

## Minutes of Lympsham Annual Parish Council Meeting, 21 May 2008

**Councillors Present:** Mr. J. Hinton (Chairman), Mr. B. Gooding, Mrs. P. Guess, Mr. K. Hart, Mrs. E. Male & Mr. G. Tuttiett.  
Also attending: Mr. A. Ham (County Councillor) & Mr. F. Marsh (Rural Housing Enabler).

**Minutes** were taken by the Clerk.

**33/08 Election of Chairman:** J. Hinton proposed by Mrs. Guess, seconded by G. Tuttiett – carried unanimously.

**34/08 Declaration of Acceptance of Office:** duly signed by J. Hinton & witnessed by the Clerk.

**35/08 Apologies:** Mr.A. Gilling (District Councillor).

**36/08 Election of Vice Chairman:** Mrs. P. Guess proposed by J. Hinton, seconded by Mrs. Male – carried unanimously.

**37/08 Minutes of Previous Meeting (21.4.08):** were confirmed and signed. (Proposed: Mrs. Male; seconded: B. Gooding.)

**38/08 Matters Arising / for report from previous meetings:**

- **Lympsham School:** New classroom a credit to the School; tennis court fencing and surface repaired.
- **Lympsham Pre-school:** Councillor Ham explained the change in circumstances that enables the Pre-School initiative to go ahead; K. Hart to clarify liability re driveway & car park; Clerk to respond to query re right of way & seek clarification.
- **Parish Plan:** F. Marsh explained results of survey; report to be discussed at next meeting with a view to continuing the project. The Chairman thanked Mr. Marsh for his efforts.
- **Highways report:** The subsidence along Lympsham Road near A370 had been marked; Clerk to 'chase' Purving Row culvert damage.
- **Playground report:** The bell will be reattached to the train; new matting to be considered for replacing bark in the future.
- **General Maintenance Issues:** Hedges trimmed along Lympsham Road; concerns expressed re post boxes & dog fouling; Clerk awaiting further response re planned dog waste bin and possible siting of another.
- **Footpaths:** Further report received from R.G. Evans; Clerk to contact.
- **Manor Hall Report:** Toilet back in use; noted that Hall will lose finance when Pre-School moves out.
- **Churchyard:** Church awaiting quotes before next meeting.
- **Grounds Maintenance:** As planned.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Initial meeting had taken place on 7<sup>th</sup> May & was encouraging: a rolling programme had started & Clerk had notified PCSO of another volunteer & had included subject in Lympsham News. Mrs. Guess to leaflet Ferry Lane.
- **Village Events:** Successful Livery Open Day and enjoyable Porter Boys at Pavilion; engraved plate for Flower Show ordered by B. Gooding.
- **Provision of Defibrillator:** Ongoing.
- **County / District Issues:** Councillor Ham raised concerns re feasibility study of Severn Barrage: implications for Brent Division; also referred to meeting following week re Members' Community Grants: Clerk & possibly B. Gooding to attend. Mrs. Male attended PACT & Coastal Cluster meeting and provided a full report; the Chairman thanked her for her diligence.
- **Clerk:** Items mentioned elsewhere.

**39/08 Planning Applications:**

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: No observations as it is a reserved matters item, but concerns expressed re road safety due to road access & egress being subject to limited visibility at a dangerous stretch of the road. The PC also assumes that the Environmental Agency / Drainage Board will be mindful of the building's proximity to the rhine.

698 Mr. T. Atkins, The Old Vicarage, Rectory Way – Erection of ground floor rear extension & alterations to first floor dormers:  
Supported.

**40/08 Correspondence of note:** Previously circulated and noted.

**41/08 Finance Report:** C/A: £1,230-50 (inc. payment of cheques itemised below)  
S/A: £7,296-20 N.B. First instalment of Precept (£5,659) received.  
Player-Mason A/C: £2,185-81      Petty Cash: £52-11

**42/08 Insurance:** Approval given for Clerk to increase fidelity guarantee & include libel / slander cover with renewal of existing insurance policy. (Proposed: G. Tuttiett, seconded: B. Gooding – carried.)

**43/08 Cheques issued since last meeting:** 100732 PAYE £337-01; 100733 Cancelled;  
100734 Timberplay Ltd. £7,555-26 (Play Area equipment);  
100735 Clerk's Pay £369-86; 100736 Lympsham Cricket Club £500 (sight-screens).

**44/08 Cheques issued this meeting:** 100737 Clerk's Pay £344-25; 100738 Allianz Insurance PLC £276-04 (Insurance).

**45/08 Approval of Accounts for the year ended 31.3.08 & Annual Governance Statement:**  
Proposed: Mrs. Guess, seconded: K. Hart: carried unanimously.

**46/08 Items for Discussion / Report at next meeting:** Allotments, Housing Needs Report

The meeting ended at 9.47 p.m.