

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 24 April 2017

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

Also attending: Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling; plus eight Residents / Visitors.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. [Meeting started at 7.52 p.m. following Manor Hall Committee Meeting.]

32/17 Apologies: Cllr. J. Hinton & Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer – Accepted.

33/17 Minutes of Previous Meeting (20.3.17): confirmed & signed.

34/17 Planning Applications: [Dist. Cllr. Gilling left the Hall.]

24/17/00007 Mr. P. Brace, Poplar Farm, Eastertown: Erection of a building for storage & distribution (Use Class B8). N.B. This application was originally directed to E. Brent PC. (The site is in East Brent, but access is in Eastertown in Lympsham Parish. 7.55 to 8.03 p.m. Chairman suspended meeting for comments from the floor, before discussion by PC.

PC objected to the application as it would indicate a future, further increase in transport to and from the site in a countryside location that is already suffering HGV vehicles impacting on the narrow roads & verges, as well as affecting residents' access, parking & properties throughout Eastertown. N.B. Comments from SCC's Traffic & Transport Development Group that traffic generation 'will be minimal' was disagreed with.

[Cllr. Tuttiett declared an interest in next two applications.] 8.14 to 8.27 p.m. Chairman suspended meeting for observations from the floor re next two applications before discussion by PC.

31/17/00003 Mr. & Mrs. J. King, White House Kennels, North Road, Eastertown: Erection of kennel accommodation on site of existing dwelling (to be demolished) & creation of additional staff parking.

PC objected to the application as there is a danger of increased noise pollution to neighbouring properties.

31/17/00004 Mr. & Mrs. J. King, White House Kennels, North Road, Eastertown: Erection of replacement dwelling.

PC objected as it will have a detrimental visual effect on a 'green field' site outside the village boundary, as well as being of an inappropriate design that would dominate the landscape.

8.40 p.m. Six visitors left the meeting. [Dist. Cllr. Gilling returned to the meeting.]

35/17 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** PCSO M. Hawker visited last surgery; Clerk had attended Cybercrime Workshop at Police HQ – recommended website www.getsafeonline.org
- **Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School:** Reported at preceding Manor Hall Committee meeting.
- **Manor Hall:** As above.
- **Highways:** Following concerns expressed by East Brent PC Clerk re speeding & fatality on A370, Clerk to raise issues once again with Police & Highways / Somerset via next Parish Cluster meeting; concern expressed re danger to tyres from drain edge & pot holes along Rectory Way; Clerk to ask Highways to consider resurrecting path near Dulhorn Farm along A370; 'Give Way' sign on Lympsham Road ineffective; resident investigating whether bridge in Eastertown should have a weight limit.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Report from Cllr. Bennett received; grant of £200 received from W-s-M Lions; new play equipment to be installed 4th May – Cllrs. Gooding & Hoare to clear necessary space beforehand.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Nothing to report.
- **Drainage Issues:** Water levels in rhynes higher due to summer penning.
- **Footpaths:** Resident would copy in Clerk on footpaths blocked; bridges on footpath off West Road are sufficiently fenced – dogs need to be controlled.
- **Affordable Housing:** D. Harvey would seek grant from SDC Community Housing Fund to support feasibility study; it was agreed that he would be asked to give presentation re AFH generally at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- **Village Events:** 'Night on the Tiles' event raised about £10k for St. Christopher's Church & Parish; Easter Egg Hunt with eggs provided by family users of Pavilion was successful; first cricket match of season on previous Saturday – photos on Village website; 25th Anniversary of Pavilion on 1st May – various events planned to celebrate.
- **County / District Issues:** Upcoming County Council election on 4th May – important to vote; Hinkley Point progressing at a pace – large increase in workforce by end of year, generating more traffic.
- **Clerk:** Offer to carry out NHS Health Checks in Parish deemed to be a good idea – Clerk to liaise with relevant people.

36/17 Correspondence of Note: Circulated; Cllr. Bennett agreed to attend next Parish Cluster meeting on 29th June.

37/17 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £19,045-49

S/A: £2,433-58

VAT: £213-89

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: £11-17

38/17 Cheques issued since March meeting: None.

39/17 Cheques issued at April meeting: 101607 Clerk's salary £446-83; 101608 Tasker Printers Ltd. £430 (Lympsham News); 101609 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101610 HMRC £331-08 (PAYE); 101611 Environment Agency £145 (Waste Carrier reg.).

40/17 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 24.5.17*)

*Annual Parish Meeting inc. presentation by Duncan Harvey: 'Affordable Housing'; followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.14 p.m.