

## Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 20 July 2015

**Councillors Present:** Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. R. Hoare, Mrs. E. Male & Mr. G. Tuttiett.  
Also attending: Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer.

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk. [N.B. Meeting started at 7.50 p.m. following Manor Hall Committee meeting.]

**64/15 Apologies:** Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. J. Rosser & Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling (Accepted).

**65/15 Minutes of Previous Meeting (22.6.15):** were confirmed and signed.

**66/15 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:**

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk reported P.C. Wills' email re 'current operational model' & PCSO Dixon's current role; Cllr. Male mentioned that NHW Co-ordinators had been invited to visit Bridgwater Police Centre; Clerk raised need to calibrate speedgun following various concerns: following discussion the finance was agreed [Proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr. Hoare – one abstention].
- **Lympsham First School:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall:** Covered in previous meeting.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Long awaited signs installed at Rectory Way / Brean Road junction following last meeting; Cllr. Tuttiett expressed disappointment that ragwort had not been treated by Highways; Clerk reported that PC contractor had trimmed around road signs as requested; another accident had been reported at Copse Corner with damage to corner signpost being sustained; temporary sign at West Road had been put back by resident after it was found in the hedgerow – Clerk to check on progress; Clerk updated PC re hedge issues with a reminder that it is the property owner's responsibility to cut back their boundary hedges; discussion re the clearing of gulleys: residents need to express specific concerns to Highways for it to action clearing on next detail.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Concerns received from residents re when new benches would be installed: Clerk to enquire; following discussion of the recent RoSPA report, PC emphasised its ongoing commitment to improve the Play Area – it was agreed that 'the dome' be the next piece of equipment to be replaced: Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Rosser as to the most appropriate apparatus to install & present details at September's meeting.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** New dogbin had been installed near Ferry Lane; brambles along West Road still not cut back despite requests: Clerk to check; it was reported that a resident had paid for new plants for the pound & had planted them with local help: [Clerk subsequently asked to send card]; concerns expressed re car/s being placed for sale on the grass verge at Copse Corner thereby detracting from the planting: Dist. Cllr. to check on ownership of land in question [subsequently found to be under the jurisdiction of Highways]; Clerk had referred resident's complaints re dog fouling on West Road to Clean Surroundings dept. of SDC.
- **Drainage Issues:** Following the forwarding of the DB response to interested parties, the Clerk read out one resident's reply; concern had been expressed re odour emanating from the rhyne by Church Road: Clerk to feedback to Chief Engineer.
- **Footpaths:** Cllr. Hoare to check path near Rectory Way; it was reported that there is a national initiative to seek residents' assistance in keeping paths clear.
- **Affordable Housing:** New Housing Needs Survey due very soon; possible change in Government initiatives.
- **Village Events:** School Fete inc. RBL Flower Show well attended; Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 20/20 Cricket between Lympsham & Burnham-on-Sea RFC 6 p.m. (inc. BBQ) sponsored by Cheddar Ales; Harvest Home on 12<sup>th</sup> September; defibrillator training 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- **County / District Issues:** The Chair thanked Cllr. Male for her report from the last Coastal Cluster meeting; Dist. Cllr. Filmer mentioned SDC's Local Plans Review which may affect housing policy & Isleport review which may have implications for local junctions.
- **Clerk:** Confirmed support of PC for diversion of bridleway to Dept. of Transport, SCC & SDC; informed PC re planning appeal.

**67/15 Planning Applications:**

24/15/00016/CG Distributed Generation Ltd., Land to the east of, River Yeo Farm, White House Lane, Loxton, BS26 2US: Erection of one wind turbine with hub height of 50m & three 26m long blades – object as turbine will detract from the local scenic quality and have a detrimental visual impact on an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**68/15 Correspondence of Note:** Circulated; PC agreed £25 for request from Sedgemoor CAB [Prop: Cllr. Tuttiett, Sec: Cllr. Male].

**69/15 Finance Report:** (inc. cheques listed below & credit of £324-12 from Lympsham First School)

C/A: £5,066-72

S/A: £2,430-77

VAT being claimed: £1,487-97

Player-Mason A/C: £2,391-40 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.]

Petty Cash: £38-62

**70/15 Cheques issued since last meeting:** 101501 Friends of Lympsham School £80 (Grant re Flower Show);

101502 P. Kelson £426 (Lympsham News Dec '14 & June '15);

101503 E. Brent & Rooksbridge Comm. News £150 (L. News June'14).

**71/15 Cheques issued at July meeting:** 101504 Clerk's salary £438; 101505 PAYE £328-40;

101506 Whitehouse Kennels £90 (Dog bin serv.); 101507 Playsafety Ltd. £81-60 (Play Area inspection);

101508 PGC Contracting Services £326 (Gr. Maint.).

**72/15 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (revised date of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015):** Replacement for 'dome' apparatus in Play Area.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.