

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, Monday 17th December 2018

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Miss H. Allsopp, Mrs. A. Bennett, Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. G. Tuttiet, Mr R Hoare, County Cllr Mr B Filmer, District Cllr Mr A Gilling

Minutes were taken by the Clerk. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

110/18 Apologies: Mr R Jones- Accepted.

111/18 Minutes of Previous Meeting (19.11.18): Confirmed.

112/18 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Clerk reported Police/ Village agent presence at monthly surgery, New times arranged for 2019, surgery will now be on second Tuesday of month, 11-12.30 at LEBES café. Some unsolicited door to door sales reported in village .Graffiti on bin reported in playground
- **Lympsham C. of E. Academy & Pre-School:** LEBES Community café donated £200 towards library books for Academy and £ 200 towards pre -school play house
- **Manor Hall:** Head teacher of Academy reported stage was now deemed safe to use after ceiling made safe.
- **Highways:** Flashing Lights, still no visible progress, Clerk to follow up .Discussion on Speed limits A370 , concern from a resident, County Cllr B Filmer to follow up , Parish Council would like a reduction to 40 miles an hour, as so many accidents . Bright lighting from CarBase showroom possibly affecting road users vision also a concern, County Cllr B Filmer also to follow up.. Cllr Tuttiet commented on volume of traffic being more than areas that are currently 40 mph. Speed and volume of traffic also a concern through village, need to fast track Flashing lights.
- **Play area:** Cllr A Bennett thanked for her report. Cllr Gooding liaising with Phil Collings to move matting and replace worn out ones under swings . Train wheels repair still being organised. Cllr Tuttiet thanked for organising Signwriting on shelter. Repair to railing still on going, Cllr B Gooding to follow up.
- **Grounds Maintenance & General Maintenance Issues:** Cllr B Gooding and Clerk thanked for relaying slab pathway which was reported as uneven by a resident following Talent cable work. Clerk to follow up re seeding of all areas dug up by Talent. Question from resident regarding trees on cricket pitch adjoining pathway, whose responsibility to maintain as blocking out light to houses opposite? Clerk to approach Sports club .
- **Drainage Issues:** Desilting of Compol and Batch rhyme to take place shortly. Complaint about ditch in front of Manor Farm, Clerk to approach owner
- **Footpaths:** Report from resident of inadequate signage on footpath Rectory Way//Batch Lane resulting in trespassing. Clerk to follow up.
- **Village Events:** Recently held Christmas fair, Children's Christmas Party and Christmas window trail. LEBES community café holding two course Christmas meal, sold out with 50+ people to attend. Rocking Robins Christmas Quiz a big success. Live music at Sports club on Friday 21st December, New Years Eve Party to follow..
- **County /District Issues:** County Cllr B Filmer reported on Review of libraries, Highbridge to close in December. Single use plastics now not used throughout County Hall/ Contractors. Reduction in road deaths across County. Parking review. County Hall had new heating system amongst other things costing £10m (Will mean saving of £700,000 per annum on rented space as staff can now be accommodated once again). Business rates pilot scheme, some extra revenue into County, one year only. District Cllr A Gilling reported on an exciting Innovation Centre to be built in Huntspill on a 656 acre site which will create 4000 jobs over a 10 year plan. Working with Bridgwater College incorporating a potential new railway line.
- **Clerk:** Donations requested from Mendip Community Transport (proposed £50 by JH, seconded by GT); St. Christopher's Church (proposed £700 by JH, seconded by BG); Citizens Advice Sedgemoor (proposed £25 by JH, seconded by GT); Alzheimer's Society (proposed £50 by GT, seconded by BG). New residents pack will be ready for January. Clerk asked to attend training course in January, agreed by Councillors. Chairman congratulated Editor of Lympsham News on another outstanding edition, and a small token of appreciation was taken to present to the Editor, along with a card expressing the Parish Councils thanks for his continued efforts ,Precept request has not yet arrived, Clerk to establish why, Councillors agreed they would stay with same figure as 2018, although there may be an Election which would mean an added expense for 2019.

113/18 Planning Applications: None received.

114/18 Correspondence of Note: Circulated.

115/18 Finance Report:

C/A: £10,584.75

S/A: £1435.59

VAT: £320

Player-Mason A/C: £2405.97.

Petty Cash: £120.20

116/18 Cheques issued since November meeting: none.

117/18 Cheques issued at November Meeting: 101715 £547.00 Tasker printers (Lympsham news); 101716 £198.00 Lympsham Manor Hall (PC meetings hire 2018); 101717 £48.00 Sign Time(Signwriting on shelter); 101718 White House Kennels £96.00 (dog bin service); 101719 £485.73 (Clerk Dec salary); 101720 £507.00 3rd payment for ground s maintenance); 101721 £85.00 SALC (clerk training); 101722 £100.00 (petty cash); 101723 £25.00(Citizens advice donation); 101724 £50.00 (Mendip Community Transport Donation); 101725 £700.00 (St. Christopher's Church Donation); 101726 £50.00 (Alzheimer's Society Donation)

118/18 Items for discussion at next meeting on Monday 21/01/2019.

***preceded by Manor Hall Committee AGM & Committee Meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.