

## Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Annual Meeting, 18 May 2015

*N.B. Meeting started at 7.40 p.m. following Annual Parish Meeting.*

**Councillors Present:** Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Hoare, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. E. Male, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett. Also attending: Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling.

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk.

**41/15 Election of Chairman:** Cllr. Tuttiett proposed Cllr. Hinton, seconded by Cllr. Male – unanimously agreed.

**42/15 Declaration of Acceptance of Office:** Completed

**43/15 Apologies:** Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer (Accepted).

**44/15 Co-option of Parish Councillor:** Chairman proposed R. Hoare, seconded by Cllr. Gooding – all agreed.

**45/15 Election of Vice Chairman:** Cllr. Tuttiett proposed Cllr. Gooding, seconded by Chairman – unanimously agreed; Cllr. Gooding duly completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**46/15 Minutes of Previous Meeting (20.4.15):** were confirmed and signed.

**47/15 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:**

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk reported a good turn out at May's surgery when 2 PCSOs were able to be present; Clerk had requested Speedwatch to prioritise Rectory Way; it was reported that a Police vehicle had been making early morning speed patrols locally.
- **Lympsham First School:** Clerk to check with Head Teacher re reported Drainage Board meeting.
- **Manor Hall:** Cable at bottom of stage needed attention; cobwebs / need for high cleaning: Clerk to liaise with Head Teacher.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** One patch along Rectory Way repaired, but still an area subsiding; also kerb area along West Road still not repaired; sign at junction of Rectory Way / Brean Road only due to be repaired this financial year: Clerk asked to 'chase' all these issues. Concern expressed re parking near car sales areas and in laybys.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Benches due to be installed: Cllr. Hoare displayed the WI plaque to be paid for by PC. Discussion followed re next piece of equipment for repair / replacement (probable £3k required): next month's RoSPA report could clarify this; Cllr. Rosser to seek possible sponsorship.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Clerk had learnt that a resident had complained to Highways re overgrown hedges along Lympsham Road near the Boundaries, but Highways hadn't checked with PC as to ownership of hedges: residents have responsibility to keep paths clear, however our contractor dealt with the problem. Possible need to monitor number of cuts that SDC provide for area opposite, etc.
- **Drainage Issues:** Clerk to follow up reported meeting at School.
- **Footpaths:** Cllr. Hoare to investigate state of Rectory Way path; Cllr. Gooding to check Bridle Way.
- **Affordable Housing:** Clerk to check with Affordable Housing Officer re update.
- **Village Events:** Women's branch of RBL VE Day 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a great success - £450 raised ; 'Night on the Tiles' event on 5<sup>th</sup> June in aid of St. Christopher's Church roof repair fund sold out; Whitehouse Kennels Open Day Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Manor Open Gardens 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June; St. Christopher's Church Fete 27<sup>th</sup> June; School Fete Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July.
- **County / District Issues:** Post election update; discussion re solar farm highways issues: Clerk to seek update.
- **Clerk:** Two insurance quotes received for renewal: Clerk in liaison with Chairman tasked to seek reduced premium with current insurer [Proposed Cllr. Tuttiett, seconded Cllr. Male].

*[Dist. Cllr. Gilling left the meeting.]*

**48/15 Planning Applications:**

31/15/00007/STP Hutchings Marketing Services Ltd., Mores Building, Bridgwater Road, Lympsham: Demolition & reconstruction of fire damaged workshop – Supported (commercial business in locality).

N.B. Enforcement dealing with illegal advertising signs near highway.

**49/15 Correspondence of Note:** Circulated.

**50/15 Finance Report:** (inc. cheques listed below & receipt of 1<sup>st</sup> Precept & Council Tax Support payment)

C/A: £7,981-40

S/A: £2,430-77

VAT being claimed: £1,444-37

Player-Mason A/C: £2,386-67 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.]

Petty Cash: £42-83

**51/15 Cheque issued since last meeting:** 101489 PAYE £328-60.

**52/15 Cheques issued at May meeting:** 101490 Clerk's salary £438; 101491 SALC £217-52 (Affil.);  
101492 Whitehouse Kennels £72 (Dog bin serv.); 101493 SLCC £118 (Affil.).

**53/15 Approval of Annual Accounts & Annual Governance Statement:** Proposed by Cllr. Gooding,  
seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett – all agreed.

**54/15 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015):** None.

The meeting ended at 9 p.m.