

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 21 November 2016

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

Also attending: Dist. Cllrs. R. Filmer & A. Gilling.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

103/16 Apologies: - None.

104/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting (17.10.16): confirmed & signed.

105/16 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk had corresponded with Rectory Way Co-ordinator re NHW link with resident in Millfield Cottages; moped reported as stolen from Worthy Crescent; late evening trespassers on fields along West Road & elsewhere.
- **Lympsham First School & Pre-School:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Highways' response to rut along Lympsham Road reported; other surfaces mentioned including verge opposite Hobbs Boat; Clerk volunteered to collect salt bags on offer from Highways on 3rd December.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Clerk thanked Cllr. Bennett for her report; path flooded. Clerk had previously circulated information re various recent quotes for community shelter, plus the 'history' of spending on the Play Area for previous ten years alongside a suggestion that insurance may need to be considered for any new equipment 'in the light' of an incident in Wells. He gave a brief report as to how much money was currently available to fund expenditure for the Play Area taking into account future commitments. Discussions followed as regards the merit of previous quotes, the benefits of hardwood over soft woods & the need to balance 'value for money', longevity of structures & benefits to the community as a whole. Cllr. Jones recommended setting limits to the two strands of expenditure as a compromise until further funding is found. Cllr. Gooding proposed £7,000 to be allocated for the provision of a community shelter & £9,000 for play apparatus [seconded: Cllr. Tuttiett – 5 in favour, 1 against & 1 abstained]. Furthermore it was agreed that Cllr. Rosser could consult with the preferred supplier of play equipment as soon as convenient & place an order up to £9,000 accordingly [Prop: Cllr. Gooding, Sec: Cllr. Hoare – all in favour]. Following a request for guidance, the Chairman agreed to follow up quotations re the shelter; Cllr. Gooding to seek quotation re slate roof & Clerk to request price for concrete base / pads.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Clerk had communicated PC's wish to adopt 'phone box – latest suggestions for use were for LAGS display of artefacts and / or School display. Cllr. Gooding to check on condition of connection box near Church & Clerk to report telephone cable box damage to BT. Following a discussion re the security of the cricket field & various possible ways to prevent vehicles trespassing, Cllr. Gooding agreed to talk to the Groundsman. Concerns expressed re 'fast food' rubbish dropped around parish: Clean Surrounding to be contacted if particular times or places targeted; Clerk to commend a resident known for regularly tidying up areas around the village.
- **Drainage Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Filmer intimated that there should be positive news from the Drainage Board re Pumping Station issue; sympathy expressed re imminent flooding in property in West Road: advice was to 'badger' Wessex Water, but the PC were concerned to hear that when the offending water was pumped out, there were complaints about noise.
- **Footpaths:** Following Cllr. Gooding's report Clerk had informed SCC officer re condition of Rectory Way footpath; generally footpaths wet & muddy.
- **Affordable Housing:** The Affordable Housing Team gave late notice that they were unable to attend the meeting. *[Subsequently it has been planned that the AFH Team will attend the first PC meeting in 2017 to update the PC on various discussions re several land areas that should be ongoing in December & early January.]*
- **Village Events:** The Beaujolais Nouveau evening raised £85 for charity thanks to the Bar Steward & her team & Cllr. Tuttiett; LEBE's first anniversary a great success; Clerk distributed the Pavilion's list of events for December. Lympsham Cricket Club merging with Belvedere.
- **County / District Issues:** None.
- **Clerk:** Due to the Manor Hall being in use on 16th January 2017, all agreed to move the date of the first of the year's PC meetings to 23rd January (preceded by Manor Hall AGM).

106/16 Planning Applications: Planning on agenda not for our Parish.

107/16 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

108/16 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £21,293-29

S/A: £2,433-29

VAT to be claimed: £1,015-72

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: £111-26

109/16 Cheques issued since October meeting: None.

110/16 Cheques issued at November meeting: 101583 CPRE £36 (Affil.); 101584 SDC £97-66 (Bin emptying); 101585 Whitehouse Kennels £120 (Dog bin serv.); 101586 Clerk's salary & expenses (Oct.) £442-46; 101587 PGC Contracting Services £496-68 (GM); 101588 SPFA £15 (Affil.).

111/16 Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities Grant: Clerk gave three quotations re IT equipment & it was agreed to purchase from N & B Computer Services & following Cllr. Rosser's suggestion it was recommended that a backup external hard drive be purchased too [Prop: Cllr. Rosser, Sec: Cllr. Hoare – all agreed].

112/16 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 19th December 2016): As above.

The meeting ended at 9.18 p.m.