

MINUTES OF LYMPSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16/06/2025

Councillors Present: Chairman Mr. R. Leveridge, Ms. H. Allsopp, Mr. T. Collings, Cllr B. Gooding, Mr. G. Tuttiett and Mrs H. White.

Also Present:

Mrs. S. Ferguson, Clerk, was absent due to sickness. Chairman R. Leveridge made notes for the Minutes

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

LPC37/25

Unitary Cllr. B. Filmer sent his apologies.

LP38/25

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of 19th May 2025 - Unanimous.

LPC39/25

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

LPC40/25

Planning Applications- This planning application had arisen since the Agenda was issued and was considered by the council.

- 31/25/00013 Blakeney, West Road Lympsham. BS24 OEG. Reduce lateral growth of 1no. Ash 9T1) overhanging the property of Blakeney back to boundary line (removing approx. 1.5 m of growth). Reduce lateral growth of 4no. Beech (G2) overhanging the property back to boundary line (removing approx. 2.5 m of growth). BS24 ODT. It was resolved to support this application and leave the final decision to the Somerset Tree Officer.
- 31/25/00012 Little Briars, Church Road, Lympsham). BS24 ODT. Crown reduce 1no. Damson (T1) and 1no. Chery Plum (T20) back to previous pruning points (removing approx. 1.5 m growth). It was resolved to support this application and leave the final decision to the Somerset Tree Officer.

LPC41/25

All correspondence had been sent by email.

LP42/25

The Chair updated the Members on the meeting with WLT to discuss the leases.

LPC43/25

The Boundary Review Consultation was discussed. The Commission's recommendation was that Lympsham would be remaining in the Brent Ward, served by one Unitary Councillor. It was resolved to ask the Clerk to comment that the Council is happy with this recommendation.

LPC44/25

Cllr White updated the Members on the reply from the British Horse Society on the provision of replacement horse road safety signs - currently awaiting projected cost.

LP45/25

The Clerk had set up the new Gov.uk email domain and sent instructions with the new secure email addresses to all Councillors. She asked that all Members email the new Clerk address to confirm they were set up, following that she would then would only use the official email channel. The Clerk had produced an I.T. Policy which will be required for the Audit process in 2025-2026. It was resolved to approve this policy.

LPC46/25

The Sports Club AGM had taken place and was well attended. There is a new Management Committee in place, and an announcement has been made that the Pavilion would close for refurbishment from 23rd.

June to 27th June. There had been a positive response to a community survey, with over 150 respondents. There will be a rebranding of the Pavilion, which will be known as the Pavilion Bar and Kitchen, headed by Terry Reynolds and Stuart Mottram. This experienced team will offer a cafe opening 7 days a week, as well as a Bar service from Noon – 11 pm. Food will be available every day, with an extended range of drinks. The new Model will provide the Club with a steady income stream through the payment of a Licence Fee. Following discussion, Councillors considered it a positive move for the Community. (The future use of food vans was unlikely due to the above.)

LPC47/25

FINANCIAL REPORT AND EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING:

It was resolved to approve June payments shown below:

All items paid from CIL Money are marked with *

- Nichols Facilities Ltd (SID Management) = £114.00*
- Whitehouse Kennels (Dog bin servicing) = £134.40
- Clerk Salary= £965.68
- Hewish Printers (Lympsham News) = £553.00
- Tax/N. I. = £136.58
- Defib Supplies (Pads) =£126.00
- PGC Contracting = £532.80
- Alpha Flags = £120.85*
- Unity Bank Charges = £6.00
- Lympsham News (Prizes)= £40.50
- HP Instant Ink= £17.89

The balances of accounts after June payments are as follows:

Current Account = £1,619.49

Deposit Account= £ 58,310.56 **Breakdown:** Lympsham in Bloom Funds £444.45, Gardening Club Funds £467.20, CIL £7,176.22, Chatty Hour £1598.58, Old photos Group £550.00 General Reserves £20,000.00 and remaining precept 2025 £28,074.11

VAT (to reclaim) = £495.37

LPC48/25

General Reports

[Unitary Cllr. T. Grimes joined the meeting at 7.30 p.m.]

- Unitary Councillors – The Chair read from Unitary Cllr. B. Filmer's report.
- Shop Committee: Councillors were sorry to hear of the Sub-Postmistress's resignation.
- LCN: The Chair will be attending the Burnham LCN AGM at Pawlett on 17/6/25.
- Highways Working Group: The Chair attended the meeting on 9/6/25 in Woolavington and raised the issue of lack of consultation re recent and future bridge refurbishments and poor signage. Councillors supported his intention to communicate with Network Rail and Somerset Highways. The Police would also be copied in as the vast increase in traffic caused by the diversions has also led to more speeding.
- 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 Manager.
- Manor Hall: Nothing to report.
- Highways: All defects reported by the Clerk; village sign on main road had been reattached; issues re SID brackets being addressed.
- Play Area and Defibrillator: Visual Checks were carried out by the Clerk and the area was litter picked. Nothing of concern to report. The defibrillators have been checked and reported to the Circuit. Spare Pads had been purchased. There had, so far, been no reply from the School on the use of their defibrillator outside school hours.
- Grounds Maintenance and General Maintenance Issues: None arising.
- Footpaths: There was concern that some footpath bridges needed trimming back
- Village Events: The fete is to be held this Saturday, 21st June, in the Manor gardens.
- St. Christopher's Church Re-Ordering: The PCC has reiterated its support for the project.

LPC51/25

Items to take forward to next meeting on Monday 14th July 2025 (to follow the Manor Hall Management Committee Meeting at 7 p.m.): As above.

The meeting ended at 7.50 p.m.

These Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record on Monday 14th July 2025.