

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 20 November 2017

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

Also attending: County Cllr. R. Filmer, Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling & Cllr. R. Dobson (visiting from Bleadon PC, N.Somerset).

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

91/17 Apologies: Mr. B. Gooding & Mr. R. Hoare – Accepted.

92/17 Minutes of Previous Meeting (16.10.17): confirmed.

93/17 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** No Police representation at Surgery; Cllr. Rosser would 'cover' for Clerk at December's event. Following a discussion with Mr. Dobson sharing 'his' parish' experience of A370, it was noted that only the Avon & Som. Police had overview of both authorities. Awaiting to hear Coastal Cluster's reply to Commissioner's response re speeding issues (Cllr. Bennett attending in two days' time); Clerk had responded to Eastertown resident's written concerns that mostly related to this; Clerk to check with PCSO re Speedwatch & signage issues; following C. Cllr Filmer's research re possible solar powered flashing school signage, he would check possibility of Highways support whilst Clerk to seek School's opinion.
- **Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School:** Representatives of Tennis Club had had a meeting with Head Teacher; Lympsham TC had been successful with bid for RLT3 funding; Clerk had received answer to previous land ownership query, although there could still be a potential conflict re drainage responsibility.
- **Manor Hall:** Clerk to check whether refurbishment of floor is a priority for seeking a grant.
- **Highways:** Rectory Way surface issue addressed as well as potholes repaired in South Road at the behest of a resident's letter! Clerk to 'remind' Highways of further subsidence on Lympsham Road.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Cllr. Rosser supplied parking notices for Clerk to process; Play Area signage needed to be on display asap; grass seed / turf still required; SDC Officer kindly offered advice re Conservation Area tree pruning – Clerk to apply for tree works & seek quotes; Clerk to refer advice re cricket field perimeter trees to Chairman of Sports Club; PC Chairman advised that Community Shelter almost finished & was meeting with carpenter re positioning of base.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** PC had now 'adopted the telephone box – Clerk to put up sign supplied & check for any refurbishment needed – request for uses in next Lympsham News (possibly by School?); thanks to C. Cllr. Filmer for arranging daffodil bulbs & for Dist. Cllr. for delivery; Cllr. Tuttiett to follow up on condition reports of benches near Copse Corner; WI to be thanked for renovation of bus shelter.
- **Drainage Issues:** Currently nothing to report.
- **Footpaths:** Cllr. Tuttiett had a successful meeting on site with SCC Footpaths Officer – 'issues in hand'.
- **Affordable Housing:** Some discussion re possible effects of proposed building in Bleadon. Feasibility Study incomplete as Wessex Water working on BK project that could influence local drainage – likely that report will be presented in January 2018.
- **Village Events:** Beaujolais Nouveau Evening raised £456 for Weston Oncology; LEBE's Café's second birthday very successful; Chairman proposed £50 grant to planned Christmas Day event (Seconded Cllr. Bennett, all agreed.); 8th Dec. Academy Christmas Fair; 9th Dec. Christmas Village Market.
- **County / District Issues:** Peer Review & Hinkley Point.
- **Clerk:** Clerk asked that Councillors consider possible meeting dates for 2018 for decision at next meeting; advised that Gigaclear had written to some residents re wayleave agreements. Prior to next topic, Clerk suggested the purchase of a projector in anticipation of SDC Planning Dept not supplying hard copies of plans in 2018 – Clerk to seek further hardware advice & to apply for a grant.

94/17 Planning Applications:

31/17/00007/DRT Mr. P. Castell, Pelesham Lodge, Rectory Way, Lympsham, BS24 0EW: Installation of a dropped Kerb - Objection as the entrance / exit to the right of the house, has never appeared on any previous planning; a second access / egress presents a dangerous health & safety issue being in very close proximity to bend in the road by School presenting limited visibility to drivers & pedestrians.

31/17/00013/DRT Lympsham C of E School (Lympsham Academy), Rectory Way, Lympsham, BS24 0EW: Installation of replacement windows - Support as it would be of economic (heating) & safety benefit to Pupils & Staff.

31/17/00014/STP Mr. Reader, Beavers Lodge Farm, Lympsham Road, Lympsham, BS24 0DE: Erection of single storey extension to East elevation & conversion of loft to living accommodation - Support as would not adversely impact on the neighbourhood character/ appearance.

95/17 Correspondence of Note: Chair proposed GM grant of £700 to St. Christopher's Church (Seconded Cllr. Tuttiett, all agreed); grant of £25 to Mendip Community Transport also agreed.

96/17 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £14,835-91

S/A: £2,434-30

VAT: £2,661-14

Player-Mason A/C: £2,405-73 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.] Petty Cash: £40-78

97/17 Cheques issued since October meeting: 101642 Lukins Resurfacing £840 (Tarmac / pothole repairs).

98/17 Cheques issued at November meeting: 101643 Clerk's salary £446-83; 101644 Whitehouse Kennels £120 (Dog bin serv.); 101645 CPRE £36 (Affil.); 101646 St. Christopher's Church £700 (GM Grant).

99/17 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 18.12.17): Parish Precept request 2018/19; meeting dates for 2018.

The meeting ended at 8.48 p.m.