

## Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 23 January 2017

**Councillors Present:** Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman for most of the meeting\*\*\*), Mrs. A. Bennett, Mr. B. Gooding (Acting Chairman for items 1/17 & 2/17\*), Mr. R. Hoare, Mr. R. Jones (Acting Chairman at start of item 3/17\*\*), Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett.  
**Also attending:** Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer, Mr. D. Harvey & Ms. E. Carter (Sedgemoor Affordable Housing).

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk. *N.B. Meeting started at 8 p.m. following Manor Hall AGM & Committee meeting.*  
*\*In the absence of Cllr. J. Hinton, the Vice Chairman took the chair.*

**1/17 Apologies:** Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling & Cllr. J. Hinton\* (Accepted).

**2/17 Minutes of Previous Meeting (19.12.16):** confirmed & signed.

*Cllr. Gooding declared personal & pecuniary interests re the next item & left the room; Cllr. Hoare proposed that Cllr. Jones be Acting Chairman for item 3, seconded by Cllr. Rosser – all agreed.\*\**

**3/17 Briefing from Sedgemoor Affordable Housing Team re Affordable Housing Project:**

Cllr. Jones asked Mr. Harvey to give report – please see Briefing Paper 3 on Sedgemoor website and/or Lympsham Village website. *[N.B. 8.03 p.m. Cllr. Hinton entered the room & 'took the chair.'\*\*\*\*]*

Following the briefing & discussion, it was felt that the PC needed a firmer commitment from landowners of site 'adjacent to The Boundaries' before it could indicate a preference – D. Harvey hoped that there would be a clarification for February's meeting. *[8.45 p.m. Chairman thanked D. Harvey & Ms. Carter for their report – DH & EC then left the meeting.]*

**4/17 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:** *[Cllr. Gooding returned to the room.]*

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** New text no. 81819 to combat rural crime; P.C. Wills had emailed list of Police representatives that may be able to attend surgeries depending on priorities (January surgery attended by PCSO Mayo); concern expressed re unsafe parking at beginning & ending of school day.
- **Lympsham First School & Pre-School:** Dealt with at preceding Manor Hall meeting.
- **Manor Hall:** As above.
- **Highways:** Clerk reported Highways' response re rut on Lympsham Road: 'The erosion of the roadside verge near The Boundaries is not deemed to be a safety defect ..... verge to be reinstated once the necessary resource becomes available.' Concern expressed re obscured 'Give way' sign on Lympsham Road & deterioration of road / bridge surfaces by HGV vehicles.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Clerk thanked Cllr. Bennett for her report; Cllr. Rosser showed pictures of adventure trail apparatus ordered for Play Area plus possible role play additions; Chairman was waiting for remaining quotes re shelter – it was agreed that Cllr. Hoare would assist with removal of 'old' equipment. Cllr Rosser was commended for her work in renegotiating the equipment orders; awaiting news re Nuttall Trust bids.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Subject of litter discussed, especially at layby diagonally opposite to Copse Corner & along road leading to Brean – Clerk to contact Clean Surroundings Dept.
- **Drainage Issues:** Drainage Board rep. had visited at least one resident re pump issue & written communication re 'new rhyme extension' had been forwarded – Clerk read out a resident's further query that had been sent to Engineer.
- **Footpaths:** Concern expressed re AX 17/29 to AX 22/19 as to whether route had been altered.
- **Affordable Housing:** See item 3/17.
- **Village Events:** LADS Pantomime was very successful; 6 Nations rugby due to be shown at Pavilion.
- **County / District Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Filmer confirmed that 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. was Joint Parish / Town Councils' meeting.
- **Clerk:** It was agreed that PC would cover cost of Manor Hall Hire charge for residents' consultation meeting with MP / BT on 15<sup>th</sup> February *[Proposed by Chair, Seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett, all agreed.]*

*[Cllr. Bennett left the meeting.]*

**5/17 Planning Applications:**

07/16/00026/DD SPF Brent Broad Farm Ltd., Land at Wick Lane, Brent Knoll, Highbridge, TA9: Variation of conditions 2 & 3 of Planning Permission 07/15/00016 (Installation of a solar park with an output of approximately 2.79MW) to extend the duration of the Planning Permission from 25 years & 6 months & to amend the layout. (This application applied to another PC so was only for information purposes.)

**6/17 Correspondence of Note:** Circulated.

**7/17 Finance Report:** inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £17,967-17

S/A: £2,433-29

VAT claimed: £1,126-05

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: £86-97

**8/17 Cheques issued since December meeting:** 101594 St. Christopher's Church £700 (Grant for GM); 101595 Petty Cash £200.

**9/17 Cheques issued at January meeting:** 101596 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101597 HMRC £331-60 (PAYE); 101598 Clerk's salary & expenses £442-26, 101599 Comm. Council. For Som. £40 (Memb.).

**10/17 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017):** GM tenders

The meeting ended at 9.33 p.m.