
- **Drainage Issues:** Discussion re different levelling of capping of rhyne by school & neighbouring house; current issues in West Road discussed earlier; drainage scheme at Brent Knoll that might benefit Lympsham costing £3.5 million – increase in pump size.
- **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.
- **Village Events:** Samples of WI birthday cake received with thanks; 16th & 17th Feb: LADS Pantomime; 25th Dec. LEBE's Christmas Lunch (commended by Chairman); New Year's Eve: singer at Pavilion; Copse Corner illuminations – Chair proposed grant of £50 to support Charity event (seconded by Cllr. Rosser – approved.)
- **County / District Issues:** County Children's Services upgraded by OFSTED; Library services' consultation, but stay in-house; discussions re joint work with SCC & districts re funding partnerships might involve devolution of powers & funding; pilot scheme re bus. rates applied for.
- **Clerk:** Dates for 2018 meetings agreed: 15th January, 26th February, 26th March, 16th April, 21st May, 25th June, 23rd July, 17th September, 15th October, 19th November, 17th December.

104/17 Planning Applications:

31/17/00017 St. Christopher's Church: Fell beech tree & reduce elm – Supported for safety reasons.

31/17/00018/JAB Mr. J. Counsell, Lympsham Manor House, Church Road, Lympsham: Works to willows – Supported for safety reasons.

31/17/00020/STP Mr. & Mrs. Ody, White House Farm, White House Lane, Loxton, Highbridge, Axbridge, BS26 2UU: Prior approval, under part A of Class Q, for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling – No observations.

N.B. 1) Whitehouse Kennels' revised application due next year.

2) Original Solar Farm app. a technical issue not requiring PC input, but an indication of possible future application.

105/17 Licensing Application: Following discussion, providing the Chairman of Lympsham Sports Club was able to clarify several items, it was agreed to fully support the application.

106/17 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

107/17 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £12,367-41

S/A: £2,434-30

VAT: £2,677-14

Player-Mason A/C: £2,405-73 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.]

Petty Cash: £140-78

108/17 Cheques issued since November meeting: 101647 Mendip Comm. Transport £25 (Grant); 101648 Tasker Printers Ltd. £499 (Lympsham News); 101649 PGC Contracting £501-67 (GM & extra work); 101650 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.).

109/17 Cheques issued at December meeting: 101651 Clerk's salary £446-83; 101652 Petty Cash £100.

110/17 Parish Precept request 2018/19: Following the Clerk's explanation of previous & projected years' figures, it was agreed to 'keep' the Precept figure at the 2017/18 rate i.e. £14,500 plus that year's reduced support grant of £187 [Prop: Chairman, Sec: by Cllr. Tuttielt – all agreed.]

111/17 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting * (Monday 15.1.18): As above.

* Preceded by Manor Hall AGM & Manor Hall Committee Meeting

The meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.