Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 18 September 2017

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

Also attending: County Cllr. R. Filmer.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

73/17 Apologies: Mr. J. Hinton, Mr. R. Hoare & Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling – Accepted.

74/17 Minutes of Previous Meeting (17.7.17): confirmed & signed.

75/17 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** No Police rep. in August, but PCSO Grobbeler attended September's surgery; M. Hatton was considering applying for a grant for a village SID; reply had been circulated from Police Commissioner (but not as yet MP) re Cluster speeding concerns: need to await Cluster's response – Cllr. Bennett will be attending next meeting.
- **Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School:** Rhyne now capped & area turfed – fencing in hand.
- **Manor Hall:** Awaiting trustee advice.
- **Highways:** Enforcement Officer has dealt with 'dropped kerb' issue; various issues highlighted inc. ineffective sign at start of Lympsham Road & footpath along A370 up to Dulhorn Farm requiring clearing; Clerk read out Highways' response re fencing, etc. at Brean Road junction.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** RoSPA report had been circulated; turfing in hand depending on weather; Clerk to seek advice re pruning of trees; Cllr. Rosser unveiled Play Area sign & donor plaques (thanks to Somerlap Forestry Products for posts) – Cllr. Gooding to erect; Cllr. Hoare still to investigate gate-stop; Clerk understood that Community Shelter work was in hand; Cllr. Hoare to be asked to check on light damage on picnic table.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Cllr. Tuttiett to seek advice re resident's concern re trees bordering on cricket field overshadowing local houses; tarmac work completed; Cllr. Gooding to check on hedge leading towards Church. (There is a possibility that the 'green container' will be going.)
- **Drainage Issues:** Wentmore Rhyne culvert had been blocked twice, but now cleared.
- **Footpaths:** Clerk to contact Footpaths Officer re Eastertown issue & blocked footpath near Rectory Way.
- **Affordable Housing:** Feasibility Study ongoing: report hopefully at next meeting.
- **Village Events:** Harvest Home well supported despite speaker issue – Cllr. Gooding to take back a couple of suggestions for future event; LEBE's Café's 'Jazz on the Lawn' event went well; Liz Rayner's studio open days well worth visiting. Thursday evening quizzes to start; MacMillan Coffee Morning 26th Sept; Cricket Club dinner Fri. 3rd Nov; Beaujolais Nouveau Evening 17th Nov.
- **County / District Issues:** Positive news re County NHS improvements in discharging patients & no nursing homes inadequate; County will be encouraging PCs re fingerposts – Wick Lane / Brean Road may need an alternative post; 'Travel Somerset' site popular & first phase of new digital prog. rolling out; Hinkley progressing with accommodation being started. New SDC local plan; planning info. going digital; Gov. increasing number of houses required.
- **Clerk:** Items dealt with elsewhere in agenda.

76/17 Planning Applications:
24/17/00019/STP Mr. & Mrs. Ody, White House Farm, White House Lane, Loxton, 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.

77/17 Correspondence of Note: Circulated. PC confirmed support for Lympsham Tennis Club's application for RLT3 funding.

78/17 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below
C/A: £9,878-93 S/A: £2,434-06 VAT: £2,468-86
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: £81-74

79/17 Cheques issued since July meeting: 101629 Playsafety Ltd. £84 (RoSPA);
101630 Whitehouse Kennels £120 (Dog bin serv.); 101631 Clerk's salary £446-63.

80/17 Cheques issued at September meeting: 101632 Clerk's salary £446-83; 101633 Grant Thornton UK LLP £240 (Audit);
101634 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101635 PGC Contracting £591-67 (Gr. Maint.);
101636 Tasker Printers Limited £499 (Lympsham News).

81/17 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting * (Monday 16.10.17): None apart from 'Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings'.

*Preceded by Lympsham Manor Hall Committee meeting

The meeting ended at 8.26 p.m.