

## Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Annual Meeting, 19 May 2014

**Councillors Present:** Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. R. Hoare, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. E. Male, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett.  
Also present: County Councillor J. Denbee & District Councillor R. Filmer; PC E. Lawson & PCSO P. Dixon.

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk.

*N.B. The meeting started at 8.05 p.m. following the Annual Parish Meeting.*

**37/14 Election of Chairman:** Cllr. Rosser proposed Cllr. Hinton, seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett – all agreed.

**38/14 Declaration of Acceptance of Office:** Completed.

**39/14 Apologies:** Mr. B. Gooding & District Councillor A. Gilling. (Accepted).

**40/14 Election of Vice Chairman:** Cllr. Male proposed Cllr. Gooding, seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett – all agreed.

**41/14 Minutes of Previous Meeting (14.4.14):** were confirmed and signed.

**42/14 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:**

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** PC Lawson & PCSO Dixon reassured meeting re recent burglaries: NHW Co-ordinators contacted & neighbours alerted; 'litter-bug' in West Road being investigated; Clerk asked to mention NHW recruiting & vigilance in Lympsham News; Horse Watch & Farm Watch still operating – 'phoning 101 does help.
- **Lympsham First School:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall:** Nothing to report.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Recycled old fencing from Pavilion now used as a raised flowerbed.
- **Highways:** Footpaths adjacent to highways overgrown along with East Brent roundabout – C. Cllr. Denbee to follow up latter; concern expressed re cars for sale parked on verge very close to highway – PC Lawson to check; Clerk to inform Highways of subsidence along Rectory Way.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** RoSPA inspection due to take place in June.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Discussion re need for parking bays by P.O. / Shop – will review; Cllr. Tuttiett gave update on 'guerrilla gardening'; a resident may contribute towards replanting of pound: Chairman proposed a further £20 be given to support further planting around village, seconded by Cllr. Jones – all agreed.
- **Drainage Issues:** Clerk reported latest response from Chief Engineer of Drainage Board et al.
- **Footpaths:** Improving.
- **Affordable Housing:** Despite no response from D. Harvey, Dist. Cllr. Filmer understood that discussions with landowners were still going ahead.
- **Village Events:** Church Fayre on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June; School Fete on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July; Cllr. Male briefed the meeting re the WI National Federation centenary when a baton will be received by the local branch at the Pavilion on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
- **County / District Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Filmer mentioned the updated Planning Portal – the Clerk thanked him for his weekly communications re planning; also referred to West Huntspill wind farm judicial hearing plus other appeals; SDC have brought empty properties back into use.
- **Clerk:** Approval sought re annual insurance quotation – Chairman proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett – all agreed.

**43/14 Planning Applications:** [N.B. Dist. Cllr. Filmer left the room for this item.]  
99/14/00225/SJH The Camping & Caravanning Club re Hawthorns, Brean Road, Lympsham: Request as to whether there are any objections to the issuing of a Certificate of Exemption to the landowner – Clerk asked to remind SDC of previous reservations re site i.e. highway safety & lack of services.

**44/14 Correspondence of Note:** Circulated.

**45/14 Finance Report:** (inc. cheques listed below)  
C/A: £8,837-82 (Inc. first instalment of Precept & Council Tax grant.)      S/A: £2,429-09      VAT: £157-30  
Player-Mason A/C: £2,379-50 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.]      Petty Cash: £8-92

**46/14 Cheques issued since last meeting:** None

**47/14 Cheques issued at May meeting:** 101435 SLCC £116 (Affil.); 101436 Whitehouse Kennels £72 (Dog bin serv.); 101437 PGC Contracting Services £211; 101438 Clerk's salary & expenses £428-60; 101439 Broker Network Ltd. £278-95(Insurance).

**48/14 Approval of Annual Accounts & Annual Governance Statement:** Prop. by Cllr. Tuttiett, sec. by Cllr. Male - all agreed.

**49/14 Somerset Levels & Moors Flood Action Plan Consultation:** Generally felt that it was more important to take notice of comments from those areas that had suffered from the recent adverse weather.

**50/14 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014):** Still awaiting Pre-School letter re 'Community meadow'; Cllr. Rosser advised that Sports Club now has joint Chairmen, Messrs. Rosser & Saxon – A. Deacon retaining a consultative role re new building work; there is a space on the Committee reserved for a rep. of the Parish Council – Cllr. Tuttiett volunteered.

**The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.**