

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 19 October 2015

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Hoare, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett.
Also attending: Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer, Mr. D. Harvey & Ms. E. Carter (SDC Housing Development Unit).

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. [N.B. Meeting started at 8 p.m. following Manor Hall Committee Meeting.]

83/15 Apologies: Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling (Accepted).

84/15 Resignation of Parish Councillor: The meeting reluctantly accepted the written resignation of Cllr. E. Male – Chairman to write to Mrs. Male on behalf of the PC; Clerk outlined the procedure re a 'Casual Vacancy' that he would instigate.

85/15 Minutes of Previous Meeting (14.9.15): were confirmed and signed.

86/15 Affordable Housing: Mr. D. Harvey, supported by Ms. E. Carter, briefed the meeting re the recent local 'Housing Needs Assessment' informing the Stage 1 Report & the current follow up after the initial responses received; a Community Land Trust (CLT) was mentioned as a possible initiative should suitable land be available.
The Chairman thanked visitors for their positive update. [Mr. Harvey & Ms. Carter left the meeting at 8.50 p.m.]

87/15 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk reported that he had received a replacement 'green wheelie' bin; also received latest Avon & Som. Police Commissioner newsletter.
- **Lympsham First School:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall:** Following discussion at previous meeting, PC agreed to offer a loan of £100 to assist the starting up of a weekly 'Community Café' in the Pavilion [Proposed: Cllr. Hoare, seconded: Cllr. Jones – carried].
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Some new road signs have appeared; concerns expressed again re condition of road surface along Rectory Way up to Brean junction & in Eastertown where at least one warning bollard by culvert had been removed; verges along A370 need attention. Clerk related his response to a concerned resident re overgrown hedges at start of Lympsham Road inc. history of proposed footpath (Dist. & County Cllrs. copied in). Clerk gave update re Brean Road / Rectory Way junction delay. Clerk asked to thank Dept. for this year's offer of de-icing materials, but have sufficient quantity at present.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Following announcement of generous donation of £1,000 from the Harvest Home Committee, it was agreed to replace two oldest swings (DIY removal of toddler swing) with a double log swing for younger visitors (positioned to allow room for future purchase) at a cost of £2,300 [Prop. by Chairman, sec. by Cllr. Gooding – all in favour] (using £500 previously granted by Nuttall Trust plus £800 from PC) – Cllr. Rosser was thanked for her research.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Unhygienic waste bin issue now resolved; Clerk had referred abandoned piano to Clean Surroundings team; branches by Play Area to be checked re height; Cllr. Hoare to check on potholes leading to Pavilion; Cllr. Tuttiett arranging for replacement of bedding plants with low maintenance ground cover; dissatisfaction expressed re temporary signs appearing in village; thanks to Cllr. Tuttiett both 'old' benches now refurbished & ready to be fixed in Eastertown & Boat Lane areas.
- **Drainage Issues:** Awaiting update from Drainage Board re supposed investigation last August.
- **Footpaths:** Cllr. Hoare checking with SCC footpaths officer re works.
- **Affordable Housing:** See 86/15.
- **Village Events:** Hallowe'en event on 31st Oct; World Cup final at Pavilion; Beaujolais Nouveau evening at Pavilion on 20th Nov. – 'portrait' to be re-raffled; Cllr. Rosser explained 'LIPS' (Lympsham's Incredible Pantomime Society) programme.
- **County / District Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Filmer referred to Planning seminar for Councillors inc. consultations re Local plan, Enforcement Policy & validation checklist for planning, plus local issues.
- **Clerk:** Legal requirement to choose a pension scheme by 1st Dec: following discussion, Cllr. Gooding proposed registration with National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett – carried.
Dates for 2016 meetings agreed: 18th January, 15th February, 21st March, 18th April, 16th May, 27th June; 18th July, 19th September, 17th October, 21st November, 19th December.
Availability of County Councillor Grants announced on 7th Sept. re promotion of health & well-being.
Update re BT Infinity currently being 'rolled out' locally.

88/15 Planning Applications:

31/15/00015/SJH Whitbread Hotels & Restaurants, Hobbs Boat Inn, Bridgwater Road: Display of one internally illuminated box sign on the East elevation – No observations as already in situ.

5/15/00017/RM Hadstone Energy Ltd., Land to the South of, Wick Farm, Brean Road, Lympsham: Variation of condition 4 of Planning Permission 05/14/00019 – Had already been agreed.

89/15 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

90/15 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below & credit of Precept, etc.)

C/A: £11,220-29

S/A: £2,431-61

VAT to be claimed: £119-28

Player-Mason A/C: £2,393-81 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.]

Petty Cash: £138-62

91/15 Cheques issued since last meeting: 101515 Heartstart Somerset County £160 (Defib. Training).

92/15 Cheques issued at October meeting: 101516 Sedgemoor CAB £25 (Grant); 101517 PAYE £328-40; 101518 Petty Cash £100; 101519 Clerk's salary £438; 101520 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.).

93/15 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 16th November 2015): As above.

The meeting ended at 10.13 p.m.