

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 20 February 2017

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett.
Also attending: Dist. Cllrs. R. Filmer & A. Gilling plus two Residents.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

11/17 Apologies: Mrs. A. Bennett, Mr. R. Hoare & Cllr. R. Jones (Accepted).

12/17 Minutes of Previous Meeting (23.1.17): following Clerk's amendment, confirmed & signed.

13/17 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** February surgery attended by PCSO Grobbeler; report of antisocial behaviour, possible burglary & abandoned car.
- **Lympsham First School & Pre-School:** Hopefully 'capping' of rhyne will take place following funding.
- **Manor Hall:** Additional air vents had been fitted in cupboards.
- **Highways:** Rut on Lympsham Road & hole in Rectory Way had been filled in; 'Give way' sign on Lympsham Road now unobscured, but at incorrect angle – could be brought back 50 metres for better observation; look out requested re HGV lorries on non approved routes re solar farm; fingerpost returned to village refurbished – thanks offered to LEBE's Café for majority of funding & to volunteers for their efforts in restoring this historic piece of road furniture.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Report from Cllr. Bennett received; Cllr. Rosser reported generous donations from Lympsham Amateur Dramatic Society & Harvest Home Committee of £400 each to sponsor interactive playboard train-station & Post Office which have been added to the existing order (plaques of sponsors to be attached); quotations re parts of the proposed shelter are taking the project over budget – Chairman to look at possible options & / or change of design; awaiting news from Nuttall Trust.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Harvest Home Committee donating another bench for cricket field & having other benches cleaned & restrained.
- **Drainage Issues:** Concerns expressed by two residents re drainage issues on West Road that a) require regular pumping out by Wessex Water & b) could impact on possible future housing proposals; following discussion & observations from one of the attending residents, Dist. Cllr. Filmer agreed to contact Wessex Water re the work planned in Brent Knoll & its implications for Lympsham. Correspondence between Drainage Board & residents re pump / drainage re work planned, etc. seems at long last to indicate an agreed outcome.
- **Footpaths:** Awaiting response re possible footpath alteration.
- **Affordable Housing:** Clerk reported that AFH Team had advised that due to the 'ambitious timetable' it had set, the PC would not be in possession of all available information at today's meeting in order to express any preference: the AFH Team were due to have further discussions with SDC & the respective landowners in order to brief the PC properly at March meeting. An updated briefing note was provided for the meeting [*please see 'Lympsham Parish Council Briefing Paper 4' on Lympsham Village website or SDC website*].
- **Village Events:** Six Nations rugby at Pavilion well attended so far with money being raised for dual-purpose goals; 'Return of the Cat' St. Christopher's Church event on 21st April; 25th Anniversary of Club to be celebrated with a 'hangi' (Polynesian style of cooking).
- **County / District Issues:** SDC local plans out for consultation, but not much effect on Parish; Budgets referenced; Somerset Rivers Authority setting up scrutiny committee; Code of Conduct training taking place; East Brent & Brent Knoll having bus service talks with Mendip Community Transport.
- **Clerk:** Confirmed that, in the absence of a Parish Councillor, he would attend Joint Parish / Town Councils' meeting; Clerk reported on recent meeting organised by Mrs. E. Male with M.P. & reps. of BT, etc. – whilst not well attended, it provided good evidence of the 'phone & internet problems in the parish: BT rep. promised to keep village updated with future improvement works.

14/17 Planning Applications: None

15/17 Correspondence of Note: Circulated; Clerk to respond positively to Somerset Coastal Partnership initiative; a 'watching brief' re Community Food Fridge.

16/17 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £17,715-14

S/A: £2,433-58

VAT: £165-61

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: £11-17

17/17 Cheques issued since January meeting: None.

18/17 Cheques issued at February meeting: 101600 Decision Power £340-74 (Website support);
101601 Whitehouse Kennels £120 (Dog bin serv.); 101602 J.M. Coles Ltd. £475-08 (Fingerpost refurb.);
101603 Clerk's salary & expenses £442-26.

19/17 Grounds Maintenance Tendering: Following discussion of the respective tenders, it was agreed that the PGC Contracting quotation be accepted for the next three years. It was noted that Countryside Contracting gave a competitive quote &, should there be specific works requiring additional expertise, that firm would be consulted. [Proposed by Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett – all agreed.]

20/17 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 20th March 2017): Affordable Housing update.

The meeting ended at 8.37 p.m.