

## Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 20 August 2007

**Councillors Present:** Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mrs. P. Guess, Mr. B. Gooding, Mr. K. Hart & Mrs. E. Male.

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk.

**69/07 Apologies:** Mr. G. Tuttiett & Mr. A. Gilling.

**70/07 Minutes of Previous Meeting (18.7.07):** were confirmed and signed.

**71/07 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:**

- **Lympsham School:** Clerk checking siting of new sign.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Nothing to report.
- **Parish Plan:** Nothing to report.
- **Highways report:** Some resurfacing in Rectory Way; query re drain in Church Lane; information from Somerset Freight Quality Partnership; speed limit sign down at end of Lympsham Road; concerns expressed re HGV use of village roads.
- **Playground report:** Following safety report, Clerk had arranged for contractors to refurbish bark & was following up recommendations; discussion re cost / durability of surfaces: Clerk to seek quotations with particular regard to safety, aesthetics, vandalism, etc. Tree protection required: B. Gooding to address.
- **General Maintenance Issues:** Although the 'panes' of the notice boards by the play area have been replaced after vandalism, the main notice board has been considerably weakened: Clerk to seek quotations and possibly a sponsor.
- **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall Report:** Still no Caretaker.
- **Churchyard:** Clerk is pursuing the issue with the roads dept.
- **Grounds Maintenance:** Discussion re litter problem in area.

**Village Events:** The Royal British Legion Flower Show was mentioned as being well-organised; thanks to be passed on to the Sports Club re the music evening with the hope of a similar event in the future; another WI event in the future before Christmas; Harvest Home on 8<sup>th</sup>. September.

**72/07 Planning Applications:**

672 Mr. T.J. Collings, on land at The Barn, South Road, Lympsham: Formation of horse riding arena – application supported.

673 Mrs. P. Collings, Meadows Reach, South Road, Lympsham: Application for Certificate of lawfulness for occupation of dwelling - application supported.

Clerk raised the issue of a parishioner who was not made aware of planning application issues re a nearby property: discussion followed about reduction of information from SDC / SCC.

**73/07 Correspondence of note:** Previously circulated and noted.

**74/07 Finance Report:**

C/A: £3,343-66 (inc. payment of cheques itemised below)  
Player-Mason A/C: £2,185-81

S/A: £4,138-87  
Petty Cash: £29.61

**75/07 Cheques issued this meeting:**

100694 D.W. Edworthy £58-75 (audit); 100695 Playsafety Ltd. £70-50 (Safety report);  
100696 J.K. Gardening £105 (Grounds Maint.); 100697 Clerk's salary £333.32.

**76/07 Approval of Accounts for the year ended 31.3.07 & Annual Governance Statement:**

Proposed: Mrs. P. Guess; seconded: Mrs. E. Male: carried unanimously.

**Items for discussion / Report at next meeting:** Neighbourhood Watch.

**The meeting ended at 8.42 p.m.**