

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 18 July 2007

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mrs. P. Guess, Mr. K. Hart, Mrs. E. Male & Mr. G. Tuttiett.
Also in attendance: Mr. A. Gilling (District Councillor) & PCSO S. Haydon.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

61/07 Apologies: Mr. B. Gooding

62/07 Minutes of Previous Meeting (20.6.07): were confirmed and signed. (J. Hinton thanked Mrs. Guess for chairing meeting.)

63/07 Neighbourhood Policing Team: Chair welcomed PCSO Sam Haydon; following discussion re crime prevention, the Clerk was asked to contact existing Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators to see whether they could widen their areas or offer support. PCSO Haydon to see if Clerk could receive local crime updates in the light of recent burglaries.

64/07 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Lympsham School:** Old sheds replaced by two new ones.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Funding still required.
- **Parish Plan:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways report:** Disappointment expressed that area along Lympsham Road that had been levelled & seeded had already been damaged by heavy vehicles. Discussion re road safety & speed limits on main road: PC will support petition with a letter in support of lowering the speed limit.
- **Playground report:** Clerk still pursuing other funding for Play Area train & carriage; appreciation expressed to WI for donation from recent Coffee morning. ROSPA report coming soon.
- **General Maintenance Issues:** Memorial plaque inscription agreed. G. Tuttiett sorting out bus shelter plaque.
- **Footpaths:** Capt. Evans had reported that all footpaths were in reasonable repair.
- **Manor Hall Report:** Mrs. Male attended recent meeting: a health & safety inspection had taken place – awaiting report; curtains project nearly complete; quote due to combat damp in hall; smoking prohibition in grounds; new lighting suggested; railings due to be taken down latter part of August, track laid & portaloo installed ready for school building work; concern expressed re siting of new school sign – Clerk to seek clarification. Chair would try to go to next meeting & possible candidate for caretaker suggested.
- **Churchyard:** Ongoing.
- **Grounds Maintenance:** Nothing to report.
- **Village Events:** The WI coffee morning was very successful – possibly another event before Christmas; Church Fete raised a goodly sum despite the weather; another successful annual RBL outing; School Fair raised £1,500. To come: 4th. August - RBL Flower Show; 8th. September – Harvest Home.

65/07 Planning Applications:

669 Mr. A. Godfrey, 2 Mill House, Rectory Way: Erection of hay barn – No observations.

670 Lympsham First School: Extension to form classroom & alterations to form disabled-accessible toilet - concern to be expressed re need for any damage to adjoining tennis court surface, fencing & furniture to be made good.

671 Whitbread / Hobb's Boat: Extension (amended plan) – No observations

Concern expressed re lack of direct information from Sedgemoor about results of applications & appeals: A. Gilling to investigate. Possibility of training session for Councillors & Clerks re planning.

66/07 Correspondence of note: Previously circulated and noted.

67/07 Finance Report:

C/A: £4,731-23 (inc. payment of cheques itemised below & banking of £820 re Lympsham News advertising.)

S/A: £4,138-87

Player-Mason A/C: £2,185-81

Petty Cash: £29.61

68/07 Cheques issued this meeting: 100687 £286-26 (PAYE); 100688 Clerk's salary £333-32; 100689 Manor Hall £30-00; 100690 J.K. Gardening £105 (Grounds Maint.); 100691 Editor of Lympsham News £50-00; 100692 Maxwell House Printers £373-65 (Mag. Printing); 100693 SDC £71-12 (Uncontested election costs).

Items for discussion / Report at next meeting: Mrs. Male gave apologies for not being able to attend September's meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.44 p.m.