Draft Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 15 January 2007

Councillors Present: Capt. R .G. Evans (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mrs. P. Guess*, Mr. J. Hinton, Mrs. E. Male & Mr. A. Gilling (District Councillor).
Also attending: Mr. F. Marsh, Somerset Rural Housing Enabler.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

1/07 **Apologies:** None.

2/07 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** were confirmed and signed.

3/07 **Declaration of Acceptance: ***completed by Mrs. P. Guess.

4/07 **The Chairman** referred to the sad loss of Brian Davis and paid tribute to the numerous Village activities that he supported.

The Chairman welcomed the co-option of Mrs. P. Guess as Parish Councillor.

5/07 **Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings**

- **Lympsham School:** The Clerk informed the meeting that the Tennis Club had received a letter from County Surveyor re the new building & were having a site meeting later in the week re concerns; the Chairman expressed a hope that a suitable agreement would be reached.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Chairman thanked Mr. Gilling for surveying the car parking area.
- **Highways report:** Another horse warning sign on Rectory Way.
- **Playground report:** The Chairman would cover the weekly checks temporarily; Clerk would arrange the bark refurbishment.
- **General Maintenance Issues:** Memorial Corner flagstones still to be cleaned; Church Road sign in rhine has now disappeared.
- **Footpaths:** The Chairman explained completed questionnaire – Clerk to send. Restricted bridle way sign at Purving Row; Mr. Gooding to check South Road bridle way.
- **Manor Hall Report:** Mrs. Male to attend next meeting of Committee.
- **Memorial for Henry Counsell:** Floodlighting now installed – correction required due to reflected light issues. Clerk reported that Counsell family would donate outstanding costs.
- **Grounds Maintenance:** Clerk continuing to seek advice re specifications.

6/07 **Rural Affordable Housing Projects [Linked to Parish Plan]:** Mr. Marsh gave explanation of the background and the process, including the survey required; after discussion, the Chairman thanked Mr. Marsh for his clear presentation.

7/07 **Churchyard closure:** Following discussion, PC requested Clerk to pursue various lines of enquiry.

8/07 **Parish Council Elections:** Clerk introduced 'Democracy Pack' from SALC and was authorised to proceed with 'publishing' necessary information.

9/07 **Planning Applications:** 656 Miss T. Middle, Malvern Retreat, Purving Row, Lympsham: Erection of single storey extension to side (north) elevation. No observations.

10/07 **Correspondence of note:** Previously circulated and noted.
PC agreed to send letter to Somerset CEO re concerns about unitary status.
ASB information – PC supports a positive approach.
Dog Control / Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 questionnaire – Clerk to respond re local concerns.
£150 from Elected Members' Community Budget for Lympsham Youth Club – PC to receive cheque.
Minimum of £1,000 to be donated to Lympsham Tennis Club re renewal of wiring (Proposed: J. Hinton / seconded P. Guess) – update required on responses from other sources.
Following letter & annual report from Acting Treasurer of PCC, Chairman proposed raising donation towards upkeep of churchyard to £600 (seconded J. Hinton).

11/07 **Finance Report:** C/A: £3,466-28 S/A: £6,066-10
Player-Mason A/C: £2,132-99 Petty Cash: £35-19

12/07 **Cheques issued since last meeting:** 100852 B. Davis £23-66.

13/07 **Cheques issued this meeting:** 100853 SALC (Clerk Training) £185;
100854 Astill & Sons Ltd. (Refreshments for presentation evening – 50% paid into petty cash by Sports Club) £165;
100855 Clerk's salary £385-68; 100856 Lympsham Sports Club (Donation re road & car park lighting) £732-98.

Items for discussion / Report at next meeting on 19th. February 2007: As above.

The meeting ended at 9.28 p.m.