

Minutes of Lympsham Parish Council Meeting, 23 July 2008

Councillors Present: Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. K. Hart, Mrs. E. Male, Mr. G. Tuttielt & Mr. R. Jones*.
Also attending: Mr. A. Gilling (District Councillor).

Minutes were taken by the Clerk.

59/08 Apologies: Mr. B. Gooding, Mrs. P. Guess, Mr. A. Ham (County Councillor) – accepted.

60/08 Declaration of Acceptance: *Completed by Mr. R. Jones following proposal for co-option by Chairman, seconded by Mrs. Male, carried unanimously.

61/08 Minutes of Previous Meeting (18.6.08): were confirmed and signed.

62/08 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:

- **Lympsham School:** Nothing to report.
- **Manor Hall Report:** K. Hart attended last meeting; Chairmanship on rotational basis with ad hoc secretary.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Solicitor following up instructions; surveying inc. datum point last Friday.
- **Highways report:** Poor visibility at junction Accommodation Road / Brean Road still an issue – Highways Dept. contacting landowners. Clerk to pursue bus-stop / shelter issue.
- **Playground report:** Following annual safety report, Clerk to obtain quote for early refurbishment (liase with Chair); further quote to be sought re turfing of existing bark pits with a view to installing rubber matting. Mrs. Guess still checking Play Area.
- **Grounds Maintenance:** Concern re hedge along Lympsham Road by Boundaries: Clerk to 'chase'; hedges on West Road are responsibility of landowners, County Highways deal with verges.
- **Footpaths:** PC requested Clerk to reiterate request re dog orders to Sedgemoor.
- **General Maintenance Issues:** New dog waste bins due soon with one in West Road to be fixed to old bus-stop.
- **Churchyard:** Impetus should be with PCC but, due to current situation, co-ordinator required; need for neighbours to be kept informed.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Many area groups setting up meetings; June – Oct. information bulletin distributed. Eventually signs to be erected: will require planning permission; Chair proposed that PC fund the signs, seconded by G. Tuttielt – all agreed. Still some areas not covered.
- **Village Events:** Very enjoyable British Legion trip to Exmouth; WI have been using area around the cricket field for croquet; WI cream tea was successful with hopes for another funded, future event. British Legion Flower Show on 2nd August; Harvest Home on 6th September. Discussion re advertised 'party' in local field.
- **Members Community Grants:** K. Hart & Clerk to attend next meeting organised by Councillor Ham.
- **Affordable Housing:** Awaiting information.
- **Stonebow Farm:** Awaiting information.
- **County / District Issues:** A. Gilling has gained the key priority area of 'Housing' in addition to his other duties. Discussion re housing survey & past experience: need to make process more attractive to providers i.e. Housing Associations. Nationwide project soon to be introduced: 'Choice based letting' – this may override connections with locality. Re cost saving: there are likely to be changes in staffing whereby administration may be drawn into contract within south-west to relieve front line officers. Discussion re additional problems of flood-plain issues.
- **Clerk:** Responses to proposal for new flagpole indicated a lack of enthusiasm, therefore Clerk to seek Harvest Home Committee's advice re its donation.

63/08 Planning Applications:

701 Mr. D. Cornish, Willow Brook, South Close: Erection of single storey extension to north elevation – Support.

702 Mr. & Mrs. P. Withers, Batch Business Park, Rectory Way: Retention of horticultural store shed & compost shelter
(amended location description) – No observations.

703 Miss P. Greenwood, Hedge Rows, Eastertown: Erection of single storey side extension & part conversion of garage
to form annexe accommodation – Support.

704 SCC: New 5-bay Elliott Pre-School Classroom at Lympsham C. of E. First School, Rectory Way – Support.

64/08 Correspondence of note: Previously circulated and noted.

65/08 Finance Report: C/A: £1,966-36 (After transfer from S/A) [Still awaiting £700 from SDC re train.];
S/A: £4,355-71; Player-Mason A/C: £2,299-85; Petty Cash: £17-51
[VAT control £1,405-53] N.B. Second instalment of Precept due by 30th September.

66/08 Cheques issued since last meeting: 100746 J.K. Gardening £105 (Gr. Maint.);
100747 Allianz Insurance plc £66-33 (further cover); 100748 Playsafety Ltd. £74-03 (Play Area report);
100749 Moore Stephens £158-62 (Audit).

67/08 Cheques issued this meeting: 100750 Clerk's Pay & expenses £357-54; 100751 PAYE £120-48.

68/08 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting: Sustainable Communities Act, Web-Site.

The meeting ended at 9.43 p.m.