

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 25 June 2018

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

Also attending: County Cllr. R. Filmer, District Cllr. A. Gilling & three Residents.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

53/18 Apologies: Mr. R. Hoare - Accepted.

54/18 Minutes of Previous Meeting (21.5.18): Confirmed.

55/18 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr. Bennett volunteered to attend next week's surgery in the Clerk's absence; Clerk reminded meeting that it was important for residents to contact the Police directly should any criminal incident occur; the presence of a drone near the memorial gatepost had been reported to the Police by a resident.
- **Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School:** Clerk read response from Head Teacher re rhyme issue – Clerk to contact Chair of Sports Club to see if he would seek a response from the Drainage Board.
- **Manor Hall:** Clerk informed meeting that the Chair of the Sports Club would be asking the MH Committee to consider waiving the balance of the annual licence fee for this year (LEBE's Café has already donated 50% of the fee in the light of the current financial state of the Sports Club) – to be discussed at next MH Committee meeting.
- **Highways:** County Cllr. Filmer reported that the Highways Officer for the area was unfortunately off sick so update not available, but some signage updated; there was a possibility that work clearing the footpath along the A370 might be possible via the Probation Service; damaged fencing along Brean Road is landowner's responsibility – Cllr. Gooding to arrange; the barriers further along Brean Road seem to be a hazard in themselves; Cllr. Tuttiett to strim corner to assist visibility; Gigaclear works continuing with various temporary traffic regulation orders.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Cllr. Bennett thanked for her report; awaiting RoSPA report.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Contractor will be tidying area ready for the fete; concern expressed re main road path near lay-by. County Cllr. Filmer & Dist. Cllr. Gilling to check on allotment situation.
- **Drainage Issues:** Mentioned above under Academy; culverts reported as replaced in West Road and Eastertown
- **Footpaths:** County Cllr. Filmer to follow up issue in Eastertown.
- **Affordable Housing:** Clerk reminded the meeting that he had circulated notes provided by Ms. E. Carter of the briefing attended by three Parish Councillors re the Beavers Lodge site on the previous Monday; if these plans proceed this will help to provide appropriate affordable housing alongside the PC's current preferred option.
- **GDPR:** Clerk had attended informative course at Somerton and is checking PC's current systems.
- **Village Events:** St. Christopher's Fete 30th June; Open Gardens successful especially on the Sunday; LEBE's Café to host Summer event featuring 20 ukulele players; Friday evening cricket training very well supported with 55 juniors attending – having own cricket match on next Sunday morning (Barrington rules).
- **County / District Issues:** Panorama filming hospital project; £3.6 million for Somerset pot-holes; libraries' consultation now closed – feedback being analysed; unitary debate – what could be done differently? No children's homes in Somerset so expensive provision outside county with no funding from government; Fire Service management to change due to early retirement.
- **Clerk:** One application had been received so far for the 'Casual Vacancy' – last date for applications is 16th July, ready for next meeting. Clerk explained that he was trialling a parallel financial record system ready for the 'new' Clerk; Monday 20th August was provisionally set for an additional PC meeting should the need arise.

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

56/18 Planning Applications: *[Cllr. Tuttiett declared a personal interest in the first joint submission.]*

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.

31/17/00004 Mr. & Mrs. J. King, White House Kennels, North Road, Eastertown: Erection of replacement dwelling. *(Both applications from last year having been re-presented)* – It was agreed to reiterate previous objections (4 for / 1 against).

31/18/00009/LE Mr. Johnson, Barn at Dolhurst, Delhorn Lane, Lympsham: Erection of single storey extension on north east elevation to form garage – Support as in keeping with environment and a logical improvement.

Clerk informed meeting that 31/18/00008/DRT Mrs. S. Simpson, Applewood, Bridgwater Road: Conversion of garage & extension to East elevation, etc. was due to be discussed at Planning Committee on 3rd July.

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

57/18 Correspondence of Note: Circulated; following the Tennis Club's concern re weeds at the back of the courts, Clerk to ask Grounds Maintenance Contractor to deal with the problem; discussion re barriers alongside courts to be discussed at next MH meeting.

58/18 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £10,086-78

S/A: £1,434-96

VAT: £52

Player-Mason A/C: £2,405-91 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.]

Petty Cash: £34-82

59/18 Cheques issued since May meeting: 101681 Whitehouse Kennels £96 (Dog bin serv.); 101682 Tasker Printers £499 (Lympsham News); 101683 SALC £25 (GDPR Training).

60/18 Cheque issued at June meeting: 101680 Clerk's salary & quarterly expenses £546-63.

61/18 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 23.7.18*): Co-option re 'Casual Vacancy'; Covenants in respect of Affordable Housing Conditions.

* Meeting following Manor Hall Committee meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.43 p.m.