

## Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 20 March 2017

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

**Also attending:** Dist. Cllrs. R. Filmer & A. Gilling; Mr. D. Harvey & Ms. E. Carter (Sedgemoor Affordable Housing), plus five Residents.

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk.

**21/17 Apologies:** \*Cllr. Gooding had indicated that he would be joining the meeting later.

**22/17 Minutes of Previous Meeting (20.2.17):** confirmed & signed.

**23/17 Affordable Housing:** Following a further briefing from Mr. Harvey [Please see Briefing Paper 5 on Village website], & various discussions, the PC unanimously agreed for Sedgemoor Affordable Housing Team to instigate a detailed feasibility study on the West Road site. Hopefully there will be a further update in May with a date proposed for Community Consultation; the Chairman thanked Mr. Harvey & Ms. Carter who left the meeting at 8.14 p.m. along with other visitors.

**24/17 Captain R. Evans:** The Chairman paid tribute to our past Chairman – ‘A great man’ – a minute’s silence was held in his memory.

**25/17 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:** [\* Cllr. Gooding entered the room at 8.21 p.m.]

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk had expressed concern to NHW Police Administrator re delay in notification of recent burglary.
- **Lympsham First School & Pre-School:** Clerk explained Head Teacher’s concern re security fencing – would await advice.
- **Manor Hall:** Chair of Sports Club had passed on first quote re repairs of tarmac leading up to Pavilion – suggested that MH Committee might share costs.
- **Highways:** Questionnaire received from SCC re ‘Brean Road, Lympsham junction improvements’ – Clerk to submit response; it was suggested that the area subject to flooding by the Play Area gate be included in the quote [N.B. Subsequent to the meeting, Clerk understood that this area was no longer a problem.]; SDC Enforcement Officer looking at possible ‘change of use’ in Eastertown; response from Traffic Engineer re HGV traffic through Eastertown: ‘..... assume these HGVs are gaining legitimate access ..... we are unable to prevent’ ‘..... concerns regarding the road surface and verge erosion ..... inspection in accordance with our HISM policy.’
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Report from Cllr. Bennett received; grant of £1,000 received from Nuttall Trust for whole project; thanks to Harvest Home Committee for £400 sponsorship of interactive playboard; thanks also to LEBE’s Café for two grants of £250 to each of Play Area equipment & shelter; SDC rubbish bin emptying quotation accepted (Proposed by Cllr. Tuttiett, seconded by Cllr. Bennett – all agreed); Clerk had checked path – hole had been filled; new play equipment planned to be installed early April requiring removal of old [N.B. Subsequent to meeting, installation date deferred due to weather issues]; Cllr. Rosser to seek quotation / design for new sign; following research it was agreed to continue with the RoSPA annual survey for the time being. Nothing further re Community Shelter apart from a possible donation of slates for the proposed roof.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Conservation Area & Listed Building leaflets received from SDC – Clerk to disseminate info.
- **Drainage Issues:** Clerk informed PC of Wessex Water’s response re ‘Infrastructure Project’ scheme taking place in Brent Knoll & its implications for Lympsham – he thanked Dist. Cllr. Filmer for obtaining the information.
- **Footpaths:** Further response required re possible footpath alteration.
- **Village Events:** Men’s ‘Bake Off’ in aid of Comic Relief; awaiting final figure for rugby events; FOLS ‘80s event at the Tropicana very successful, providing funds towards rhyme project.
- **County / District Issues:** SDC building own properties for the first time; SDC accessed Gov. funding re road links; unemployment in SDC area below 1%.
- **Clerk:** Updates received from BT rep. & residents; end of financial year paperwork received.

**26/17 Planning Applications:** None

**27/17 Correspondence of Note:** Circulated - Clerk apologised for red text due to printer problems.

**28/17 Finance Report:** inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £20,090-12

S/A: £2,433-58

VAT: £197-89

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

**29/17 Cheques issued since February meeting:** None.

**30/17 Cheques issued at March meeting:** 101604 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101605 SDC £97-66 (Bin emptying); 101606 Clerk’s salary & quarterly office running expenses £542-26.

**31/17 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 24.4.17\*)**

\*Preceded by Manor Hall Committee Meeting

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.