

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 21 April 2008

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

Also attending: Mr. A. Gilling, Sgt. S. Lawrence & PCSO P. Dixon.

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

25/08 Apologies: Mr. K. Hart & Mr. A. Ham.

26/08 Minutes of Previous Meeting (17.3.08): were confirmed and signed.

27/08 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Lympsham School:** New classroom to be 'handed over' during next two weeks.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Clerk to attend Committee meeting.
- **Parish Plan:** Awaiting report re questionnaire; comments that the questions were complicated & needed to be more relevant for the future.
- **Highways report:** Re drains by Tara & Blakeney plus others: had been cleared. Re possibility of moving bus stop and / or installing a shelter: Clerk to be invited to meeting of relevant depts; Clerk to contact again Highways re subsidence along Lympsham Road near A370; B. Gooding to check verge grass on West Road & remove road sign.
- **Playground report:** B. Gooding had removed damaged tree; train installed and favourable comments received; Clerk commended for successful outcome of project; new surface mats to be considered for future replacement areas.
- **General Maintenance Issues:** New notice board erected: Clerk to thank donor & display contact details.
- **Footpaths:** Notification had been received that local dog control orders had been included for consideration in area plan. Clerk instructed to pursue purchase & installation of dog waste bin at Copse Corner.
- **Manor Hall Report:** Thanks to Mrs. Male for attending: also attended by K. Hart (as Chair of Sports Club); J. Phipps (Chair / Sec.) had resigned; no week-end letting of Hall outside the village; the Youth Club had 20 members averaging 12 per week with the leader offering input with local events: this was viewed positively.
- **Churchyard:** Ongoing.
- **Grounds Maintenance:** Clerk reported that contract had been renewed.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** New PCSO introduced; Sgt. Lawrence & PCSO Dixon explained PACT forum that would preface the Coastal Cluster meeting & asked for a key issue to be flagged from the village: Mrs. E. Male to attend. Meeting re extending Neighbourhood Watch to be held on 7th May in the Sports Pavilion – Clerk to arrange. Discussion re vandalism.
- **Village Events:** New Chair of Sports Club; Livery Open Day on 10th May; Children's Cricket to start on 15th May; Porter Boys at Pavilion 16th May; 16th July Cream Teas organised by W.I; agreed to donate a plate to be awarded annually at the British Legion Flower Show – B. Gooding to arrange purchase & engraving.
- **Village History:** No information.
- **Provision of Defibrillator:** Chair following up information.
- **County / District Issues:** A. Gilling briefed the PC on current issues; concern expressed that speeding up of delegation re planning could mean local democracy losing out.
- **Post Office / Shop:** No update.
- **Cricket Club sight-screens:** B. Gooding, Mrs. P. Guess & G. Tuttiett declared interests; PC agreed a grant of £500 towards project. (Proposed: J. Hinton; seconded: Mrs. E. Male).
- **Clerk:** Had attended 'Audit & Accountancy Update & Sole Managing Trustee of Charity' meeting.

28/08 Planning Applications:

695 Whitbread Group PLC, Hobbs Boat Inn – Display of 4 illuminated fascia signs: No observations with the exception of sign B: the siting of sign B obstructs drivers' visibility and, being near a bus stop, presents a road safety hazard.

[696 Mr. P. Brace, on land at Poplar Farm, Eastertown – Erection of 5 holiday units]: Not our Parish.

697 Mr. & Mrs. G. Preston & Mr. & Mrs. S. Husbands, Land to south of The Old Vicarage, Rectory Way

– Erection of dwelling with integral garage, formation of access & footpath: Clarification re drainage to be sought.

29/08 Correspondence of note: Previously circulated and noted.

30/08 Finance Report: C/A: £2,954-42 (inc. payment of cheques itemised below) S/A: £9,296-20
Player-Mason A/C: £2,185-81 Petty Cash: £73-71

Notices of appointment of date for examination of accounts had been displayed.

31/08 Cheques issued this meeting: 100729 J.K. Gardening £52-50 (Grounds Maintenance);
100730 Lympsham Manor Hall £35 (Hall hire)
100731 Community Council for Somerset £25 (Renewal of sub.).

32/08 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting: Clarification to be sought re availability of allotments; discussion re availability of village open space.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.