

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 27 June 2016

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mrs. A. Bennett, Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Hoare, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett.
Also attending: Dist. Cllr. R. Filmer.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

63/16 Apologies: Mr. R. Jones & Dist. Cllr. A. Gilling – accepted.

64/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting (6.6.16): confirmed & signed.

65/16 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Car now removed from car-park; travellers moved from BASC ground.
- **Lympsham First School:** Solicitors instructed in connection with the proposed conversion to academy status requested information re 'Deed of Variation' – in principle, PC agreeable to entering into new arrangements: Clerk to check with Head Teacher re requirements & to contact J. Counsell in the hope that legal costs can be kept to a minimum.
- **Manor Hall:** Kitchen & classroom floors due to be replaced during summer with kitchen furniture / units being replaced at SCC's cost – PC supported this development; Clerk informed PC that the Hall's insurance premium had been paid.
- **Lympsham Pre-School:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways:** Work at Breaan / Rectory Way junction nearly finished; it was reported that a resident had paid for a road repair particular to their property
- **Play Area inc. inspection reports:** Clerk to contact GM contractor re broken branch & low hanging foliage; possible need to remove ivy from walls & to monitor bin emptying. The PC supported Cllr. Rosser investigating various grant opportunities & would look at charity status of Manor Hall along with the Lions 'Go Kids Go' initiative.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Pruning of willow tree on main road has improved vision; ragwort seemed to be growing at a great rate – can be reported to Highways; Cllr. Gooding thanked Dist. Cllr. for supporting anti fly-tipping initiatives; 'guerrilla gardeners' commended for planting & barrel containers by plough; Clerk confirmed that cheque & 'citation' had been delivered to resident in Eastertown; 'finger post' is apparently being refurbished & repaired – costs covered by donation from LEBE's Café.
- **Drainage Issues:** Dist. Cllr. Filmer indicated that SDC & SDBC were still in discussion re culvert & Clerk due to be copied in.
- **Footpaths:** Clerk had been sent a copy of concern expressed re public right of way AX22/10 – to be forwarded to SCC.
- **Affordable Housing:** No further report from SDC.
- **Village Events:** Church Fete raised in excess of £4,000; Open Gardens well supported; £22 raised for Air Ambulance from England v Australia supporters at Pavilion; School Fete inc. Flower Show on Saturday 9th July. Pavilion kitchen renovation has been delayed.
- **County / District Issues:** Funding found for Bleadon sluice gate; Brent Knoll having an Affordable Housing presentation event similar to Lympsham's on 28th; Somerset Rivers Authority hopeful for government finance & Hinkley is currently 'still on line'.
- **Clerk:** Matters discussed elsewhere.

66/16 Planning Applications: None.

67/16 Correspondence of Note: Circulated; PC supported Clerk's response re grant directory request from Sports Club.

68/16 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below)

C/A: £14,068-49

S/A: £2,432-45

VAT to be claimed: £877-44

Player-Mason A/C: £2,398-61 [N.B. £145 to be trans. to C/A re past repair; window to be cleaned.] Petty Cash: £48.68

69/16 Cheques issued since last meeting: None.

70/16 Cheques issued at 27th June meeting: 101564 Tasker Printers £219 (Lympsham News); 101565 PGC Contracting Serv. £481-66 (G.M.); 101566 Clerk's salary £450-98; 101567 Quarterly office expenses £100.

71/16 NJC 2016-2018 National Salary Award: PC approved the award [Prop: Cllr. Tuttiett, sec. by Cllr. Gooding – all agreed].

72/16 Proposed Parish Clusters Paper: Although the proposals do not affect the boundaries of the Coastal Cluster – the PC agreed with the need to reduce the number of 'identical meetings' & therefore reduce officers' workload, but felt that the annual Planning / Code of Conduct meetings were not suitable for additional items like budgets, etc. – this would overload those particular annual meetings & would be for a different audience. Also each Cluster should elect a Chairman, but it was felt that this should be on an annual basis.

73/16 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 18th July 2016)

The meeting ended at 8.42 p.m.