

Draft Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 17 March 2008

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. K. Hart, Mrs. E. Male & Mr. G. Tuttiett.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

16/08 Apologies: Mrs. P. Guess, Mr. A. Ham & Mr. A. Gilling.

17/08 Minutes of Previous Meeting (18.2.08): were confirmed and signed.

18/08 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings: Chair raised issue of vacant seat: he would 'sound out' possibilities.

- **Lympsham School:** New building timetable on target.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** reported that funding for the Elliott building had been found and could be in use by October.
- **Parish Plan:** Questionnaire went out preceding week with Lympsham News.
- **Highways report:** Re drains by Tara & Blakeney plus others: Clerk had reported & encouraged others to report issues. Re Lympsham Road / Boundaries: despite District Councillor investigating, Authority unable to commit funding. Re possibility of moving bus stop and / or installing a shelter: Clerk had been referred by First Bus to Local Authority. Clerk to notify Highways of subsidence along Lympsham Road near A370.
- **Playground report:** B. Gooding to remove damaged tree; new equipment due to be installed end of April.
- **General Maintenance Issues:** Notice board being replaced soon.
- **Footpaths:** Clerk met with Dog Warden who toured area with extra signs & would return at later dates; B. Gooding would also supply signs.
- **Manor Hall Report:** Mrs. Male volunteered to attend next meeting on 16th April; door lock not working properly; no Caretaker as yet.
- **Churchyard:** Landowner setting up further meeting.
- **Grounds Maintenance:** Clerk reported that current contractor was prepared to carry on contract this year.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Unfortunately PCSO seconded to different post elsewhere, so awaiting response from her colleagues; volunteers found to 'cover' The Boundaries.
- **Village Events:** Harvest Home Easter Egg Hunt on 23.3.08; Tennis Club AGM on 26.3.08; Sports Club AGM on 28.3.08; Church Race Night Dinner 12.4.08. Agreed to donate 'Parish Plate' as annual award to Flower Show Committee: B. Gooding to source.
- **Village History:** Still awaiting publication cost quotations.
- **Changes to Doctors' Surgeries:** Need to encourage people to fill in survey forms or make representations.
- **Provision of Defibrillator:** Ongoing.
- **County / District Issues:** Thanks to B. Gooding for attending Flooding Fair – reported on interesting presentations.
- **Post Office / Shop:** Although led to believe that our P.O. will not be closed, currently in period of consultation, which may affect situation. Still needs support.
- **Clerk:** All agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 21st May prior to that month's PC meeting. Reports on Freedom of Information & Records Management meeting and Parish & Towns Annual Meeting; Clerk to draw up 'Retention Schedule'; Clerk signed Sedgemoor Charter on behalf of PC; Mrs. Male volunteered to attend the next Parish Cluster (inc. PACT) meeting.

[K. Hart left meeting at 8.28 p.m.]

19/08 Planning Applications:

693 Mr. & Mrs. R. State, 13 Ferry Lane, Lympsham: Erection of single storey rear extension – No observations.
694 Miss H. Allsopp, Hideaway, Batch Lane, Lympsham: Erection of two single storey extensions to North elevation, on site of existing (to be demolished) – No observations.

20/08 Correspondence of note: Previously circulated and noted.

21/08 Finance Report: C/A: £2,066-92 (inc. payment of cheques itemised below) S/A: £9,224-29
Player-Mason A/C: £2,185-81 Petty Cash: £83-71

22/08 Cheques issued since last meeting: 100726 SALC £30 (Training).

23/08 Cheques issued this meeting: 100727 Clerk's Salary & expenses £441-59; 100728 SALC £179-45 (Affiliation).

24/08 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting: Corner of pillar by Manor Hall / School damaged; Cricket Club investigating purchase of side screens.

The meeting ended at 8.52 p.m.