

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 19 September 2016

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mrs. A. Bennett, Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Hoare, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiatt.
Also attending: Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer, D. Harvey & Ms. E. Carter (Housing Project Dev., SDC) plus 5 visitors.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

83/16 Apologies: Mr. R. Jones, Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling – accepted.

84/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting (18.7.16): confirmed & signed.

85/16 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Affordable Housing:** [Moved up agenda to accommodate visitors] As last report from SDC officers was three months previously, D. Harvey gave a brief recap of the project to date. Contractors had carried out highways survey (currently draft unavailable for PC): indicating that proposed South Road incapable of taking 24/26 units; a lesser number could affect the viability of the project in the light of affordable housing, so if that area was still considered, it couldn't be in isolation. Therefore officers will be discussing possible options related to land off West Road & Bridgwater / Lympsham Roads with relevant landowners. N.B. Different sites cannot be included in one application, but it was stressed that any discussions were not a precursor to a planning application as there would need to be further public consultation if 'new' sites are proposed. In answer to a question, it was suggested that there needs to be a planned development of about 20 units to produce the funding for ten AFH homes, but this depends on government initiatives, etc. The Chairman requested more information re these 'new' sites to allow the PC to take an informed view in future discussions – D. Harvey hoped to provide a further report at the next meeting.

86/16 Planning Applications: [Moved up agenda to accommodate visitors; Dist. Cllr. Filmer vacated the room; Cllr. Gooding declared an interest in the first application.]

The Chairman suspended the meeting for five minutes to allow residents to offer comments.

31/16/00008/STP Mr. D. Twinn, Lympsham, Church Road, Lympsham: Erection of a timber frame carport, installation of a new kerb & erection of a fence & gates – Supported as it is in keeping with the local surroundings.

31/16/00009/STP Mr. & Mrs. Hopkins, Dolhurst, Delhorn Lane, Lympsham: Application for Prior Approval of Proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling & associated operational development - Supported as the change of use would be appropriate in that locality. [Dist. Cllr. Filmer returned to the hall.]

The Clerk ascertained which Councillors wished to attend the Annual Planning meetings held in Bridgwater on 12th or 18th Oct.

87/16 Matters Arising cont.

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk to attempt to set up NHW link with resident in Millfield Cottages; no Police representative at last surgery.
- **Lympsham First School & Pre-School:** Academy status delayed, but Mrs. Robertson is now Executive Head of East Brent & Lympsham Schools.
- **Manor Hall:** Now that the kitchen has been refurbished, a dishwasher has been purchased along with new crockery: LEBE's Community Café has generously donated the sum of £200 to assist with the purchase of these. Cllr. Rosser confirmed that LADS had booked the hall for the pantomime; Clerk to check re fire exits.
- **Highways:** Query re collapsed drain on Rectory Way along with subsidence / potholes along Batch Lane & Stevens Lane; some road signs are becoming difficult to see due to encroaching foliage; concern from Highways re horse chestnut tree at Copse Corner had been addressed locally; issues re potholes & vegetation at Eastertown were to be addressed by Highways. Dist. Cllr. Filmer to enquire re preconditions of planning along access route in Eastertown as HGVs, sometimes carrying gas cylinders, are causing some concerns.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Clerk reported that unfortunately 'Go Kids Go!' bid was rejected despite excellent work by Cllr. Rosser – Cllr. Rosser has been advised to apply again to Weston & neighbouring Lions groups; three coats of preservative had been applied to the train; following supportive comments from Planning, the Clerk had just received details of three appropriate companies to seek quotes for the erection of the community shelter; second grant from Hadstone Energy had been received – Clerk had responded accordingly; Cllr. Rosser reported recent fundraising at Animal Farm Kid Fest had produced £300 for Play Area funds: the Chairman thanked all those involved;
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** GM contractor had worked hard to ensure the area was looking good for the Harvest Home; concern expressed re pumping station box in car-park as children had been seen climbing on it: Clerk to contact Wessex Water. Cllr. Hoare to check on gate leading to Play Area.
- **Drainage Issues:** A resident's query re water levels had been answered by local experts; Dist. Cllr. Filmer updated the meeting re local rhyne / pump survey: pump decommissioned & taken away, CCTV indicated that pipework needed further investigation, but would work under gravity system - SDC liaising with D.B. but no timescale at present.
- **Footpaths:** SCC's Footpath Officer to be notified of sign having been felled on West Road; Officer had responded re Rectory Way path after some consultation.
- **Village Events:** Harvest Home went very well. MacMillan coffee morning on 30th Sept. & Cricket Club AGM presentation on 1st October due to be held in Pavilion; Pavilion kitchen now serving food on Thurs., Fri. & Sat. evenings alongside Saturday morning brunches & Sunday lunches.
- **County / District Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Filmer referred to possible changes in legislation that could affect planning considerations; he mentioned the 'All Parish' meeting on 22nd Sept. that the Clerk was attending on the PC's behalf, planning associated with Hinkley & possible effects on junction 23 / 'Park & Rides' & upgrading of motorway exits, plus two possible locations for Parrett barrier. He also mentioned that recent discussions re local bus services have not been initially constructive & confirmed that initial proposals for new parliamentary constituency boundaries in the SW for 2018 will not affect Parish. Cllr. Bennett referred to the recent meeting in Draycott that she & the Clerk attended re 'Faster Broadband' & the possible costs involved despite a voucher scheme offered.
- **Clerk:** Clerk informed PC that monthly salary payment would be delayed due to a software system issue; the PC's nomination for SCC Chairman's Award for Service to the Community had been accepted: more information to follow; Clerk had applied for SDC's annual daffodil bulbs offer on behalf of village.

88/16 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

89/16 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below)

C/A: £16,257-71

S/A: £2,432-87

VAT to be claimed: £963-44

Player-Mason A/C: £2,401 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.] Petty Cash: £11-26

90/16 Cheques issued since July meeting: 101572 Clerk's salary & expenses (Aug) £442-26;

101573 Grant Thornton UK LLP £120 (Audit);

101574 Whitehouse Kennels £216 (Dog bin serv. for 2 months); 101575 Tasker Printers Limited £398 (Lympsham News).

91/16 Cheques issued at September meeting: 101576 PGC Contracting Services £481-66 (Gr. Maint.);

101577 as prev. £299 (Add. GM requested by PC).

92/16 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 17th October 2016): None apart from above headings.

The meeting ended at 9.04 p.m.