

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 14 September 2015

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Hoare, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett.
Also attending: Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

73/15 Apologies: Mrs. E. Male & Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer (Accepted).

74/15 Minutes of Previous Meeting (20.7.15): were confirmed and signed.

75/15 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** PCSO was able to attend last surgery; several instances of cows loose on West Road; farmers signing up for 'Farmwatch' – 'Horsewatch' information doesn't always seem to be passed from neighbouring areas; a number of 'green wheelie' bins reported missing.
- **Lympsham First School:** Possible culverting of rhyne discussed.
- **Manor Hall:** Suggestions re increasing funds discussed; PC approved of Village Shop's Committee's idea of hosting a Christmas Market alongside the Friends of St. Christopher's Church.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Clerk gave updates re West Road / Brean junction & barriers by rhyne in West Road.
- **Play Area inc. inspection report:** Inspection report received from Cllr. Male; new benches installed & old benches for elsewhere restored, thanks to Cllrs. Gooding, Hoare & Tuttiett. [Repair costs of £31-50 to be paid via petty cash.] Following further discussion, it was agreed to look at different options for replacement play equipment at October's meeting e.g. small swings.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** New dogbin near Ferry Lane had been well received; Clerk had thanked resident for supply of plants for pound; Clerk requested to commend PGC Contracting Services for excellent work & 'going the extra mile.' A resident had been noted litter picking along Rectory Way, but concern expressed re possible health hazard as regards to a local waste bin: Cllr. Gooding to check; sofa & piano abandoned in Eastertown.
- **Drainage Issues:** No update.
- **Footpaths:** Cllr. Hoare to refer South Road / Purving Row issue to County.
- **Affordable Housing:** Clerk gave brief description of recent Affordable Housing seminar & concerns: subsequently the Housing Development Manager sent update re commitment & new survey had been received by households on 11th Sept. (some discussion re addressing of surveys): a further update is promised for October's meeting – Clerk thanked for representing PC at seminar.
- **Village Events:** Harvest Home went very well; Rugby World Cup viewing starting later this week at the Pavilion. Concern expressed re poor behaviour at past 'Family Fun' day.
- **County / District Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Gilling apologised for delay in Affordable Housing survey; boundary issues to go out to consultation; re Hinkley – waiting for French / Chinese decision; Somerset 'talking' to Devon re efficiency savings in service provision.
- **Clerk:** See above.

76/15 Planning Applications:

31/15/00010/STP Mr. T. Hartley, Littlewood, Bridgwater Road: Demolition of existing conservatory, outbuildings & garage. Erection of two storey side extension to include garage & single storey rear extension – No observations.

31/15/00014/DRT Western Power Distribution, Land to the East of Wick Farm, Wick Road, Lympsham: Construction of a new overhead tee off from an existing tower line consisting of three new H poles. The tee off is required for a photovoltaic generation site connection onto the distribution network – No observations.

N.B. Clerk gave update re Wick Solar Farm.

77/15 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

78/15 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below & credit of £1,459-37 from HMRC)

C/A: £5,832-19

S/A: £2,431-19

VAT to be claimed: £103-28

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

Petty Cash: £38-62

79/15 Cheques issued since last meeting: 101509 SDC £112-10 (Instal. & supply of new dogbin);

101510 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dogbin serv.); 101511 Clerk's salary £437-80.

80/15 Cheques issued at September meeting: 101512 Whitehouse Kennels £120 (Dog bin serv.);

101513 Grant Thornton UK LLP £120 (Audit); 101514 Clerk's salary £438 + £100 quarterly expenses.

81/15 Review of Development Boundaries for 'Key Rural Settlements': PC couldn't see any obvious problems, but looked forward to the next stage of consultation.

82/15 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 19th October 2015): as above & clarification of broadband as mentioned in recent Harvest Home speech.

The meeting ended at 9.39 p.m.