

## Minutes of Lympsham Annual Parish Meeting, 18 May 2015

**Councillors Present:** Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Cllr. B. Gooding, Mr. R. Hoare, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. E. Male, Mrs. J. Rosser & Mr. G. Tuttiett. Also in attendance: District Councillor A. Gilling

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk.

**AO1/15 Apologies:** District Councillor R. Filmer [Accepted].

**AO2/15 Minutes of previous Annual Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014:** were confirmed and signed.  
[Proposed: G. Tuttiett, seconded: Mrs. E. Male.]

**AO3/15 Financial Report:** The Clerk presented the Annual Accounts and circulated copies of the balance sheet; he made comparisons with the previous year's, explaining the very few significant differences.  
B. Gooding proposed the acceptance of the accounts, seconded: Mrs. E. Male – carried.

### **AO4/15 Chairman's Report & Annual Review:**

Our annual budget and accounts have now been prepared and audited ready to be submitted to the Audit Commission with my grateful thanks to Robin Leveridge and David Edworthy for their assistance in this matter.

The Parish Council has agreed to keep the Precept the same this year and will endeavour to achieve our commitments with the monies from Sedgemoor District Council and grants acquired from various organisations.

With all our commitments, the Play Area is one priority where we have installed new swings and intend to replace or improve further equipment as and when we can afford it. There will be new seating benches installed in the Play Area: thanks to the Harvest Home Committee and Women's Institute. A new notice-board has also been installed at Copse Corner.

There are so many individuals within our village that help the Parish Council fulfil its duties and I am simply going to thank a few of those who are working hard to provide that service; they are:

Fiona Robertson - Head Teacher of Lympsham First School  
Paul Kelson – Lympsham News  
Ron & Gwen Hatton – Manor Hall  
Mikhael Comerford & Jim Hanmer & volunteers at the Village Shop & Post Office  
Marcus Hatton & his team – Speedwatch  
Phil Collings – Grounds Maintenance  
Karen & Sandy – Pavilion  
Dave Prowton & Family – Charity Christmas lights

We have had few reported incidents of crime in our Parish and surrounding villages over the past year and continue to receive support from the Police, despite numerous cutbacks and reorganisation, with Neighbourhood Watch and our monthly 'Beat' / Parish Council surgeries held at the Sports Pavilion with the Parish Clerk.

Our numerous voluntary organisations continue to flourish in Lympsham and Eastertown and some notable events this past year were the Six Nations Rugby at the Pavilion where they raised £300 for Cystic Fibrosis, The Lympsham & Bleadon Branch of the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion V.E. commemorations day where they raised £450 for welfare projects and Lympsham's Women's Institute event to celebrate its centenary year when the National Federation's baton was received on route to the Royal Albert Hall.

The Lympsham village website is now up and running with numerous pictures and information about our Parish and where people can contribute items via the Parish Clerk.

Finally, my personal thanks must go to: Robin Leveridge for his unstinting support, our District Councillors Andrew Gilling and Bob Filmer for their help and support, all those who serve on the Manor Hall Committee and, of course, my fellow Parish Councillors, who do a lot behind the scenes. We are delighted and honoured to serve this Parish and its residents for four more years to come.

**AO5/15 County Council Report:** No report had been received.

**AO6/15 Open Forum:** In answer to questions: a resident had volunteered to become the new editor of the Lympsham News; the new 'dog bin' was due to be installed in the next few weeks.

**The meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.**