

## Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 19 January 2015

**Councillors Present:** Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Hoare, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. E. Male, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiatt. Also attending: Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer & Ms. E. Carter.

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk.

*[N.B. Meeting started at 8.55 p.m. following Manor Hall Committee AGM and quarterly meeting and subsequent presentation to the PC re 'Housing Development Update' by Ms. E. Carter, Housing Project Development Officer.]*

**1/15 Apologies:** Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling (Accepted).

**2/15 Minutes of Previous Meeting (15.12.14):** were confirmed and signed.

**3/15 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:**

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** PCSO Dixon appreciated correspondence from Chairman; no further details forthcoming re recent fly-tipping in Eastertown or accident on main road; comprehensive report received from Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.
- **Lympsham First School:** Dealt with in previous meeting.
- **Manor Hall:** Dealt with in previous meeting.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Ofsted inspection confirmed as good (several 'Outstanding' areas).
- **Highways:** Clerk reported response re removal of fingerpost for refurbishment – PC to review; subsidence on Lympsham Road & Rectory Way had been reported; blue markings along West Road indicate future water works (different colours for various agencies); road drainage issues near Hobbs Boat & Church Road; Cllr. Tuttiatt raised concern re willow tree along Rectory Way.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** New double swing to be installed soon; benches being ordered & Cllr. Hoare reported on labels for them; Clerk had submitted application for funding to The Nuttall Trust re play apparatus.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Clerk gave costs for additional dogbin in Ferry Lane area: all agreed to purchase, installation & additional costs of servicing contract (Prop: Chairman, sec: Cllr. Tuttiatt) Clerk to ascertain best placement; nettles in hedgerow removed by contractor.
- **Drainage Issues:** Still no response from Chief Engineer; Parents of School recently helped to clear rine; Dist. Cllr. Filmer confirmed that discussions re pump station issue were ongoing between SDC & SCC.
- **Footpaths:** Very wet, but Cllr. Male pleasantly surprised re access of Purving Way paths.
- **Affordable Housing:** Chairman expressed appreciation of Housing Project Development Officer's earlier presentation – need to await further update from SDC.
- **Village Events:** Burns Night & Six Nations Rugby to be celebrated at the Pavilion; Lympsham W.I. centenary Baton arrival at Pavilion on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Somerset Sound broadcasting plus Church bells: all welcome.
- **County / District Issues:** Cllr. Male pursuing BT re low Internet speeds locally.
- **Clerk:** Notice-board for Copse Corner awaiting installation; Clerk gathering information for website; no one has volunteered to edit Lympsham News yet – Clerk to seek advice from current Editor.

**4/15 Planning Applications:** 31/14/00032/IL Mr. J. Teteris, Mulberry House, South Road, Lympsham: Conversion of garage to living accommodation & erection of single storey side extension, partly on site of garage (to be demolished) – No observations.  
Clerk updated PC re recent Planning Inspectorate decision & another application going to Committee.

**5/15 Correspondence of Note:** Thanks received from Prowton Family for PC grant: this year's total over £2,000 – Cllr. Tuttiatt informed meeting that £37k had been raised for charity over 11 years by the family: all agreed that this was a magnificent effort. PC acknowledged grant from Health & Wellbeing Budget courtesy of C. Cllr. Denbee – much appreciated; residents in / near South Road possibly willing to contribute to next year's Christmas tree & for LEDs.

**6/15 Finance Report:** (inc. cheques listed below)

C/A: £6,549-43 [Not inc. commitments for Play Area apparatus (est. £3k)] S/A: £2,430-35

VAT to be claimed: £621-61 Player-Mason A/C: £2,386-67 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.]

Petty Cash: £106-75

**7/15 Cheques issued since last meeting:** 101471 St. Christopher's Church £700 (Gr. Maint. grant); 101472 Village & Urban £816 (Notice-board).

**8/15 Cheques issued at January meeting:** 101473 Whitehouse Kennels £90 (Dog bin serv.); 101474 Clerk's salary & expenses £437-80; 101475 Petty Cash £100; 101476 PAYE £327-80.

**9/15 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015):** Lympsham News

The meeting ended at 9.46 p.m.