

## Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 23 July 2018

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

**Also attending:** County Cllr. R. Filmer, District Cllr. A. Gilling, Miss H. Allsopp \*(prospective Parish Councillor) & Mrs. S. Ferguson.

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk. *[N.B. Meeting commenced at 8.17 p.m. following Manor Hall Committee meeting.]*

**62/18 Apologies:** - Accepted.

**63/18 Minutes of Previous Meeting (25.6.18):** Confirmed.

**64/18 Co-option re Casual Vacancy:** Chair proposed Miss Allsopp as co-opted Parish Councillor, seconded by Cllr. Bennett, all in favour.

**65/18 Declaration of Acceptance:** Miss Allsopp duly signed and was invited to join the meeting.\*

**66/18 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:**

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk thanked Cllr. Bennett for 'covering' last surgery – two representatives from A & S Police attended, but it would seem that, from September, attendance will be severely restricted due to limited resources; Clerk referred to email from PC Wills re generic reports.
- **Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School:** Clerk reported that Chair of Sports Club was prepared to ask the Drainage Board to finish culverting the rhyne.
- **Manor Hall:** Following the decision of the Manor Hall Committee not to waive the 50% of the annual licence fee remaining owed by the Sports Club, the Chair proposed a contribution of £250 to offset this for this year, seconded by Cllr. Tuttiett – all agreed. It was further agreed that £300 be contributed to Lympsham Tennis Club re the cost of protective barriers to its new fencing (Proposed by Cllr. Gooding, seconded Cllr. Tuttiett, all agreed.).
- **Highways:** County Cllr. Filmer reported that the Highways Officer was due to contact Clerk re 'flashing sign' – a third contribution from County still available; the barriers resurrected on Brean Road (Clerk reported response from Highways); Cllr. Tuttiett commended for strimming corner to assist visibility; Cllr. Tuttiett showed example of village sign that could erected either side of the village should funding become available.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Cllr. Bennett thanked for her report; still awaiting RoSPA report; Cllr. Gooding to correct crooked sign; Cllr. Tuttiett to see if date carving on Community Shelter can be achieved in situ.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Contractor had addressed weed problem around the tennis courts.
- **Drainage Issues:** See under 'Academy'; new culverting of rhyne in Eastertown.
- **Footpaths:** County Cllr. Filmer referred to responses from Footpaths Officer.
- **Affordable Housing:** Clerk reported 'Livery are still keen to take the (West Road) site on with E.G. Carter to get planning application together'; District Cllr. checking that PC will have sight of the application before it goes to Planning. Discussion followed re covenants in respect of Affordable Housing Conditions – Clerk to update.
- **GDPR:** Clerk still checking PC's current systems.
- **Village Events:** LEBE's Café hosting Summer event featuring ukulele players on 7<sup>th</sup> Aug.; Harvest Home tickets on sale 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. @ £20 for 8<sup>th</sup> Sept; local rugby supporters were commended for raising funds to provide two football practice goals for the cricket field.
- **County / District Issues:** County Cllr. Filmer briefed the PC that the Library consultation had closed with 7,000 responses – report due in October prior to a Cabinet decision; Somerset Rivers Authority at centre of financing discussions – SDC could be affected the most; SDC Local Plan changes, recommended by inspector, due to go to parishes for consultation.
- **Clerk:** Chair proposed that, following a successful interview and appropriate references, Mrs. S. Ferguson be offered the role of Parish Clerk from 1<sup>st</sup> September, seconded by Cllr. Bennett – all agreed.

*[C. Cllr. Filmer & Dist. Cllr. Gilling left the Hall prior to next item]*

**67/18 Planning Applications:** *[Cllr. Allsopp declared a personal interest re first three submissions.]*

31/18/00010/DRT D.H. & R.J. Wall, Batch Farm, Batch Lane, Lympsham, BS24 0EX: Erection of an open sided steel portal framed building to provide a roof over area of open cow yard – Supported as essential for business reasons.

31/18/00012/DRT D.H. & R.J. Wall, Batch Farm, Batch Lane, Lympsham, BS24 0EX: Erection of a steel portal framed agricultural building to store machinery - Supported as essential for business reasons.

N.B. 31/18/00011 is a Prior notification for the proposed erection of an agricultural storage building for Boley Pastures Ltd. at Batch Farm, Batch Lane.

31/18/00013/JAB St. Christopher's Church, Church Road, Lympsham: Fell Lime trees T20, T22, T31 & fell Beech tree T30 – Supported for Health & Safety reasons.

*[C. Cllr. Filmer & Dist. Cllr. Gilling returned to the Hall.]*

**68/18 Correspondence of Note:** PC supported RLT3 application from Huntspill & District Cricket Club.

**69/18 Finance Report:** inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £8,536-95

S/A: £1,435-28

VAT: £68

Player-Mason A/C: £2,405-97 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.]

Petty Cash: £34-82

**70/18 Cheques issued since June meeting:** None.

**71/18 Cheques issued at July meeting:** 101684 HMRC £335 (PAYE); 101685 Clerk's salary & expenses £446-83; 101686 PGC Contracting £672 (GM); 101687 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dogbin serv.).

**72/18 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Provisionally Monday 20.8.18 otherwise Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September):** Cllrs. Bennett & Hoare offered apologies should the PC meet in August.

**The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.**