

MINUTES OF LYMPSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14/07/2025

Councillors Present: Chairman Mr. R. Leveridge, Ms. H. Allsopp, Mr T. Collings, and Mr. G. Tuttiett

Also Present: Mrs. S. Ferguson, Clerk.

The meeting opened at 7.22 p.m.

LPC52/25

Cllrs. White and Gooding sent their apologies which were accepted.

LPC53/25

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of 16th June 2025 - Unanimous.

LPC54/25

Public Speaking – There were no members of the public present.

LPC55/25

Planning Applications- There were no planning Applications for consideration.

LPC56/25

Most correspondence had been sent by email; however, the Clerk updated the Members on two items that had arisen this week. A donation had been offered by a member of the Public to spend on future refurbishment of the play area. This will be formally discussed at the next meeting in September, as too late for this meeting's Agenda. A resident had emailed to state his dissatisfaction with the cleanup of the ditch following an accident when a lorry had overturned and spilt fuel. The Clerk would write to the Environment Agency to follow this up.

LP57/25

The response to the letter of concern sent by the Parish Council regarding bridge works on Accommodation Road had been encouraging, and the replies from the various stakeholders that followed had brought about a significant improvement in recent communication. This had enabled the Parish Clerk to work closely with the contractors on the improvement of clarity and placement of signs.

LPC58/25

The current website provider has announced his intention to retire. The Clerk has been researching Companies that specialise in Local Authority websites and will report back in detail in the meeting in September, so a decision can be made on future provision that meets all of the accessibility and security requirements and the day-to-day needs of the Council and Clerk.

LPC59/25

FINANCIAL REPORT AND EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING:

It was resolved to approve the July payments shown below:

All items paid from CIL Money are marked with *

- Nichols Facilities Ltd (SID Management) = £114.00*
- Whitehouse Kennels (Dog bin servicing) = £168.00
- Clerk Salary= £965.88
- Tax/N. I. = £136.38
- Parish Council Websites (Annual Email domain and hosting) = £396.00
- PGC Contracting = £532.80
- British Horse Society (Replacement SLOW Signs) = £96.00
- ICO Annual Fee = £52.00
- Lympsham in Bloom Expenses = £52.50
- Unity Bank Charges = £6.00
- ITAGOAL (Nets and clips) =£114.96

The balances of accounts after July payments are as follows:

Current Account = £984.97

Deposit Account= £ 81,622.82 **Breakdown:** Lympsham in Bloom Funds £391.95, Gardening Club Funds £467.20, CIL £7,062.22, Chatty Hour £1,598.58, Old photos Group £550.00, Play Area Refurbishment Fund £25,000, General Reserves £20,000.00 and remaining precept 2025 £26,552.87

VAT (to reclaim) = £697.33

LPC60/25

General Reports

- Unitary Councillors – Not available.

- Shop Committee: The Clerk had obtained permission from the Shop Committee to move the shop sign, and put the Bleed Cabinet next to the defibrillator.
- LCN: The Chair attended the Burnham LCN AGM at Pawlett on 17/6/25.
- Highways Working Group: See 57/25 for response to Letter on concerns raised by the Chair at the last meeting
- N.W.-Nothing to report.
- Lympsham Academy and Pre-school: Lympsham Summer Party on Cricket field 3 to 6 p.m. 22/7/25.
- Sports Club: See above. 18/7/25 Farewell party for the Manager.
- Manor Hall: Nothing to report.
- Highways: All defects reported by the Clerk; the village sign on the main road had been reattached; issues with SID brackets are being addressed.
- Play Area and Defibrillator: Visual Checks were carried out by the Clerk. Nothing of concern to report. The defibrillators have been checked and reported to the Circuit.
- Grounds Maintenance and General Maintenance Issues: The Chairman remarked on the excellent job carried out by the GM Contractor, preparing the village for the fete.
- Footpaths: Nothing to report.
- Village Events: The fete was held on Saturday, 21st June, in the Manor gardens, and raised a total of £6,600.00 for the Church, a record amount.
- St. Christopher's Church Reordering:

LPC61/25

Items to take forward to next meeting on Monday, 8th September 2025:

- To formally accept a donation from a resident for a play area refurbishment fund
- To decide on a new provider for the Website
- To consider the purchase of solar Panel kits for SID posts in high traffic areas.

The meeting ended at 8.09 p.m.

These Minutes were signed as a true record on 8th September 2025.