

DRAFT Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 18 July 2005

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairman, Capt. R G Evans, Mr S J Isaac, Mr B Davis, Mrs E Male, Mrs J Santo, Mr H Hinton, Mr B Gooding

MINUTES were taken by Clerk

51/05 District Councillor Mr A Gilling sent his apologies for himself and County Councillor Ham and these were accepted by the Parish Council.

52/05 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed and signed.

53/05: MATTERS ARISING/FOR REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

New section of footpath on Lympsham Road. Somerset Highways Department will tarmac this when funds allow, probably next financial year. Clerk to ask bus company to repair bus stop and display timetable on Lympsham Road, remove redundant bus stop near old post office.

Lympsham First Time Sewerage Scheme On-going repairs are being carried out; road edges to be repaired in works starting August 1st.

HGV Traffic along Rectory Way: A speed panel and data survey have been applied for. These will provide evidence as to whether we should apply for a weight limit on the main road through the village.

Lympsham School: New governor's post: Clerk outlined duties of this post and asked councillors to consider applying.

Playground Report/General Repairs Clerk has requested Highways to cut back hedge on Lympsham Road. Mr Painter asked for quote to restore noticeboards. Hedges need cutting back at tennis courts – noted.

Footpaths. Clerk reported on new developments; all footpaths are being digitally mapped. The PC is expected to apply for grants up to £2,500 to replace stiles and other gates with more convenient ones, all footpaths must be cleared and accessible if possible to those with mobility problems; electric fences to have grip handles for disconnection; SDC to inspect all footpaths this autumn and grade them.

Manor Hall Report Chairman to get quote from Delta Engineering for repair/replacement of railings. The Parish Council approved spending of £905.40 to purchase new tables for the Manor Hall.

Website: lympsham.org.uk progressing but more content needed from village organisations and news from families. Same information will be in pack given to newcomers to the village. PC approved Clerk's suggestion that newcomers are given a bottle of wine from the village shop to promote it.

54/05: CORRESPONDENCE OF NOTE List previously circulated and noted.

PLANNING: Permission granted; Dr Haggerty Manor Cottage & Mr Fisher Dilston, Boat Lane, **New application** Dr Haggerty, request to fell 3 poplars and prune others: no objections from the Parish Council

55/05 FINANCE REPORT: Current Account: £2186.81 Savings Account: £14,379.39 Petty Cash: £33.63 Player Mason Account: £2,000.49

Cheques issued since last meeting were minuted as follows: 100636, Dave Prowton, £150;**100637** Brian Davis, £94.39 (£21.66 + £70 labour + £2.73 paint) **100638 E Harrington £374.40**

Cheques to be authorised and signed this meeting, all post-dated (no August meeting): 100639 Clerk's salary, £374.40 **100640 & 100641** Brian Davis: £21.66; **100642 & 100643,** D Prowton, £150

56/05 Application for grants: Marie Curie Cancer Care: £25; Royal British Legion to support outing: request regretfully declined as the PC would then have to support all other organisations' loss-making social events and outings.

57/05 CLERK'S CONTRACT was signed. Parish Council agreed to permit Clerk to join pension scheme.

58/05 NEW STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS adopted unanimously

59/05 THE BOUNDARIES HOUSING ASSOCIATION Clerk reported her research so far into Housing Association's method of allocating houses and possible conflict with original deeds.

60/05 VILLAGE PLAN Steve Isaac to consult Andrew Gilling as to weight a Parish Plan carries in planning matters. (*Brian Gooding left at this point*)

61/05 NUTTALL TRUST Parish Council to apply for a grant from the Nuttall Trust to restore railings at the Manor Hall.

62/05 BATCH RAILWAY BRIDGE. Clerk has requested Highways to inspect and find way of making it safer.

64/05 TRAFALGAR DAY CELEBRATIONS – To be held at Batch House Country Hotel on October 21st Charities: Royal British Legion and Royal Agricultural Benevolent Association. Plans advancing. Organising Cttee looking for "turns."

65/05 OTHER MATTERS. Clerk distributed councillors' attendance records for 2004-5. In future these to be published along with the Chairman's Annual Report and distributed to each household.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm

NEXT MEETING: September 19th