

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 26 February 2018

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

Also attending: County Cllr. R. Filmer & District Cllr. A. Gilling, Mr. M. Tidman (Wessex Water) & eight visitors.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

10/18 Apologies: None.

11/18 Minutes of Previous Meeting (15.1.18): Confirmed.

12/18 Drainage Issues: *[Topic brought forward from Matters Arising]* Mr. Tidman briefed the meeting & responded to queries:
Please see following appendix for summary.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Tidman for his time & comprehensive explanation.
[8.07 p.m. Mr. Tidman & visitors left the Hall.]

13/18 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** PCSO S. Piers had attended February's Surgery; several reports of evening 'visitors' trespassing on gardens/land on Rectory Way/South Road; poachers/vehicles reported crossing fields in neighbouring districts – don't approach, but report to Police.
- **Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School:** Connected topics to be discussed later.
- **Manor Hall:** As above.
- **Highways:** Subsidence on Lympsham Road addressed eventually by Highways after resident input; Brean Road issue where vehicle has driven into ditch; still waiting for comments from 'local expert' re road safety issues – Clerk had been contacted by another resident concerned about build up of traffic near Ferry Lane at pupils' pick up & drop off times: following discussion, County Cllr. Filmer going to seek advice re possible meeting with Highways, Police, etc; response re feasibility of flashing lights has highlighted possible duplication of safety / speeding measures: it was felt that the 20 mph limit needed to remain, so Clerk asked to attend meeting re SIDs at Somerton to explore possibilities.
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Cllrs. Hinton & Rosser 'sorting' respective signs for shelter, guttering would spoil the structure, carpenter to advise re aperture safety features; spare matting to be laid in muddy areas.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Voluntary litter pickers commended.
- **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.
- **Affordable Housing:** Still awaiting feasibility study/ies completion.
- **Village Events:** Pantomime a success – profits to be put toward lighting equipment; LEBE's Café to host charity event re undergarments for Africa.
- **County / District Issues:** County Cllr. Filmer updated PC re 'Home First', Libraries consultation, Schools building & Children's Services. Dist. Cllr. Gilling briefed PC on SDC budgets, increased commercialisation in the district & possibility of new leisure centre at Northgate.
- **Clerk:** Nuttall Trust applications successful for Manor Hall & Academy, but PC not awarded funding for projector – Chair proposed purchase of projector from PC funds, seconded by Cllr. Bennett, all agreed. Clerk reported on CIL 'refresher evening' & implications for PC & introduction of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations). Chair read letter from Clerk re the Clerk's retirement to take effect from 31st August 2018: following advice, Clerk to prepare advert & update job description to include Manor Hall work, Lympsham News advert processing, etc.

14/18 Planning Applications: 31/18/00001/STP Mr. Santo, Agricultural Access at Batch Farm, Rectory Way, Lympsham: Certificate of lawfulness for the existing siting of caravan for non-residential uses – Not supported as reason to believe that it had been used for residential purposes.

15/18 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

16/18 Finance Report: inc. cheques listed below

C/A: £10,796-25

S/A: £2,434-54

VAT: £2,768-14

Player-Mason A/C: £2,405-73 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.]

Petty Cash: £40-78

17/18 Cheques issued since January meeting: 101657 SALC £243-70 (Affil.); 101658 PAYE £335; 101659 Decision Power £330 (Website).

18/18 Cheques issued at February meeting: 101660 Whitehouse Kennels £120 (Dog bin serv.); 101661 Comm. Council for Som. £40 (Affiliation); 101662 Clerk's salary & expenses £446-83.

[Cllrs. Bennett & Rosser left meeting at 9.21 p.m.]

19/18 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 26.3.18): As above.

The meeting ended at 9.24 p.m.