

## Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 18 April 2016

**Councillors Present:** Mr. B. Gooding (Acting Chairman), Mrs. A. Bennett, Mr. R. Hoare, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett. Also attending: Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer & two residents.

*N.B. The meeting started at 7.45 p.m. following the quarterly Manor Hall Committee meeting.*

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk.

**29/16 Apologies:** Mr. J. Hinton, Mr. R. Jones & Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling (Accepted).

**30/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting (21.3.16):** confirmed & signed.

**31/16 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:**

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** No Police representative at April Surgery; 'fly-tipping' experience at several sites (Eastertown, Accommodation Road, Strowlands & Wick Lane); another example of 'Cold calling' despite local notices; query as to cause of recent accident by car sales showroom; query as to whether bus company might address issue of muddy puddle near Ferry Lane stop; clearer vision at garage now signs moved; various markings on roads signifying road repairs scheduled.
- **Lympsham First School:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall:** Reported at previous meeting.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Various signs require cleaning / adjusting – this is a Highways' responsibility – any 'amateur' assistance could involve H & S considerations.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Repair of area under new swings is imminent, but depending on the weather; following late withdrawal of contractor from process, quotations re 'Bus shelter / Play Area seating' to be discussed at next meeting. 'Party for our Park': Cllr. Rosser updated plans for the event: 11 a.m. set-up / 8 p.m. tidy away; tickets available from Shop – Cllrs. Bennett & Gooding volunteered their services; D. Comerford providing 'first responder' services; thanks given to Cllr. Rosser for all her hard work; following discussion re funding of overall project, Cllr. Gooding would seek advice from Berrow initiative & J. Hanmer's offer of advice may be of benefit.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Following a review of the maintenance contract & the 'extras' requested by the PC over the last 3 years, it was agreed for a variation of the contract for the remaining two years to be set at £1,445 per year to inc. the regular extra items [Proposed by Cllr. Tuttiett, Seconded by Cllr. Bennett, all agreed].
- **Drainage Issues:** It would seem that the Drainage Board are looking to SDC & SCC for a joint way forward re the pump issue.
- **Footpaths:** Gradually drying out; some discussion re access at two footpaths in Eastertown.
- **Affordable Housing:** Presentation on 14<sup>th</sup> April well attended with SDC team responding to many questions; if an alternative site became available, SDC would let the PC know; Clerk waiting for presentation info. to be available for website and / or link to SDC's; an extra meeting may have to be scheduled to receive SDC's consultation feedback depending on future agendas.
- **Village Events:** Cricket starting soon (there will be 2 Lympsham 20/20 teams); Queen's birthday celebrations: cream tea, 'happy hour' (90 mins.), lighting of beacon (risk assessment completed) followed by a royal quiz.
- **County / District Issues:** The Clerk thanked Dist. Cllr. Filmer for following up requests for information re the coverage of Broadband in our local area.
- **Clerk:** Under other headings.

**32/16 Planning Applications:** 31/16/00002/JAB Mr. J. Counsell, Lympsham Manor Farm, Rectory Way, Lympsham: 1) Hornbeam fell 2) Hornbeam reduce height by 4.5 m 3) Horse chestnut reduce long side stems over field by 3 to 4 m. – Supported following professional advice attached to application.

**33/16 Correspondence of Note:** Circulated.

**34/16 Finance Report:** (inc. cheques listed below)

C/A: £8,582-19

S/A: £2,432-03

VAT to be claimed: £841-44

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

Petty Cash: £41-06

**35/16 Cheques issued since last meeting:** None.

**36/16 Cheques issued at April meeting:** 101552 HMRC £328-40 (PAYE); 101553 LGRC (Associates) Ltd. £72 (Transparency Course); 101554 Clerk's salary £438; 101555 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.).

**37/16 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016\*)**

*\*Annual Parish Meeting inc. presentation by Revd. Simon Lewis: 'Re-Pitching Our Tent'; followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting*

**The meeting ended at 8.46 p.m.**