

# Lydeard St. Lawrence and Tolland Village Newsletter

## January 2022

Deadline for items – 25<sup>th</sup> of each month – to Liz ([liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com](mailto:liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com) or 667375)

Date		Morning	Afternoon/Evening
Fri	31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Tolland</b> Kerbside Recycling Collection Only <b>LSL Household (Black)</b> and Recycling Collection	
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Day Walk. Meet at 11:00 am in the Village Hall Car Park	
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
<b>Mon</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL Start of Term	
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Junior Table Tennis, LSL Village Hall, 7.00 - 8.00 pm Table Tennis Club, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All</b> Kerbside Recycling Collection Only ( <b>Day Late</b> )	
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>		Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
<b>Mon</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	Garden ( <b>Green</b> ) Bin Collection. <b>Old XMAS Trees</b> Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>		Bowls Club, LSL Village Hall, 7.30 - 10.00 pm
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tolland</b> Household ( <b>Black</b> ) and Recycling Collection <b>LSL</b> Kerbside Recycling Collection Only  Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	W.I., LSL Village Hall, Meeting Room. 7.30 – 10.00 pm  Junior Table Tennis, LSL Village Hall, 7.00 - 8.00 pm Table Tennis Club, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	LSL Parish Communion at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
<b>Mon</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm PCSO Beat Surgery, LSL VH, 10.30 to 11.30 am	Parish Council Meeting, LSL Village Hall. 7.30 pm Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tolland</b> Kerbside Recycling Collection Only <b>LSL Household (Black)</b> and Recycling Collection  Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Junior Table Tennis, LSL Village Hall, 7.00 - 8.00 pm Table Tennis Club, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>		
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
<b>Mon</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	Garden ( <b>Green</b> ) Bin Collection Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All</b> Kerbside Recycling Collection Only  Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Junior Table Tennis, LSL Village Hall, 7.00 - 8.00 pm Table Tennis Club, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>		Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
<b>Mon</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm

# PARISH COUNCIL

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charles Cox, Mary Harding and Maeve Vickery

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, Village Agent Cat Sweatman, one member of public.

Questions from members of the Public: None

There were no reports received from County and District Councillors.

21/75 **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Don Hobson, Mark Peters and Tony Weir and SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew

21/76 **Declarations of interest** –

Cllr Harding declared an Interest in items 7 Tolland Trees as a PCC member

21/77 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

21/78 **Matters Arising**

- *(Questions from members of the Public 1/11/21)*

*Mr and Mr Smith requested the assistance of the Parish Council and Cllr Trollope-Bellew to write to Somerset Highways to support a proposal to install cattle grids to the road near his farm in Nethercott Lane. Cllrs agreed to have a discussion with Somerset Highways on what was required as the proposal is part of a flood relief project.*

Cllr Marshall has spoken to Somerset Highways, who have suggested an alternative flood relief scheme that would eliminate the need to access private land.

*(21/74) **Any other Business***

- *The Parish Clerk reported that Liz McConnell has requested 8 trees from SW&T free trees project. The trees have now been collected and planted next to the trees from last year on the main B3324 road between Stoney Cross and Handy Cross. Thanks to Liz McConnell, Cllrs Hobson and Marshall for planting the trees.*
- *The Parish Clerk reported that the Airband project to bring broadband into the areas of the Parish with low-speed broadband has encountered some design challenges that have impacted the original build start date.*

Cllr Weir reported that the poles in Pyleigh and Fitzhead area have been wired and thought that connections to broadband were imminent, further details can be found on the Airband website and newsletters.

21/79 **Playing Field Play Equipment**

The annual inspection has taken place of the play equipment with a poor outcome. Simon Broad has stood down from his role on the Cricket Club committee, so Cllr Telling agreed to liaise with the Cricket Club to discuss the requirements of the play equipment, and the way ahead with replacing the equipment. Cllr Cox offered to help on a working party to remove the equipment.

21/80 **Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council:** *Planning applications have been sent to the planning committee for comment and displayed on the Parish Council's website. None Received.*

21/81 **Tolland Church Tree Management Works**

*(21/71) Tolland church's Quinquennial Survey 2020 identified the need to raise the crowns and thin the trees bordering the churchyard to improve the air circulation to both the building and the*

*listed monuments. 4 quotations have been gained with the PCC agreeing to move forward with Brendon Hill Tree Services who have quoted £450 to complete the works in phase 1. Members of the PCC would be very grateful for any support the Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council could give towards this first phase of the work.*

Cllr Marshall proposed that the Parish Council support the project by contributing half the accepted quotation amount of £225 from the CBF.

This was seconded by Cllr Vickery. All agreed.

#### 21/82 **Precept and Budget**

82.1 Budget. The Clerk presented Cllrs with a draft Budget for the next financial year. Cllrs agreed to adopt the Budget, with the exception of the Precept.

82.2 Precept. The Clerk presented the current figures.

This year's Tax base is 216.94, down from last year at 218.64.

To keep the Precept the same rate for a Band D equivalent at £19.286 we would be asking for £4183.91. This is less than we received last year, going on the budget this would be running at a loss with current increases in wages and other expenditures in line with current inflation. Current members of the Parish Council have always kept the Precept the same, and none currently serving can remember an increase for many years.

Cllrs agreed to increase the Precept by 5%, the Band D equivalent would be £20.250 this would be asking for £4393 in precept. Vote 5:0:0

#### 21/83 **Financial**

83.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.

83.2 Cllrs agreed to Pay the Clerks Salary of £463.32 and Expenses £6.76

Proposed by Cllr Telling Seconded by Cllr Harding

#### 21/84 **Councillor resignation and Casual Vacancy**

Cllr Marshall had approached a couple of suggested candidates, both of whom have declined to become a new Councillor. No one has come forward from the appeal in the Parish Newsletter. Cllrs are encouraged to keep asking around and the appeal will continue in the newsletter.

#### 21/85 **Crime Report**

The Crime Report was noted by the Council.

#### 21/86 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

- Recycling Newsletter
- Weekly Updates from SWT & SCC and workstream
- SWT Newsletters

#### 21/87 **Proposed Dates for Next Year's Meetings**

Cllrs agreed to the following dates for 2022

28 Feb, 4 Apr, 16 May AGM/APM, 11 Jul, 12 Sep, 31 Oct, 5 Dec & 16 Jan 2023

#### 21/88 **Any other Business**

- Village Agent Cat Sweatman spoke to the Council, she gave an update on what and how they are currently supporting the community, including if anyone who is in need of Winter Fuel allowance support should be directed to them. Tolland Village Agent Chrissie Brewer has been promoted and a new village agent has been appointed in her old role.
- Cllr Cox reported some missing footpath signs along the footpath from Knights Farm, this has already been reported by someone on the SCC website.
- Cllr Marshall, the Chairman, thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their work and support over the past year, and wished them and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.05pm

The proposed Date of Next Meeting is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 subject to Covid-19 guidelines.

## PARISH COUNCIL – CASUAL VACANCY

As the result of a resignation, a Casual Vacancy has arisen in Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council. The vacancy is in the Lydeard St Lawrence Ward of the Council. For more information, please contact the Parish Council Chairman Jonathan Marshall at [jejm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jejm@hotmail.co.uk)

Jonathan Marshall  
Chairman

## VILLAGE NEWS



### **New Year's Day Walk**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022**



**Meet In The Village Hall Car Park at 11:00**

The annual New Year's Day walk will be happening again this winter covid permitting. We will decide on the walk length and route nearer the time when we can assess the state of the footpaths and the weather.

So come along and start your new year with a bracing stroll round the village in the company of friends. Everyone is welcome but please keep dogs on a lead when necessary.

### **Post Office Opening Dates**

The Post Office will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January as this is a Bank Holiday, but will be open every Monday and Thursday from the 6<sup>th</sup> January onwards between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm. If this changes, I will let you all know immediately.

### **Village Quiz**

A fun evening of quizzing and socialising at the start of December saw 8 teams competing in the Village Quiz. The winners were Long Bees with End to End coming second. Although this had been run mainly as a social activity, we raised some much-needed funds for the village hall. Thanks to everyone that helped to organise this event both beforehand and on the day. Watch this space for the next village event – after the NYD walk that is.

### **Old Christmas Trees**

If you subscribe to a green garden waste bin, you may put out your old undecorated Christmas Tree for collection on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January provided your tree is less than 6 feet tall and has a trunk of less than 6" in diameter.

### **Fiveways**

If anyone would like to receive Fiveways magazine, a monthly printed magazine covering all the news and events in Bishops Lydeard and the associated parishes, please contact Helen Foster on 01984 667202 or at [helenfoster1stl@gmail.com](mailto:helenfoster1stl@gmail.com)

# LYDEARD ST. LAWRENCE HORTICULTURAL SHOW



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

We are hoping to resurrect the Horticultural Show this year.

More details in March

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Lydeard St Lawrence  
Primary School**

### **Cleaning Vacancy**

This will be a key holding position.

We have 4 hours to clean the school, so the job would either benefit from two members of staff working 2 hours per day or one member of staff working 4 hours per day.

Monday - Friday. 5pm start.

Term time only, with possible deep cleaning hours over the summer.

Pay negotiable £9.50-£11 per hour

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## Reporting a problem on the road is now a 'hole' lot easier

Alerting Somerset County Council to potholes or a host of other problems on the road is now easier and quicker – and now you can track its progress after you've reported it.

Gone is the need to make phone calls or send emails - thanks to a new upgraded online system with an improved interactive map, members of the public can report a problem 24/7 and our Highways team will get on the case. From potholes, blocked drains and broken manhole covers, to overgrown vegetation, damaged pavements or cycle paths, faulty traffic lights or missing markings - they can all be reported in just minutes from a smartphone, tablet or computer.

The full range and how to report is available here [www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/).

The system works through seven simple stages:

- You take a picture of the fault – please only do so if it's safe and legal.
- You fill in the form and submit your picture at the link above – if it's a pothole you'll be asked to roughly estimate its size, e.g. golf ball, tennis ball, or football. You will receive an email thanking you for reporting the fault and carrying a link for you to track its progress.
- It will then ping up a notification on an engineer's phone.
- They will visit and assess – we aim to do this in three working days and depending on size and where it is will try to repair it within 28 days, or sooner if it's an emergency. All defects are risk assessed and either allocated a repair within 28 days, added to a routine works programme or monitored.
- While on site the engineer sends a works order electronically to our contractor to schedule the job in our routine repairs programme.
- The contractor comes out and repairs the fault.
- You'll get an email confirming this has happened.

Somerset County Council looks after 4,172 miles of road and in 2020/21 invested £23.1m to keep the county moving. Highways teams filled 19,282 potholes last year and carried out 556 highway maintenance schemes ranging from drainage works to carriageway and footway resurfacing.

## CONTACTS

Event	Contact	Tel	Email
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Parish Council	Jonathan Marshall	667323	<a href="mailto:jejm@hotmail.co.uk">jejm@hotmail.co.uk</a>
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Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School	<a href="http://www.lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk">www.lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk</a>
LSL Village Web Page	<a href="http://www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk">www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk</a>
Benefice Churches	<a href="http://www.bishopshlydeardbenefice.org">www.bishopshlydeardbenefice.org</a>



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