

# Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Village Newsletter

## June 2019

Available via email, or in the Church or from the Village Hall Mondays & Thursdays 10:00 am to 12:45 pm  
**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
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	SCHOOL TERM STARTS 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	LSL Church Development Meeting 4.00 pm Rectory Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	LSL PCC Meeting 7.30 pm Rectory
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	PENTECOST CF Holy Communion at 9.30 am LSL Holy Communion at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	10 <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	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection Mobile Library - LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 11.30 – 11.45	
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	13 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	LSL Holy Communion at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	17 <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	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>		
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	CF Morning Prayer at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	24 <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	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	Over 60s Lunch, LSL Village Hall, 12.30 pm
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm Beat Surgery, LSL VH, 10.30 to 11.30 am	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	CF Patronal Benefice Eucharist 10.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30 pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present: Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Mary Harding, Don Hobson, Andrew Venner, Maeve Vickery and Tony Weir, all of whom were Elected uncontested at the recent Election on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, and 3 members of the public.

### 19/30 **Appointment of Parish Council Chairman**

Cllr Harding proposed that Jonathan Marshall be re-appointed as Chairman to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Tony Weir. With no other proposals Cllr Marshall was appointed as Chairman. The Chairman then proposed that Debbie Telling to be re-appointed as Vice-Chairman to the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Vickery. With no other proposals Cllr Telling was appointed Vice-Chairman.

Cllrs all signed their Acceptance of Office forms and their Register of Interests forms.

### 19/31 **Apologies** from SWT Cllrs Anthony Trollope-Bellew and Mike Rigby.

### 19/32 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Hobson declared an interest in item 19/38.12

### 19/33 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

### 19/34 **Matters Arising**

#### *19/15 Tolland Village Signs*

*Cllrs agreed that the signs should be replaced and funded from the Community Benefit Fund.*

Cllr Marshall reported that he had contacted SCC to commission the work and was still awaiting a response.

#### *19/18 Dog Foul Bins*

*Cllrs agreed to look into the cost of a public refuse bin to be placed on the roadside of the Playing Field fence that could be emptied similar to the bin located near the Village Hall by TDBC.*

Cllr Marshall reported that he had contacted TDBC to request a price and was still awaiting a response.

#### *19/26 First Aid Training*

*Cllr Marshall reported he had interest from 7 residents, 3 of whom are Councillors. It was thought that further interest would be needed before the Council could go ahead with running a First Aid course, no further interest has been received. A further notice will be placed in the newsletter. Cllrs thought that if it was advertised as free to the participants then more interest may be gained.*

### 19/35 **Appointment of Parish Council Committees**

The Parish Council proposed to continue the Planning Sub-Committee. It was agreed that it should consist of 3 Cllrs, proposed to be on the committee by Cllr Vickery were Cllrs Telling, Hobson and Weir. This was seconded by Cllr Venner.

### 19/36 **Planning**

**36.1 Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council: 22/19/0003** - Additional use of store barn to allow for housing of livestock in winter with additional use of slurry store to maximise water collection pit on land at Nethercott Lane, Lydeard St Lawrence (retention of works already undertaken)

41/19/0002 - Raising the roof, replacing the roof tiles and installing 3 dormer windows in the rear elevation, plus replacement of flat roof over garage with pitch roof at Heavens Above, Tolland (Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 15/05/2019.)

The above planning applications have been passed to the Planning Committee for Comment.

#### **36.2 Notification of any Somerset West and Taunton Council Decisions:**

41/19/0001 Erection of a two-storey extension to the rear and porch to the side of East Town Farm, East Town Lane, Tolland, Lydeard St Lawrence

Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 01/05/2019.

### 36.3 **Parish Council Planning Review**

SWT have emailed to say they are no longer sending paper Plans for Planning Applications.

Cllrs agreed that this was more environmentally friendly and that applications could be seen quicker by members of the committee. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the committee and cc the other councillors when an application is received. The committee would all send their response back to the clerk within the 21 day timeframe for a collation of comments. These would then be sent back to the committee for agreement before the Council's final comments are submitted.

SWT have also offered some training but a date has yet to be given.

### 19/37 **Co-option of new Councillors - Candidates**

With the full council being two seats short, an advert for candidates to come forward was placed in the newsletter and on the Notice boards but no candidates have come forward. It was suggested that the current Cllrs will try and find suitable candidates to fill the vacancies.

### 19/38 **Financial**

38.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council

38.2 The Accounts Audit and Financial Year Report was given by the clerk.

- The Parish Council Accounts for 2018/19 show a healthy balance.
- The Parish Council had £25,000 in the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) and requests of funds from local organisations have been made. £156 was spent on the Tolland Book Exchange signs. Further request has been made to replace the Tolland Village entrance signs.
- In 2018/19 the Parish council received more CIL money of £1210.59, adding to the £2050.67 already in the Fund. The Parish Council spent £719.85 on Sports Equipment for Community use at the playing fields and used £1500 on the Church public footpath resurfacing, along with £1000 from the Footpaths Fund previously agreed. This leaves the total in the CIL fund £1041.41. The Footpaths grants from TDBC of £300 was added to the fund, after the church footpath payment this fund now stands at £2000. The annual grants from TDBC were forwarded to the Churches, and to the Cricket Club for the playing field and the Parish Council made Grants of £500 to the Village Hall Committee and Playing field.
- At the end of the year the ring-fenced budget for the Play Area fund stood at £3500, with another £500 due to be added in April 2019.
- The Council have £4238.51 in unrestricted reserves.

38.3 Cllrs agreed to approve the 2018/2019 Audit Report Governance Statement

Proposed Cllr Weir, Seconded Cllr Hobson

38.4 Cllrs agreed to approve the Accounting Statement 2018/19

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38.5 Banking Review and account signatories

Cllrs agreed its current banking and account signatories were acceptable.

38.6 The CIL Report and Payment of £1210.59 received was noted by the Council

38.7 The payment received from Cricket Club for Rent £5 was noted by the Council

38.8 Cllrs agreed to Pay Clerk Salary and Expenses of £439.80

Proposed Cllr Telling, Seconded Cllr Venner

38.9 Cllrs agreed to Pay Mary Abel £40 for Auditing Accounts and thanked her for a wonderful job done.

This was Proposed Cllr Venner, Seconded Cllr Hobson

38.10 To Pay SALC Affiliation Fee, the Invoice has not been received so will be deferred.

38.11 Cllrs agreed to Pay Zurich Insurance £226.69.

Proposed Cllr Weir, Seconded Cllr Vickery

38.12 The Village Hall Hire charge has increased by 50p per hour to £5.50. Cllrs agreed to pay the increase. Proposed by Cllr Vickery Seconded by Cllr Harding.

### 19/39 **Councillor Essentials Training**

SALC are provide training at various locations, the nearest being at West Buckland Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> June from 7-9pm. The cost will be £25. Cllr Hobson is to attend.

### 19/40 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council

Crime Report

Recycling Newsletter

## 19/41 **Any other Business**

- A member of the public raised concerns over the works and planning application on Nethercott Lane and the manner in which the applicant has gone about it. The Parish Council have already commented on this planning application in line with the planning regulations.
- Cllr Weir reported that the ditches along the Chapel Leigh to Cob Castle lane needed clearing and should be done so regularly to avoid flooding and road subsidence. Cllr Marshall to report.
- Cllr Harding reported a large pothole on Tolland Lane
- Cllr Telling reported that the main road near to Ash Priors has had a bank removed, she questioned how this could happen without permission. As this is outside our parishes Cllr Marshall will speak to C Cllr Rigby.
- Cllr Telling reported that the Horse Pond, next to Sunnyside, flow pipe is blocked and is diverting water away from the pond. The pipe should be cleared. Cllr Marshall will investigate.

The next meeting will be on Meeting is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

## **Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Annual Village Meeting**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall. Councillors present, Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Don Hobson, Andrew Venner, Maeve Vickery, Tony Weir.

Also present, Lorna Thorne Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

**19/1. Apologies** None received

**19/2. The minutes** of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

**19/3. The Chairman** gave his report.

Once again, the Parish Council has had a satisfactory year, with few problems but one or two disappointments. This was the final year of the current Council's term of office.

### Planning

A fairly steady flow of planning applications were considered by the Planning Committee, most being reasonably straightforward. The Council raised some planning enforcement concerns with the (then) Taunton Deane Borough Council.

### Highways

The annual verge trimming was an improvement on the previous year's effort, though still not very good. Some patching of the roads has taken place in various locations but overall there have been few problems.

### Infrastructure

The redundant telephone kiosk in Lydeard St Lawrence was finally removed after the Council reminded BT about their agreement to take it away.

The collar signs for the finger posts at Thornbush Cross, Tolland Elm and Dean's Cross were supplied and fitted. Restoration of the fingerposts is proceeding slowly; two more people have signed up for the training course, so I hope this will help speed up this project.

The Council provided a grant to the Church towards the resurfacing of the footpath, and purchased some football equipment for use on the playing field.

We will also be buying some new village name signs for Tolland; the application has been submitted and we are awaiting a response.

### Broadband

Unfortunately, there has been no further progress with supplying faster broadband to the outlying settlements. Gigaclear promised much early in the year, but apparently ran into difficulties and nothing further has been heard from them, and the White Space option proved to be unviable. The Council will look further into this in the coming year.

### Defibrillators

It was decided not to purchase a defibrillator as there were doubts about how accessible a unit would be to most people in the parishes, and a lack of practical support from parishioners. As an alternative it was suggested that First Aid training could be a way of helping people to be able to react effectively to medical emergencies, and we have been in touch with a local company, based in Ford, who are able to provide such training. However, there has so far been insufficient interest shown to make this cost-effective.

### Financial

The Council continues to maintain a balanced budget, and we have once again managed to keep the Precept at the same level. We have a healthy bank balance, and a valuable reservoir of funds in the Community Benefit Fund and Community Infrastructure Levy. Funds are ring-fenced for footpath repairs, clock maintenance and play equipment upkeep.

I would like to say thank you to all my fellow Councillors for their hard work and support, and to our Parish Clerk Lorna Thorne who has been a great help throughout the year.

Jonathan Marshall, Chairman

### **Village Community Reports**

Reports were then received from

- LSL Women's Institute
- Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall Committee
- Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School PTFA
- Lydeard St Lawrence Church and Church Development project
- Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket Club Chairman's Report
- Lydeard Lifts

These reports were received by the meeting. *(Note from Ed. These reports are available on the Web site)*

### **19/4 Somerset Fingerpost Restoration Project**

Could you lend a hand to help restore Somerset's iconic fingerposts?

Somerset County Council are providing training to help in restoration of the fingerposts. Three volunteers are booked onto the course this week with a further volunteer on the waiting list.

### **19/5. Any Other Business**

The Parish Council are proposing to provide a First Aid Course for residents within the village and surrounding area. If anyone is interested, then please contact the Chairman.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

### **YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!**

The current Parish Council came to the end of its term of office on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Unfortunately, only seven people were nominated for the new Council, so we had an uncontested Election. This means that there are two vacancies on the Parish Council, and ideally we need to co-opt someone to fill these posts.

Although a Parish Council is the lowest tier of Local Government it fulfils an important function for the local community, but to do so effectively it really needs a full quota of members. Can I therefore ask you to seriously consider putting your name forward for co-option to the Council. The duties of a Parish Councillor are not onerous – the Council meets about eight or nine times a year – but it is a very valuable way of serving the community in which we all live.

If you are interested, please contact me by e-mail at [jejm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jejm@hotmail.co.uk) or phone me on 667 323.

Jonathan Marshall

Chairman, Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Parish Council

## CHURCH REPORTS AND NOTICES

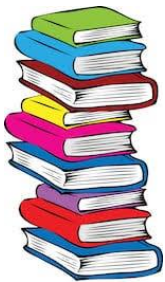
### Abseiling Fun Day – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

A huge thank you to all those who helped in any way to make this fund-raising effort such a success! We were very blessed with the weather, and it was good to see so many people from our village and beyond turn out to support relatives and friends who had been sponsored to abseil down the 75' of our church tower. We had hoped to fly St George's flag in celebration but, unfortunately, the finial at the top - under which the ropes fit - shattered while the flag was being hoisted and so the whole flagpole was taken down for safety's sake and to give the professional abseiling team and the abseilers as much space as possible as they prepared for their descent. Investigations are going on to see whether we can obtain a replacement finial, or whether it means that we provide a completely new flagpole. Let's hope it's the former!

We don't know yet exactly how much money has been raised; however, just over £450 was made on the stalls which were run during the day in support of our church: books, plants, cakes, tombola and odds and ends. Working on rough figures provided by the abseilers themselves, approximately £3,200 will be raised in sponsorship. However, at least two people have raised £500 each in sponsorship which brings us over the £4,500 mark - and this before Gift Aid which will be claimed back once all the sponsorship money and forms are returned.

There are photographs on our Benefice website: [www.bishopslydeardbenefice.org](http://www.bishopslydeardbenefice.org) so if you want a flavour of the day please have a look - and watch this space for updates on how much was eventually raised by our efforts.

### Second Hand Books



We had a number of second-hand books left over at the end of the Abseiling Day Festivities and have decided to leave these in the church on a book stall.

So if you want something new to read, go up to the church and have a peruse.

Paperbacks are £1, hardbacks £2 and children's books are 50p.

All donations into the wall safe by the door please.



## VILLAGE REPORTS AND NOTICES

### FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE

The Parish Council is funding a First Aid Course for local residents.



This one-day certified course which is free to the participants will be held in the Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall at a time to suit all the participants.



If you are interested in doing this training, please contact

Jonathan Marshall at [jejm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jejm@hotmail.co.uk)





Lydeard St Lawrence  
Community Primary School

# SUMMER FAIR

Friday 5 July  
5pm to 8pm

**BBQ, drinks, ice cream, tombola, raffle, skittles,  
games, bouncy castle, stalls & more**

**Everyone is welcome.**

**All proceeds to the school's  
Parent Teacher & Friends Association**

**Parentkind**  
Member Association

**If anyone has anything they could donate to the tombola or raffle stalls at the school fair, please drop them in at the school office. Also, if anyone is interested in having a stall at the fair, possibly a plant stall, please contact Michaela Green at the school office.**



8th June 10 -12pm

TOLLAND CHURCH

CAKES, PLANTS, PRODUCE,  
QUALITY CRAFT STALLS, BRIC-A-BRAC,  
RAFFLE, TEA & (*MORE*) CAKE



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Community Council Oil Orders		01603 881888	<a href="mailto:somersetbuying@af-affinity.co.uk">somersetbuying@af-affinity.co.uk</a>

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.bishopslordebenefice.org">www.bishopslordebenefice.org</a>

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