

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 17 September 2007

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. K. Hart & Mr. G. Tuttiett.
Also in attendance for part of the meeting: PC A. Alsford & PCSO S. Haydon.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

77/07 Apologies: Mrs. P. Guess, Mrs. E. Male, Mr. A. Ham & Mr. A. Gilling.

78/07 Minutes of Previous Meeting (20.8.07): were confirmed and signed.

79/07 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Lympsham School:** Sign installed but difficult to read; use of premises late at night referred to PC Alford.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** CDs now being sold to support funds.
- **Parish Plan:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways report:** K. Hart liaising re flooding issue along Lympsham Road by The Boundaries; Clerk reporting 'fallen' speed restriction sign.
- **Playground report:** Clerk seeking quotes re surfacing; B. Gooding checking on tree protection; more rubbish noticed recently.
- **General Maintenance Issues:** Possible sponsor of notice board likely.
- **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall Report:** Nothing to report.
- **Churchyard:** Meeting planned with representative from Highways to discuss possible new entrance / exit.
- **Grounds Maintenance:** Contractor had been advised re collection of grass; discussion re hedge heights and need for trimming: Clerk reminded meeting that PC contractors are only required to trim the side from The Boundaries to play area, but not householder's hedges – B. Gooding to deal with some of the other hedging. Discussion re pavement width and visibility along Church Road: Clerk to investigate.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** PC keen to promote scheme in Lympsham & Eastertown; Clerk had asked for prospective co-ordinators in forthcoming Lympsham News; G. Tuttiett volunteered to 'cover' Eastertown; requested that during interim, Clerk be given notice of district concerns. Police also to give information re 'Nominate a neighbour scheme' and Hallowe'en warning.
- **Village Events:** The Harvest Home Committee was commended for the brilliant Harvest Home: a relaxed occasion that ran exceedingly smoothly. The Pavilion Firework evening is on Saturday 3rd. November.
- **Clerk:** Wessex Water had been contacted re non-payment of sewerage station lease – investigations proceeding. Clerk would attend presentation for Parish Councillors in Bridgwater re Development Control on 19.9.07 and SLCC meeting on 28.9.07 in Yeovil re 'Bullying & Burials.'

80/07 Planning Applications:

674 Whitbread Operations / Hobbs Boat Inn, Bridgwater Road: Display of various signs – No observations.

81/07 Correspondence of note: Previously circulated and noted.

82/07 Finance Report:

C/A: £3,364-18 (inc. payment of cheques itemised below)
Player-Mason A/C: £2,185-81

S/A: £4,138-87
Petty Cash: £29.61

83/07 Cheques issued this meeting:

100698 J.K. Gardening £309.85 (Grounds Maint. inc. bark for Play Area);
100699 C.R. Hoare £116.87 (Notice boards' repairs); 100700 Clerk's salary & office costs £433.32.

84/07 Adoption of the new revised Code of Conduct, including paragraph 12 (2): Following discussion J. Hinton proposed the adoption, seconded by B. Gooding – unanimously carried; Clerk to inform Sedgemoor and Standards Board.

Items for discussion / Report at next meeting: No new issues.

The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.