

## Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 17 November 2008

**Councillors Present:** Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mrs. P. Guess, Mr. K. Hart, Mr. R. Jones, Mrs. E. Male & Mr. G. Tuttiett.  
Also present: Mr. A. Gilling (District Councillor).

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk.

**87/08 Apologies:** Mr. A. Ham & PCSO P. Dixon.

**88/08 Minutes of Previous Meeting (20.10.08):** were confirmed and signed.

**89/08 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:**

- **Lympsham School:** Nothing to report. Police presence re parking had been noted on several occasions.
- **Manor Hall Report:** Nothing to report.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Clerk reported that Elliott building should be on order; delay by County in contacting PC's solicitor, but Project Manager updating Clerk regularly.
- **Highways report:** Road subsidence near Millfield Cottages identified for repair within month. Re Bus stop & shelter project: Clerk pleased to report an increase in funding had been offered to support this initiative; he would seek further funding from C. Councillor & Nuttall Trust. PC noted that leaves had been regularly cleared from roads, drains, etc.
- **Playground report:** Bench / table still to be sourced; currently too wet to carry out stage one of surface replacements.
- **Grounds Maintenance:** Concerns noted re overgrown hedges & nettles.
- **Footpaths:** Clerk reported that Mr. R. Hoare had accepted the position of Parish Path Liaison Officer (PPLO); Clerk had passed on the Handbook & toolkit along with the recent survey request. Concern expressed re opposition to proposed diversion of public footpath AX22/11 (part): Clerk to seek clarification &, if necessary, write to support the plan [Proposed: J. Hinton, Seconded: G. Tuttiett – carried.].
- **General Maintenance Issues:** Recent graffiti 'attack' discussed: commendable that many residents had managed to restore their property, although not all surfaces could be treated so easily; G. Tuttiett volunteered to arrange for the bus shelter to be painted using funds from petty cash.
- **Churchyard:** The Chairman showed the preliminary plans that had been submitted as a pre-planning application; The Clerk understood that public views were being solicited via the Lympsham News & notice boards.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** PC supported idea of 'joint surgery' between PCSO & Clerk every month. R. Jones would email possible NW volunteer's details (Copse Corner).
- **Village Events:** K. Hart briefed PC on prospective interviews for Shop / Post Office. Sports Club Bonfire Night was not so well attended due to the weather. Annual illuminations at Copse Corner as from 29<sup>th</sup> November, in aid of Air Ambulance. WI Coffee Morning on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009.
- **Affordable Housing:** Clerk had previously distributed Working Group notes.  
[K. Hart left meeting at 8.37 p.m.]
- **County / District Issues:** A. Gilling explained that due to reduced support by the government, there would be a funding gap in the next budget leading to significant cuts. County elections planned for 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
- **Clerk:** It was agreed that the PC would continue to support the cost of a Christmas tree by the Old Post Office. The PC accepted the proposed dates for next year's meetings as follows:  
19.1.09, 16.2.09, 16.3.09, 20.4.09 (Mondays);  
20.5.09, 17.6.09, 15.7.09 (Wednesdays);  
14.9.09, 19.10.09; 16.11.09, 14.12.09 (Mondays).

**90/08 Planning Applications:** None.

**91/08 Correspondence of note:** Previously circulated and noted.

**92/08 Finance Report:** C/A: £6,511-46 S/A: £4,394-52  
Player-Mason A/C: £2,326-91 Petty Cash: £19-41

**93/08 Cheques issued this meeting:** 100765 Clerk's Pay (Nov.) £357-54; 100766 J.K. Gardening £105 (Gr. Maint.); 100767 SCC (Re Youth Club).

**94/08 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting:** Precept, donation re Christmas lights, Affordable Housing, representatives to attend Manor Hall Committee & Cluster meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**The meeting ended at 8.53 p.m.**