

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 6 June 2016

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

Also attending: Dist. Cllrs. R. Filmer & A. Gilling, Mr. D. Harvey & Ms. E. Carter (Sedgemoor Affordable Housing) & five residents.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

52/16 Apologies: *Cllr. Gooding would be arriving later.

53/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting (16.5.16): confirmed & signed.

54/16 Matters Arising: Clerk reminded the meeting that the month's surgery was the following day; Cllr. Rosser intimated that a further £500 of 'matched funding' was expected for the Play Area funds following the 'Party for our Park'; Clerk reported that 2015/16 accounts sent to auditor early & 'notice of date of commencement of period for the exercise of public rights' posted on notice-boards & website with accounts.

55/16 Affordable Housing: The Chairman welcomed D. Harvey & Ms. E. Carter who gave an update to the present time [please see village website or SDC website for 'Briefing Update: June 2016 – Issues Nos 2'].
At 8.05 p.m. the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow members of the public to ask questions.
8.20 p.m. Chairman reopened meeting. Following query from the Clerk, Dist. Cllr. Gilling confirmed that the Drainage Board didn't have 'the power of veto' over planning & emphasised that in previous years' affordable housing negotiations landowners had requested confidentiality which restricted the PC's ability to consult; Dist. Cllr. Filmer expressed sympathy for the variety of views expressed as it mirrored processes in other local villages.
8.28 p.m. After the Chairman thanked the Sedgemoor officers, they left the meeting hall; two residents also departed.

56/16 Play Area: [Cllr. Gooding joined meeting at 8.42 p.m. during this item.]
The Clerk provided all Councillors with copies of four tenders received for the 'Community Shelter' & gave a resume of the history of the proposal. Various discussions re grants & consideration of the refurbishment of the whole Play Area v time element were had. Whilst the tenders had brought forward interesting variations, unfortunately basic specifications had not reached one provider, so the Clerk advised that the process should be redone following consultation with the local architect who produced the original sketch over eight years ago: proposed by Cllr. Tuttiett, seconded by Chairman – all agreed.

57/16 Planning Applications: [Dist. Cllrs. left the room during this item.]
31/16/00005/SJH Southwest One – Somerset County Council re Lympsham C of E VC First School: Installation of air vents to the sub floor void within the 2 no. classrooms & kitchen.

31/16/00006/CW Southwest One – Somerset CC re Lympsham C of E VC First School: Suspended timber floor repairs works 2 no. classrooms & the kitchen. Works include removing & re using existing floor boards. Undertaking repairs where necessary to floor joints. Dry rot remediation works to the kitchen. Installation of insulation between floor joints within classrooms.

PC/1/31/16/004/KT Installation of low periscopic vents for additional under floor ventilation to the main school building (SCC)

All the above supported for Health & Safety reasons: proposed Cllr. Tuttiett, seconded Cllr. Rosser – all agreed.

58/16 Correspondence of Note: Circulated; following request to PC, Cllr. Gooding proposed grant of £80 towards Flower Show [seconded Cllr. Bennett – all in favour]; Salary Award & Parish Cluster papers to be discussed at next meeting (Dist. Cllr. Gilling mentioned that some clusters were not working as efficiently as others, hence the discussion paper); concern expressed re reduction of bus services in local villages; update of local M.P.'s European Referendum debates.

59/16 Finance Report: (inc. cheques listed below)
C/A: £14,796-01 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: £188-68

Considering that the Sports Club sponsored the cultivation of 'The Pound' the Clerk asked whether the 'guerrilla gardener' in Eastertown area had received similar funding to previous monies provided for other areas: Chairman proposed a grant of £50 [seconded Cllr. Hoare – all agreed] & requested Clerk to convey appropriate thanks.

60/16 Cheques issued since last meeting: None.

61/16 Cheques issued at 6th June meeting: 101561 Whitehouse Kennels £120 (Dog bin serv.); 101562 SLCC £118 (Affil.); 101563 Petty Cash £100.

62/16 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting (Monday 27th June 2016): NJC 2016 – 2018 National Salary Award; Proposed Parish Cluster Paper

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.