

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland

Village Newsletter – May 2021

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

Date		Activity
Sat	1 st	
Sun	2 nd	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	3 rd	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Tue	4 th	
Wed	5 th	Garden (Green), Household (Black) and Kerbside Recycling Collection
Thu	6 th	POLLING DAY Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	7 th	
Sat	8 th	
Sun	9 th	LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon. Rogation Service at Shopnoller Farm, West Bagborough 10.30 am Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	10 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	11 th	Kerbside Recycling Collection
Wed	12 th	
Thu	13 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon. Benefice Parish Communion for Ascension Day at Bishops Lydeard. 7:30 pm
Fri	14 th	
Sat	15 th	
Sun	16 th	LSL Parish Communion at 11.15am Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm

Date		Activity
Mon	17 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	18 th	Garden (Green), Household (Black) and Kerbside Recycling Collection Village Hall AGM in the VH 7.00 pm
Wed	19 th	
Thu	20 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	21 st	
Sat	22 nd	
Sun	23 rd	CF Parish Communion at 9.30 am Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm LSL Parish Communion at 6.00 pm
Mon	24 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	25 th	Kerbside Recycling Collection
Wed	26 th	
Thu	27 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	28 th	SCHOOL END OF TERM
Sat	29 th	
Sun	30 th	Benefice Parish Communion at Bishops Lydeard, 10.30 am LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon. Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	31 st	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Note that following a bank holiday Monday, our rubbish, garden waste and recycling will be collected on Wednesday.

Planning Applications

- Planning Application [41/21/0001](#)
Erection of extension to garage to form car port with store over at Zeals Cottage, Tolland Road, Tolland, Lydeard St Lawrence (retention of part works already undertaken)
26th April: The Council are still considering this application.
- Planning Application [22/21/0004/T](#)
Notification to fell one Laburnum tree and 6 Ash trees within Lydeard St. Lawrence Conservation Area at Forge House and Glebe House, Lydeard St. Lawrence
26th April: The Council are still considering this application.

PARISH COUNCIL

A Virtual Village Annual Parish Meeting was held for
Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Parish at 7:15 pm on 19th April 2021

Minutes of the Meeting

Cllr Marshall began the meeting by noting the recent death of Mel Horner after a long illness. Mel was a very active member of the village, organising and running many activities such as the youth club, the short mat bowls, the table tennis club and helping to organise the annual fireworks party. He will be sorely missed.

21/1 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Charles Cox, and SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew. Cllr Tony Weir was unable to attend due to poor internet connection.

21/2 The **Minutes** of the **2020 Annual Parish Meeting** were agreed as an accurate record and to be signed. It was agreed that the Chairman would be posted the minutes to be signed.

21/3 **Reports were received from local groups and organisations.**

- LSL and Tolland Parish Council – Chairman's report
- Lydeard Lifts
- LSL Village Hall Committee
- Community Council for Somerset and the Village Agents Update
- Lydeard St Lawrence WI
- Other reports

21/4 **Any other business**

None received.

(Please see the second attachment to the newsletter email where the above reports are all included.)

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 19th April 2021 by Zoom on at 7.30pm.

Councillors in virtual attendance: Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Mary Harding (on telephone), Don Hobson, Andrew Venner, Maeve Vickery

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

- A Presentation was given by Lynda Sudlow from Airband on how they plan to deliver full fibre broadband to the two parishes. They plan to use existing infrastructure such as telegraph poles to run the fibre broadband into people's homes. It is hoped that the first phase in the area could be started in Q3 of this year with the second in Q1 of 2022 and completion early next year.

Anyone interested in receiving fibre broadband should register their interest at airband.co.uk.

(See third attachment to the newsletter for a copy of the presentation. Ed!)

21/22 **Appointment of Parish Council Chairman**

Cllr Telling thanked Cllr Marshall for the work he has done as Chairman over the past year and proposed that Jonathan Marshall be re-appointed as Chairman to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Vickery. 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 Harding. With no other proposals Cllr Telling was appointed Vice-Chairman.

Cllrs to sign their Acceptance of Office forms.

21/23 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Charles Cox and SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew. Cllr Tony Weir was unable to attend the meeting due to poor internet connection.

21/24 **Declarations of interest** – None received.

21/25 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 1st March 2021 agreed as an accurate record and to be signed. It was agreed that the Chairman would be posted the minutes to be signed.

21/26 **Matters Arising**

Tolland Gates and blessing on 25th April. (21/09)

The gates have now been finished and installed. The Parish Council thanked Neil Musson for his great effort in organising the work and the helpers, and thanks too to all the many villagers who helped with this project.

A Blessing of the gates service will take place on Sunday 25th April at 10.30am.



Dog Waste Bin (20/47.2)

Costings were received for a second litter bin to be installed at the playing field entrance. The cost of the bin would be £469 +vat and £6 a week to be emptied. This would be an ongoing cost of £312 a year.

Cllrs agreed this was too expensive.

21/27 **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 Marshall were Cllrs Telling, Hobson and Weir.

This was seconded by Cllr Venner.

21/28 **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

22/21/0002 - Erection of extension to office/storage building at The Old Piggery, Deans Cross Farm, Lydeard St Lawrence.

41/21/0003 - Replacement of an agricultural building for storage and housing of miniature Mediterranean donkeys at Burts Farmhouse, East Town Lane, Tolland, Lydeard St Lawrence.

41/21/0004 - Change of use and conversion of outbuilding into ancillary residential accommodation (office, games room and annexe) at Dobles Farm, Tolland Road, Tolland, Lydeard St Lawrence.

41/21/0001 - Erection of extension to garage to form car port with store over at Zeals Cottage, Tolland Road, Tolland, Lydeard St Lawrence (retention of part works already undertaken).

22/21/0004/T - Notification to fell one Laburnum tree and 6 Ash trees within Lydeard St. Lawrence Conservation Area at Forge House and Glebe House.

21/29 Financial

29.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.

29.2 Accounts Audit and Financial Year Report

The Parish Council Accounts for 2020/21 show a healthy balance.

The Parish Council originally had £25,000 in the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) and several requests of funds from local organisations have since been made. This year £2000 was spent on the Tolland Church Gate refurbishment. This fund now stands at £14756.02

During this financial year the Parish Council spent £570 of the CIL money to support the Outreach Post Office service to the Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall. The Parish Council has also paid £200 for the 2019 Elections and £373.70 on new salt bins and salt for Westleigh area. The total in the CIL fund is now £1682.

The Footpaths grant from SW&TC of £300 was added to that fund which now stands at £2600. The annual grants from SW&TC 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 Play Area.

At the end of the year the ring-fenced budget for the Play Area fund stood at £4500, with another £500 due to be added in April 2021.

The Council have £4229.30 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.

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

29.4 Cllrs agreed to approve the 2020/21 Audit Report Governance Statement

Proposed Cllr Hobson Seconded Cllr Telling

29.5 Cllrs agreed to approve the Accounting Statement 2020/21

Proposed Cllr Hobson Seconded Cllr Telling

29.6 The CIL Report was noted by the Council.

29.7 Banking Review and account signatories.

After much frustration, Cllr Marshall has been unable to get amendments made to the Bank Account to facilitate online banking. The only thing that can be done is to scrap the current account and get a new one. It was suggested that if Santander were so difficult to deal with then perhaps an alternative bank should be used. Currently banks are not taking on new customers during the pandemic, so it was suggested that the Parish Council continues as it is for the time being and review again in a few months' time.

21/28 Crime Report

The Crime report was noted by the Council

21/29 Correspondence and items for information

The following items were noted by the Council:

Recycling Newsletter

Weekly Updates from SWT & SCC and workstream

SWT Newsletters

Community Risk Management Plan for Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue

Wessex Flood Warden Newsletter - Spring 2021

21/30 Any other Business

None received.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.05pm

The Proposed date of the next meeting is on Monday 14th June 2021 subject to Covid-19 guidelines, but it is hoped this can be face to face.

CHURCH NEWS

URGENT!

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE PCC TREASURER WANTED

The PCC is most grateful to Don Hobson for the years he has given to looking after the finances of our village church. However, Don decided at the end of last year that he wished to step down and we have been trying to find someone to take on this position since then, without success.



We are therefore appealing to village residents - or to anyone not necessarily living in the village itself - to consider helping us out in this way.

It has been an honorary position, but because this is now becoming urgent the PCC is considering paying a small honorarium to anyone who feels that they might be able to assist us.

The PCC meet just four times a year, plus an Annual Meeting. A statement of income and expenditure would be helpful at PCC meetings, and accounts would need to be presented at the Annual Meeting. We already have an Independent Examiner of accounts. There is no other commitment needed - you do not have to attend church services or be involved in the church in any other way, unless you wish to do so.

Please - please, give this your serious consideration. If it's not something that you could do - do you know someone else who might be interested? If so, please get in touch with Revd Mark (Rector) or Revd Maureen (Associate Priest) whose contact details are at the end of this newsletter or ask the person who you think might be able to help to get in touch with us direct. Many thanks, in advance and in hope!

VILLAGE NEWS

Update on the break ins Friday 23rd April

Thieves broke into at least four separate sheds, garages and outhouses in the village over night on Friday 23rd April stealing assorted items and leaving doors and gates open. All incidences of theft have been reported to the police. A suggestion has been made that we construct some village stocks should the offenders ever be caught. What a splendid idea.

Road Closure Lydeard Down Hill

Wessex Water are planning to close Lydeard Down Hill, the road out of the village towards Crowcombe, from Monday 17th May to Friday 21st May 2021 to undertake essential work on the water supply network. Diversions will be in place throughout this period.

Post Office

The Post Office in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall will be up and running twice weekly on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:00am to 12:30pm from Thursday 6th May 2021 onwards. Hurrah.

SCHOOL NEWS

The recent Bag2School fund raiser collected £117 towards the new school guinea pigs. Well done to all who contributed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

30/03/2021 9788 Somerset: Buying & Selling on Social Media / Online Platforms. (Market Places)

We are seeing an increase in burglaries from garages and sheds where the offenders are clearly seeking out motorcycles, specifically dirt bikes such as KTM & Yamaha. It appears that a number of these bikes have been listed for sale on social media platforms, where a potential buyer arranges to view the vehicle but then doesn't turn up. Not surprisingly, a day or so later the Garage / Shed is broken into and an attempt is made to steal the bike or it is stolen.

If you are considering selling your vehicle - or any expensive item - follow the guidance provided on the website. Do not automatically assume it is safe to pass over your address details and or photos of your vehicle outside of your garage, especially if it shows your street name and garage number. If you do so and the purchaser doesn't turn up, be aware and pay close attention to the item you are selling and the security of the location it is stored.

Sadly, this may not just affect you. If your garage is broken into, your neighbour is likely to be targeted and may also sustain damage to their garage in the process.

Remember, whenever you place an advert you are also advertising what you have to steal. Read the guidance provided by the website carefully, and ask yourself if you really need to provide your address or do you meet somewhere public nearby? Always meet any prospective buyers in a well-lit, public area.

AIRBAND APRIL NEWSLETTER

Bringing Ultrafast Broadband TO YOUR AREA

You may be aware that in December 2020, CDS (Connecting Devon and Somerset), with support from the Government, signed contracts with Airband to deliver full fibre broadband to 40,154 homes and businesses in earmarked areas of Devon and Somerset and require the construction of an estimated 2,419 miles of fibre network. Delivery will be in phases between 2021 and 2024.

As part of this new Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) Broadband network, Lydeard St. Lawrence and Tolland Parish has a number of premises within this contract that are to benefit directly. Many other premises along the fibre route and within close proximity may also be able to access the network once completed.

The section of the new network that will service your Parish is due to be completed in Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2022 and surveying is imminent which will raise curiosity within your community. We intend to address this in advance where possible.

As the Community Liaison Executive for your region, I will be visiting your parish in the near future to engage with your community and give details of the technology, products and process that will be available for the project, and the benefits of full fibre broadband to your residential and business communities.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Lynda Sudlow

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Community Risk Management Plan for Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service



We are starting to develop our new Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) which will run from April 2022 until 2027.

Historically there has been an Integrated Risk Management Plan and a Fire and Rescue Plan. The CRMP will replace these two plans with one document that outlines the risks in our communities and how we plan to manage those risks to make people safer.

Before developing the draft CRMP, we are gathering views from people and partners across Devon and Somerset. We are capturing this through [an online survey](#).

As Chief Fire Officer Lee Howell says, “it would be helpful if you could arrange for this to be completed and shared as the higher number of contributions will give more insight to make sure we’re aligning our future plans with the communities we serve.”

Please also share or display the attached poster if appropriate, which includes contact details if you or others you know may be unable to respond online”.

The information we gather, alongside our incident data, will help us develop our CRMP. Once the draft plan is published, we will check that information has been accurately represented in the plan during a period of consultation. This will be towards the end of the year.

Emma Kay, Consultation and Engagement Lead

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Are you 60 or over and on a low income and in need of a flat in Taunton?

The Taunton Heritage Trust is an almshouse charity with self-contained flats available.

All flats have flooring & white goods provided and communal gardens/laundry facilities.

Please get in touch 01823 335348 or email info@tauntonheritagetrust.org.uk for more information.



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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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