

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 21 March 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 plus three residents.

[N.B. Meeting did not start until 8.30 p.m. due to Chairman inviting comments re future Affordable Housing Consultation prior to commencement.]

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

20/16 Apologies: None

21/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting (15.2.16): confirmed & signed.

22/16 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Police representative attended March Surgery for whole time; 'new' Sedgemoor Neighbourhood Sergeant announced: Kellie Millier.
- **Lympsham First School:** Clerk had attended 'Parents' meeting re the seeking of Academy Status: a way forward to secure future provision.
- **Manor Hall:** Nothing to report.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Clerk gave Highways response to last month's concerns; the Brean Road / Rectory Way improvement rumoured to start at end of April; concerns expressed re deep potholes in South Road, decreased visibility of A370 due to conifer & garage furniture; reports of heavy traffic causing road collapse along Rectory Way – query whether solar farm traffic was abiding by the agreed preconditions – Clerk to raise issue with Enforcement, along with request for sign to Poplar Farm to assist drivers.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** PC accepted quote for relaying of mats & repair of grass under new swing: proposed by Chair, seconded by Cllr. Rosser, all agreed; quotations re 'Bus shelter / Play Area seating' to be discussed at next meeting; Nuttall Trust grant received towards new equipment. 'Party for our Park': Cllr. Rosser outlined plans for the event ('low cost / high yield'); various adverts & posters inc. Facebook; received £100 from sponsor; insurance covered by venues; consumers being asked for equipment ideas; possible consideration to be given re raising & widening of current paths & other improvements.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Topics of fingerposts & rubbish discussed.
- **Drainage Issues:** Dist. Cllrs. intimated that Chief Engineer of Drainage Board would be in contact re one issue; concern expressed re ditch on Rectory Way: level high & slow flowing.
- **Footpaths:** Change of use re Poplar Farm clarified in discussion.
- **Affordable Housing:** Presentation planned for Thursday 14th April at Pavilion organised by SDC's Housing Enabling Team.
- **Village Events:** Six Nations Rugby at Pavilion raised £173-20 for Air Ambulance; celebration of Queen's 90th birthday cream tea on 21st April plus beacon being lit later; two Easter events: Trail on Easter Saturday & Egg Hunt on Sunday; Somerset Sound broadcasting from LEBE's Café on 12th April; Café Committee offering grants to three local Schools & The Parish; 'Party for our Park' 3 to 8 p.m. on Sunday 8th May: any ideas, sponsors or raffle prizes appreciated by Cllr. Rosser.
- **County / District Issues:** SDC & S. Somerset independently agreed to set up strategic alliance to promote savings; some discussion re Hinkley & future Government views on unitary authorities, mayors, etc.
- **Clerk:** It was agreed that the Chair & Clerk would compare insurance quotes & opt appropriately if necessary.

23/16 Planning Applications: [Cllr. Tuttiett declared potential interest]

31/15/00008 Mr. J. Hopkins, Building (2) at Dolhurst, Delhorn Lane, Lympsham, BS24 0EB: Application for the prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling – No observations.

24/16 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

25/16 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below, return of loan by LEBE's Community Café & donation.)

C/A: £8,411-59 S/A: £2,432-03 VAT to be claimed: £813-44
Player-Mason A/C: £2,396-22 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A; window to be cleaned.] Petty Cash: £101-11

26/16 Cheques issued since last meeting: None.

27/16 Cheques issued at March meeting: 101546 Lympsham Manor Hall £125 (Grant re Panto Hall hire); 101547 CCS £40 (Affil.); 101548 SDC £97-66 (Emptying of Play Area bin); 101549 White House Kennels £120 (Dog bin serv.); 101550 BWW Print Ltd. £464-94 (Lympsham News); 101551 Clerk's salary & quarterly office expenses £538.

28/16 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 18th April 2016*): Review of Ground Maintenance costs, 'Bus shelter / Play Area seating'. *Preceded by Manor Hall Committee

The meeting ended at 9.55 p.m.