

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Village Newsletter

July 2020

Deadline for items – 25th of each month – to Liz (liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com or 667375)

Date		Activity
Wed	1 st	
Thu	2 nd	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	3 rd	
Sat	4 th	
Sun	5 th	LSL Church Morning Prayer at 11.15am
Mon	6 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	7 th	Kerbside Recycling
Wed	8 th	
Thu	9 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	10 th	
Sat	11 th	
Sun	12 th	LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Mon	13 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	14 th	Refuse (Black), Garden (Green) and Kerbside Recycling
Wed	15 th	
Thu	16 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.

Date		Activity
Fri	17 th	
Sat	18 th	
Sun	19 th	LSL Church Service at 11.15am
Mon	20 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Parish Council Meeting, Online. 7.30 pm
Tue	21 st	Kerbside Recycling
Wed	22 nd	
Thu	23 rd	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	24 th	
Sat	25 th	
Sun	26 th	LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Mon	27 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	28 th	Refuse (Black), Garden (Green) and Kerbside Recycling
Wed	29 th	
Thu	30 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	31 st	

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE POST OFFICE OPEN

Most of you will already be aware that the Post Office in Lydeard St Lawrence has resumed its twice weekly Monday and Thursday morning operation in the village hall. If you intend to use the Post Office, please ensure that you follow all the instructions re access, hand sanitisation and the route to the counter and back. Masks and hand gel are available.

There are no current plans to reopen the coffee shop.

FERRETS REUNITED

Just to let you all know that the ferret that had taken up residence in a neighbour's hedgehog box has been safely and happily reunited with his owner. Thank you all, the system works.

PARISH COUNCIL

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual meeting held by Zoom on 8th June 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Councillors in virtual attendance: Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Don Hobson, Mark Peters, Maeve Vickery, Andrew Venner and Tony Weir.

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk and SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew.

20/30 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Mary Harding.

20/31 **Declarations of interest**

None received

20/31 The **Minutes** of the meetings held on 9th March and 23rd March 2020 were agreed as an accurate record and will be signed at the first face to face meeting of the Parish Council

20/32 **Matters Arising**

None

20/33 **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

20/34 **Financial**

34.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council

34.2 Accounts Audit and Financial year Report

- The Parish Council Accounts for 2019/20 show a healthy balance.
- £385.98 was spent from the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) on the Tolland village entrance signs. This fund now stands at £16,806. During this financial year the Parish Council have not spent any of the CIL money. Another £1,210.59 has been added, this leaves the total in the CIL fund £2,252.
- The Footpaths grants from SW&TC of £300 was added to the fund which now stands at £2,300. The annual grants from SW&TC were forwarded to the Churches and Cricket Club for the playing field and the Parish Council made Grants of £500 to the Village Hall Committee and Playing Field. An additional Grant was given to Tolland to help with the cost of churchyard grass cutting and maintenance of £250.
- At the end of the year the ring-fenced budget for the Play Area fund stood at £4,000, with another £500 due to be added in April 2020.
- The Council have £4,358.12 in unrestricted reserves.
- All other Parish Council expenses were in line with the Parish Council's budget for Clerk's Salary, Insurance, SALC affiliation fee, hall hire, newsletter and website.

34.3 Cllrs approved the Certificate of Exemption as the income and expenditure did not exceed £25,000

34.4 Cllrs agreed to approve the 2019/2020 Audit Report Governance Statement

Proposed Cllr Hobson Seconded Cllr Peters

34.5 Cllrs agreed to approve the Accounting Statement 2019/20

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34.6 Cllrs agreed to Pay Mary Abel £40 for Auditing Accounts and thank her for her work on auditing the accounts.

Proposed by Cllr Vickery Seconded by Cllr Hobson

34.7 Cllrs agreed to increase the Clerk's salary in line with the minimum wage increase in April to £1,814 per year (from £1,708) and to make payment for ¼ payments of the salary of 453.50 and Expenses of £4.60

Proposed by Cllr Vickery Seconded by Cllr Hobson

34.8 Cllrs agreed to Pay Zurich Insurance £226.69

Proposed by Cllr Vickery Seconded by Cllr Venner

34.9 Cllrs agreed to pay SW&T for Elections 2019 as original cheque was destroyed, clerk to pay by card and then be repaid by the cheque.

Cllr Marshall noted that a review on electronic banking may be needed as this situation may become more regular. To be added to the next Agenda.

Payment Proposed by Cllr Hobson Seconded by Cllr Venner

All cheques will be posted to two Councillors and then returned to the Clerk for distribution.

20/35 Draft Cycling and Walking Manifesto for Somerset: request for comments and support from local councils
Cllr Marshall requested comments to be sent to him by email before 11th June, so that he could send a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

20/36 **Crime Report**

The Crime report was noted by the Council

20/37 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

- Recycling Newsletter
- Temporary road closures

20/38 **Any other Business**

SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew gave his report. He spoke about the current Covid-19 pandemic and what the Council have been doing to support residents and business. He added that not all businesses had applied for the Business Support Grant and anyone who is entitled should apply. He also explained the waste collections suspension at the start of the pandemic and that it has now been reinstated

Cllr Weir reported that pot hole repairs had not been completed to a very good standard and he felt that the areas had been made worse. Cllr Weir will report the issues.

Cllr Telling reported that the road along Quickbeam Lane near Dyers Barn was flooded and has been since early winter, Cllr Telling and Cllr Marshall will both report to Highways.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.00 pm

The Proposed date of the next meeting is on Monday 20th July subject to Covid-19 guidelines.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council is still receiving, considering and commenting on local planning applications.

Listed below are those currently under consideration by the council:

1. Planning Application [41/20/0002](#)
Erection of extension to an agricultural building for the housing of livestock at Rock Farm, Tolland Road, Tolland, Lydeard St Lawrence
Currently being consulted on.
2. Planning Application [41/20/0003](#) and [41/20/0004/LB](#)
Conversion of loft space into ancillary accommodation with installation of 3 No. roof lights at Dobles House, Tolland Road, Tolland, Lydeard St Lawrence
The Parish Council are considering these applications.
3. Planning Application [22/20/007/T](#)
Notification to fell one Cypress tree within Lydeard St. Lawrence Conservation Area at the Manor House, Lydeard St. Lawrence.
The Parish Council are considering this application.

VILLAGE AND CHURCH NEWS

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OPEN

We are pleased to announce that the church in Lydeard St Lawrence will be open again from Thursday 2nd July between the hours of 11.00 am and 12 noon and then again on Sunday 5th July for a service of Morning Prayer at 11.15 am.

The usual requirements of social distancing will be in place and instructions will be shown as you enter the building.

We intend to have the church open for private prayer and meditation on Thursday and Sunday each week between 11.00 am and 12 noon and there will be another service on Sunday 19th July at 11.15am.

Pat Coles & David Young
Churchwardens

TOLLAND CHURCH OPEN

Tolland church is open during daylight hours for reflection, contemplation and private prayer. There is hand sanitiser for people to use and the Tolland church team are regularly wiping down surfaces.

TOLLAND CHURCH TREASURER

Tolland PCC is currently looking for a new treasurer to replace Neil Longstreet who is looking to hang up his spreadsheet after many years of sterling work in the job.

The task isn't that onerous, but book-keeping skills would be useful, more important is an enthusiasm to be involved with the Tolland PCC in helping to keep a very special little church alive. To find out more or have a chat about what is involved, please contact the church warden Linda Lloyd either on 01984 623155 or 07786 333932 or by email linda@goulds-farm.co.uk

TOLLAND PLANT STALL - NOW CLOSED

Just to let you all know that the Plant Stall has now closed as I have run out of plants to sell. We have raised the grand total of £103.65 for the Church.

Thank you everyone.
Beverlie and Tim

TOLLAND BOOK STALL - NOW OPEN

Beverlie and Tim have now set up The Tolland Book Stall on their cart offering a quantity of assorted books including children's books. As before, the book cart can be found at the end of their drive. A minimum suggested donation of 50p a book will go towards Tolland Church funds. The stall will be out while the weather is fine and there are books to pass on.

The Book Stall is on the wiggly bit in East Town Lane, which runs from the B3224 down into Tolland. The house with a flagpole.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW CANCELLED

Sadly, but unsurprisingly, this year's Horticultural Show has been cancelled. Let's hope that we can go ahead next year.

KITTEN WANTED



Does anyone know of any kittens needing a good home? An animal loving family in the village sadly lost their old cat earlier this year and are now looking to give a loving home to a kitten.

If you have, or know of, a kitten ready to go to a new home, let me know and I'll pass on your details.

Thanks.

TRAVELLING TORTOISE

The Tortoise that appeared in a garden in Nethercott Lane in Lydeard St Lawrence has still not found it's owner.

It is being exceedingly pampered at the moment but if you know of anyone who has lost a tortoise, contact me and I'll pass your details on.

I would suspect from the size of the tortoise it is not very old.



WASTE NOT WANT NOT

All items listed here are free unless stated otherwise.



Metal Shelf Brackets

About 16 unused white metal shelf brackets bought for a project in a previous life.

Contact Jill to arrange for collection.

jill@thewaterscompany.co.uk

Swede Seedlings

Phil Barker has loads of Swede seedlings wanting a good home.

Contact Phil or Liz if you can help with the rehoming.

Puppy Pads

One opened but unused pack of 14 puppy pads for toilet training a puppy or for an incontinent ill or elderly dog (you lay them on the floor to absorb wet deposits).

Contact Liz on 667375

Printer Cartridges for an HP 364 Printer

One black and three colour Cartridges for an HP 364 unused, bought by mistake, going for £10.

Contact Mary Harding on tolland@maryharding46.plus.com to arrange a time to collect them from Tolland House.

The New Inn, Halse

To all residents of Ash Priors, Fitzhead, Lydeard St Lawrence, Tolland, Halse and surrounding areas.



A week ago we started communicating about the idea of creating a Community Pub at the New Inn.

We have been overwhelmed by positive support. Thank you. It appears that the link sent to email addresses once completed, cannot be forwarded and used by another householder. So please find another link here.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QZ87Y3Y>

As part of the process for applying for a grant we need to demonstrate that there is a high level of local interest in keeping the pub. Grant monies available for setting up a community pub can amount to £100k from the Plunkett society, with other monies available from other organisations. All survey responses are helpful in the grant application process. So even if you visit a pub once a year or haven't in several, please submit a fully completed survey, it only takes a couple of minutes to answer the eight questions.

We have had a number of questions about the price of the pub. We have had a survey done and the major issues are re-roofing and sorting the heating. We are in conversations with the landlord about his options, which are limited. So the money we are trying to raise covers price of pub, repairs, other works and a high level of working capital. We do not know how Covid 19 will play out, but we are pretty sure that the trade will be impacted for a year or more at best. So far we have had 51 people looking to invest with some substantial sums being offered, a further 29 are considering investing. Whilst a share price has not been set we want to get as many "owners" of the pub as is possible. By mid July we will have a clear picture and will report back on how much money has been "pledged" and what price we have reached in our discussions with the owner.

Another recurring question is will it be run by volunteers? No the plan is to find a commercial approach that works, either as a managed pub or tenanted. We have had a number of offers of free support from marketing and publicity, to design and gardening. A closely defined management committee of no more than six qualified volunteers, elected by shareholders would be tasked to control the investment. To reduce costs at the start, the quieter nights may have a volunteer serving the drinks, but the running of the pub would be down to the manager / tenant. The New Inn has the proven ability to be run profitably. If a cafe or other amenities were added one could see volunteers running those until commercially viable. There are further grants available to initiate these services.

What has become very apparent is that there is an overwhelming desire to see the pub survive and to become a hub of local activity. With your help we can make this happen.

If you have any other questions please email them to halsecommunitypub@gmail.com

Mike Davis
07846 956036



Latest update from Somerset Waste Partnership

All "business as usual" materials are now being accepted at all 16 recycling sites in Somerset. That includes cardboard as well as commercial waste and other waste you pay to dispose of – including tyres, gas bottles, soil and hardcore, vehicle parts, plasterboard and asbestos (card payment only).

Trailers and vans can access the sites at any time, as long as they have the appropriate permit.

Although sites have been busy, the recently introduced "shop-style" social distancing arrangements – floor markings and signs – have worked well.

However, please note, staff are unable to offer any assistance with unloading or handling any waste or items.

Unfortunately, no items brought to sites can be put forward for reuse at the moment. They will be recycled where possible until a safe way to handle them has been agreed. Anyone planning to bring items that are fit for reuse is asked to keep hold of them for the time being.

Once on site, safety restrictions remain in place, including:

- Gloves to be worn when outside the vehicle
- Maximum of two people per household
- Strict social distancing
- On busier sites traffic, may still be directed by staff

All sites are open for their usual summer hours. There have been long queues at peak times, notably first thing in the morning, and we will continue to encourage people to only visit the sites when they really need. Quieter times tend to be 4pm-6pm on weekdays.

Queue cams are operating for Bridgwater, Chard, Highbridge, Minehead, Street, Taunton, Wells and Yeovil, and we would advise people to check these before they visit.

There have been significant improvements with collection services, with far fewer missed collections and quicker return visits when collections are missed. Customer services teams have also considerably reduced the backlog of requests.

CONTACTS

Event	Contact	Tel	Email
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Lydeard Lifts	Liz McConnell	667375	liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com
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Table Tennis	Mel Horner	667347	melhorner@btinternet.com
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Community Council Oil Orders		01603 881888	somersetbuying@af-affinity.co.uk

Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School	www.lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk
LSL Village Web Page	www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk
Benefice Churches	www.bishopslydeardbenefice.org

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