

MINUTES OF LYMPSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20/01/2020

Councillors Present: Mrs A. Bennett (Chairman), Miss H. Allsopp, Mr B. Gooding, Mr R. Leveridge, Mrs N. Macleod and Mr G. Tuttiert.

Also attending: County Cllr R. Filmer, District Cllr A. Gilling, & four residents.

Minutes; were taken by the Clerk. Meeting commenced at 7.50pm.

01/20 Apologies and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations; Cllr J. Hinton- Accepted. (Cllr B. Gooding declared an interest in Planning Application 31/18/00024).

02/20 Minutes of Previous Meeting ;(16th December 2019)- Confirmed and signed. (Prior to next item County Cllr B. Filmer & Cllr B. Gooding left the room).

03/20 Planning Applications for consideration: 31/18/00024 Mr/Mrs Shepherd, Blakeney, West Road, Lympsham, Somerset, BS24 0EG. Erection of a first floor extension and installation of a dormer window to provide additional living accommodation. Erection of a replacement pitched roof to existing extension and replacement conservatory roof to include balcony. (Chairman suspended the meeting at 7.55pm to allow comments from the Public, meeting reopened at 8.02pm). -Object, (unless the balcony, which would have an impact on the privacy of neighbouring bungalows, is removed from the plans). Prop; G.T., Sec R.L. -Unanimous. (County Cllr B. Filmer & Cllr B. Gooding re-joined the meeting. Four residents left the Meeting).

04/20 Finance Report and to approve payments for January 2020

C/A: £9489.40 S/A: £1439.16 Petty Cash: £68.92 VAT (to reclaim):£262.47 Player- Mason A/C: £ 2406.15

Cheques issued since December 2019 meeting; 101208 White House Kennels (Dog bins) £120.00; 101209 HMRC (Clerk N.I) £58.80; 101210 Clerk salary Jan '20 £498.32; 101211 Manor Hall Hire VE75 £18.00

05/20 Website Accessibility, WCAG2.1AA. Clerk spoke about the need to have an accessibility statement for the village website. A discussion was held on what this meant and the ruling of WCAG2.1AA compliancy, which comes into force in September 2020. Clerk had endeavoured to find sample compliant websites for members to have a look at, but at present time they are few available. It was resolved to create a simple accessibility statement for the current website, and to contact the current providers, Decision Power, to ask their advice. Action; Clerk.

06/20 Reports : (to receive reports on the following matters)

- **Neighbourhood Watch;** Telephone scams over Christmas period, Sheep and Cattle rustling, various burglaries reported in locality.
- **Lympsham C of E Academy & Pre-school;** Discussed at previous meetings.
- **Manor Hall;** Discussed at previous meetings.
- **Sports Club;** Discussed at previous meetings.
- **Highways;** Repairs to roads on-going, Clerk to monitor, Speed still being monitored on A370. Pathways on A370 discussed.
- **Play Area;** Chairman Bennett was thanked for her report. She asked for a volunteer to take on this role, Cllr Gooding and Cllr Macleod to take turns. Clerk offered to draw up a checklist for this task. Action; Clerk.
- **Ground Maintenance and General Maintenance Issues;** Tender has gone out, deadline is Monday 3rd February for consideration at meeting on 10th February.
- **Drainage Issues:** Nothing to report, apart from tanker activity in The Boundaries over the festive season. Clerk to investigate. Action; Clerk.
- **Footpaths:** Cllr sought to take on role of footpath ranger, Cllr Tuttiert would do Eastertown side. Action; Clerk.
- **Village Events :** Sports Club had a band for New Year's Eve.
- **Lympsham in Bloom;** Cllr R. Leveridge spoke on behalf of this Committee. He explained that the start-up for this new project for the village would be at least £1000.00. So far, £400.00, had been donated from the ex-community café, and £200.00 from the gardening club. An application had also gone in to Nuttall Trust. Cllr Tuttiert mentioned that Mole Valley Farmers had offered discounts as well. Consideration was given to a grant from the PC- Cllr B. Gooding proposed £500.00, seconded by Cllr N. Macleod- Unanimous, (Cllrs Leveridge & Tuttiert abstained, due to personal interest in project).
- **District and County Reports;** County Cllr B. Filmer spoke to the members about a trial of robot home schooling for pupils who could not attend school. He also mentioned Climate Change Crisis (a drop in day will take place on 8th February at Bridgwater House). A discussion took place on the proposed changes in local Government, there is no timescale attached to this at present. District Cllr A. Gilling talked about the homeless and rough sleepers, and mentioned a contact at Bridgwater House should anyone in locality need help.
- **Clerk Report:** Clerk gave an update on a light and noise nuisance issue in Eastertown, which has now been addressed. A possible breach of Planning issue had been reported since last meeting, Clerk to update when investigated by SDC. A discussion was held on grants to grounds maintenance in the church yard. This is a complicated issue, and advice has been sought. Clerk reported that a ditch outside Manor Farm would be cleared as soon as possible, the landowner had been consulted and was obtaining quotes, as the job was more complicated than first thought. Clerk requested permission to attend an Audit Course in April (£70.00), and also to enroll on the CiLCA qualification course (£350.00 registration, and £275.00 + VAT for the four training days to assist with completing the portfolio). Cllr H. Allsopp proposed approval; seconded Cllr R. Leveridge (all in favour-Carried.)
- **07/20 Correspondence:** The Clerk went through the correspondence with members.
- **08/20 Items for Discussion/Report at next meeting Monday 10th February 2020;** "Speed Campaign Wide & Slow".

The Meeting ended at 9.30pm

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