

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 19 December 2016

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

Also attending: Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

113/16 Apologies: Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling (Accepted).

114/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting (21.11.16): confirmed & signed.

115/16 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** 'Horse Watch' appears to be working.
- **Lympsham First School & Pre-School:** Clerk reported that there had been some discussion re fencing around school.
- **Manor Hall:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Clerk had collected salt bags from Highways – Cllr. Tuttiett had distributed them; Clerk mentioned 'Report a road problem' poster which was at variance with recent concerns about rut on Lympsham Road, but it had been reported that further funding for Highways was likely in new financial year; potholes in South Road reported to have been filled in.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Clerk thanked Cllr. Bennett for her report; both Cllr. Rosser & the Chairman were working on the project proposals decided at the previous meeting & Cllr. Gooding was awaiting the quote for slate; the Clerk had sought the quote re shelter foundations.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** It was agreed that the Clerk would advertise the new contract for Grounds Maintenance; Cllr. Gooding had spoken to the Groundsman re security of the cricket field: the new cricket committee may have ideas, but H & S needs to be considered along with funding; Clerk gave update re future work re trees by tennis courts.
- **Drainage Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Filmer would check when Pumping Station deliberations would be communicated to all residents.
- **Footpaths:** No further information.
- **Affordable Housing:** Next feedback from Sedgemoor AFH Team planned for January's meeting.
- **Village Events:** WI carol singing went well with over £200 raised for charity; Pantomime tickets selling fast: it was agreed to donate 3 x £15 tokens for the raffle [Prop. by Chairman, Sec: Cllr. Bennett]; also £50 granted towards Christmas Lights appeal for the British Heart Foundation [Prop: Cllr. Tuttiett, Sec: Cllr. Rosser].
- **County / District Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Filmer gave update re recycling changes proposed for 2018.
- **Clerk:** April PC meeting date changed to 24th; it was agreed to grant £700 to St. Christopher's Church towards GM costs [Prop: Chairman, Sec: Cllr. Tuttiett].

116/16 Planning Applications:

31/16/00013/STP Boley Pasture Ltd., Land to the West of, Hobbs Boat Inn, Bridgwater Road, Lympsham, BS24 0BP:
Erection of agricultural livestock / general purpose storage building to incorporate a new access track / yard area outside the building - Supported as appropriate development for business.

[Chairman declared an interest in next item & took no part in the discussion.]

31/16/00014/LE J, S & M Frost, Land to the East of, Ranscombe House, Slade Lane, Lympsham, BS24 0DP:
Erection of agricultural livestock building & formation of access track - Supported as appropriate development for business.

31/16/00017/LE Mrs. P. Boley, The Mill Shed, Batch End Farm, Batch Lane, Lympsham, BS24 0EX:
Application for the prior approval of the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling with associated operational development - Supported as no major changes or structural alterations.

117/16 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

118/16 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £19,537-03

S/A: £2,433-29

VAT to be claimed: £1,093-72

Player-Mason A/C: £2,403-42 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.] Petty Cash: £89-03

119/16 Cheques issued since November meeting: 101589 Tasker Printers Ltd. £430 (Lympsham News); 101590 Nuts & Bolts Computer Serv. £372 (IT equip.); 101591 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101592 Lympsham Manor Hall £216 (Hire).

120/16 Cheques issued at December meeting: 101593 Clerk's salary & quarterly office expenses £542-46.

121/16 Parish Precept request 2017/18: Following the Clerk's provision of past, current & projected figures, various points were discussed including the diminishing Council Tax support grant; the last increase being for yr. '13-'14; rising costs; PC's increased responsibilities e.g. Dog bins & GM; commitment to Play Area; danger of future shortfalls & likely Gov. restrictions. It was agreed to raise the Precept to £14,500 to cover the predicted shortfall in 2017/18 that would mean an extra 39p a month for a Band D resident [Prop: Chairman, Sec: Cllr. Jones – all agreed].

122/16 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 23rd January 2017*): Update re Affordable Housing

*Preceded by Manor Hall Committee AGM & Committee meeting

The meeting ended at 9.03 p.m.