

Lydeard St. Lawrence and Tolland Newsletter

November 2023

PARISH COUNCIL

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2023 at Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Also in attendance Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, David Oxley and 4 members of public.

One comment was raised by the members of the Public.

They were concerned the Parish Council did not take up the offer of making an Expression of Interest in Somerset Council's initiative of Community Funded 20mph Zones, especially as the village has a primary school that is currently in a national speed limit zone, which is rare. The Chairman explained the reasoning behind the Parish Council's decision not to proceed with an Expression of Interest and emphasised that this was not a permanent decision and it was a topic which will almost certainly be revisited in the future. It was agreed that Cllrs would look into having some speed check surveys done in the village, especially around the school road. It was also acknowledged the wording of minutes can be misconstrued and that more details should have perhaps been in them over the discussions had.

County Councillors Report, a monthly newsletter update has been circulated.

23.065. **Apologies** from Cllr Mark Peters,

23.066. **Declarations of interest** Cllr Hobson declared a personal interest in items 11.2 & 11.3 on the Agenda.
Cllr Harding and Mr Oxley declared an interest in item 7 on the Agenda.

23.067. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 11th September 2023 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

23.068. **Matters Arising –**

AOB The school Bus has reported a low hanging tree branch near Forge House.

Cllr Telling informed the Council that the branch is due to be dealt with in the next few weeks.

23.069. **Casual Vacancy – Co-option of New Councillor**

Cllr Harding requested that David Oxley be co-opted on to the Parish Council and that he represents the Tolland Ward. Cllrs agreed to co-opt Cllr Jonathan Marshall onto the Lydeard St Lawrence Ward and fill Cllr Weirs post and leave the Tolland Ward position vacant for David Oxley to then be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Cllr Telling proposed that Cllr Marshall represent LSL Ward, this was seconded by Cllr Cox. Agreed by all.

Cllr Marshall then proposed that David Oxley be Co-Opted on to the Parish Council as the Tolland Ward Cllr, this was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by all.
David Oxley then signed his declaration form.

- 23.070. **Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset Council:**
Planning applications have been sent to Councillors for comment.
None received.
- 23.071. **Tolland Book exchange broken glass**
Cllr Harding reported that one of the panes of glass on the book exchange is broken, it was suggested that it be replaced with Perspex rather than glass to avoid the issue happening again.
Cllr Oxley reported that he has replaced the broken glass with Perspex as suggested and requested he be reimbursed £13.49 for materials used. Cllrs agreed that this would be added to the next Agenda and thanked Cllr Oxley for his swift repair of the broken glass.
- 23.072. **Minehead & Watchet Local Community Network LCN**
Cllr Telling to attend the next meeting this Thursday 19th October at Williton Council offices.
- 23.073. **Funding Request for Defibrillator Box for outside of Primary School**
A Request to financially support the Primary school in placing an outside heated lockable box for their newly donated Defibrillator, so it can be used by the community outside of school hours, and accessible 24/7 has been made.

Cllrs supported the school on this but asked for more detail and for the school to gain 3 quotes and research for suitable boxes to get the correct box for the village.
- 23.074. **Financial**
074.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.
074.2 Cllrs agreed to Pay for Website Hosting Heart Internet to Liz McConnell £57.46.
Proposed Cllr Cox, Seconded Cllr Vickery.
074.3 Cllrs agreed to Pay Liz McConnell £81.22 for Ink for Printing the newsletter
Proposed Cllr Harding, Seconded Cllr Telling.
074.4 Cllrs agreed to pay SALC's affiliation fee of £141.66
Proposed Cllr Hobson, Seconded Cllr Sturgess.
All three payments were agreed unanimously.
- 23.075. **The last Crime Report Newsletter and Blog from PCSO Louise Fyne**
was noted by the Council.
- 23.076. **Correspondence and items for information**
The following items were noted by the Council:
Recycling Newsletter
Road Closures
- 23.077. **Any other Business**
Cllr Telling is looking into prices for two Jubilee village name pillars for Lydeard St Lawrence but has yet not been able to gain any quotes for the works to be carried out, she is working on getting some. Gill and Maurice Hartnell have very kindly offered to donate the bases for the pillars.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

The Date of Next Meeting is on Monday 4th December 2023

VILLAGE NEWS

Diary of Village Activities

Forthcoming Events

Village Bonfire party on the Playing Fields - See Page 4	Saturday 4 th November
Village Quiz Night – See Page 5	Saturday 11 th November

Regular Activities

WEEKLY	
Bell Ringing, LSL Church Tower. 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Every Monday
Junior Table Tennis, LSL Village Hall, 7.00 – 8.00 pm Table Tennis Club, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 – 10.30 pm	Every Thursday
MONTHLY	
WI Meeting, LSL Village Hall, A Spooktacular Surprise! 8.00 – 10.00 pm	Thu 9 th November
Short Mat Bowls Club, LSL Village Hall, 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Tue 14 th November
LSL Coffee Shop in the Village Hall 10:00 – 11:30	Mon 20 th November
Mobile Library – LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 11.40 am to 12.00 am	Tue 21 st November

Rubbish Collections

Tolland	When	Lydeard St Lawrence
Recycling Only	Thu 2 nd November	Black Bin and Recycling
Recycling Only	Thu 9 th November	Recycling Only
Black Bin and Recycling	Thu 16 th November	Recycling Only
Recycling Only	Thu 23 rd November	Black Bin and Recycling
Recycling Only	Thu 20 th November	Recycling Only
Garden Green Bin Collection	Mon 13 th and 27 th November	Garden Green Bin Collection

Services

Lydeard St Lawrence	Sunday 5 th November	Morning Prayer 11:15 am
	Sunday 12 th November	Remembrance Day Service 10:55 am
	Sunday 19 th November	Holy Communion 11:15 am
Scarr Chapel	Every Sunday	Worship Meeting in the Chapel 2.30 pm
Tolland		



Bar!
Mulled Wine Hot Food!

Lydeard St. Lawrence Playing Fields

Bonfire Night

Saturday 4th November 2023

Please Walk Don't Drive, Limited Parking

6:00pm - Bar and BBQ
6:45pm - Bonfire Lighting
7:30pm - Let the Fireworks Commence!

Family £12
Adult £5
Child £3
Toddlers Free

The bonfire base on the LSL Playing fields has now been built so we can start adding our burnable contributions to it ready for the firework party on the 4th November. Couple of things to adhere to please:

- If driving to the bonfire on the field, please drive down the right-hand side of the field, next to the road, and **not** across the pitch.
- Please ensure you leave the gate closed behind you.
- Keep the tunnel that goes into the centre of the bonfire clear, this is very important.
- **ONLY** put burnable wood and brash on the bonfire, no rubbish, plastics, mattresses, tins of paint, metal gates, tyres etc. This is even more important than the previous point.

And on the night please, if at all possible, walk to the playing fields rather than driving, there is very limited parking. For those that do come by car, there will be signposts to the field we are using. Please follow these.

FREE INK CARTRIDGES

I have recently bought a new printer, and as a result I have a set of ink cartridges which I no longer need. They are Epson-compatible cartridges (NB not actual Epson) and there is one each of cyan, yellow, magenta and photo black. They are all unused and in their original packaging and are free to anyone who wants them. Contact me, Jonathan Marshall, on email at jejm@hotmail.co.uk or phone 667 323.

The print cartridge codes are:

Photo black – E-T3361
Cyan – E-T3362
Magenta – E-T3363
Yellow – E-T3364

VILLAGE QUIZ Night

Saturday 11th November 2023 at 7.00 pm

LSL Village Hall

Come along and pit your wits against your friends and neighbours.
Teams of up to 4 people with an absolute maximum of 10 teams.
£2 per person, booking essential.

To book your table please contact Liz on 01984 667375 or
liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Go on, you know you want to.

WI Report

The October meeting was held in the village hall. After the meeting, we welcomed Mary Harding, one of our members, to give a talk on Heads and Tails.

This was an intriguing title and we were all pleasantly surprised when she revealed what the talk was actually going to be about.

She started with tails and showed us photographs of men displaying their "codpieces". The fashion at that time was to have the most ornate and largest one. The idea was that the men could keep money, papers and hankies in them. The fashion seemed to last for years and it fell out of use by the 1590s but in recent times it has been rediscovered with Michael Jackson having a photograph taken with one. It certainly gave us ladies a laugh.

Then Mary moved onto Heads. The first subject she talked about was the "ruff" which people like Elizabeth 1 wore. The more ornate and fancier they were, meant that you had money. They were very difficult to make and also to wash and re-starch to keep their shape. The fashion died out by the end of the 16th Century, but some later photographs showed that fashion models of today were wearing a very similar design. Wigs were also mentioned and Lucy Worsley wrote an article explaining all the names that were attributed to various wigs. This part of the talk covered both men's and women's wigs.

Mary was warmly thanked for her unusual talk and we look forward to another talk she might give in the future! Our November meeting will be A Spooktacular Surprise!

Gill Hartnell

Cleaner Wanted for Village Hall



We are looking for someone to take on the cleaning of LSL Village Hall. The hours are flexible, but we would like 5 hours cleaning a month. All cleaning equipment will be provided. This is a paid role.

If you think you might be interested or would like to find out more, please contact Don Hobson on 01984 557375 or at

don.hobson1@gmail.com



Board Games Evening

A fun evening of assorted board games was held in the village hall in October. People turned up armed with a huge variety of board games and the competition was fierce. All agreed it was a fun evening and will be repeated at some point next year.

New PCSO for LSL

I have been contacted by Brianna Whelan who is our new PCSO taking over the role from PC Lou. Brianna is hoping to come along to our next coffee morning on Monday 20th November from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Do come along and meet Brianna if you can. Brianna's contact email is brianna.whelan@avonandsomerset.police.uk

CHURCH NEWS

LSL Harvest Events

There was a Harvest Songs of Praise at Lydeard St Lawrence on Sunday October 3rd with teas afterwards, but the number attending the service was disappointing despite having quite a lot of singing.

On Wednesday morning the pupils in our school came to the church with their harvest gifts and held their annual Harvest Service during the day.

In the evening the annual Water Aid Auction took place in the church, with the rector Mark Hurley for the last time, conducting an amusing auction. The number of pupils in the school appears to have shrunk in the last couple of years, and in consequence the produce gifted has also. The attendance was down on last year, but we raised for Water Aid £163.00.

On Saturday October 7th we held our annual Harvest Supper: the supper was held at Dick and Helen Foster's home, as the uptake for supper tickets was down on previous years, partly due to several people being away for the weekend, and having the previous Saturday a Mediterranean supper evening in the Village Hall, and we recognise that no-one can spend their money twice on successive weekends.

A very convivial evening was enjoyed with good food, a raffle, good company, and an excellent quiz compiled by Jane Williams. The evening raised for the church £454; as people spent generously on raffle tickets.

Thank you very much to everyone who has supported these events in the past month.

SCHOOL and TODDLER GROUP



Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School

OPEN MORNINGS

For children due to start school in September 2024

Tuesday 7th November

Tuesday 21st November

Tuesday 28th November

9.30am – 11.00am

- Enjoy a session in our Forest School area (bring welly boots!)
- Have a tour of our school



**Come and meet some local parents,
have chat and a cup of tea & play.**

All welcome.

At: Lydeard St Lawrence School. TA4 3SF

**On: Fridays in termtime 9.30am-11.30am from
3rd Nov 2023**

**Cost: £2 and extra £1 for
siblings**

Snack included

Breast feeding friendly



Lydeardstlawrencetoddlers@gmail.com

ROAD CLOSURES

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

The road outside the church in Lydeard St Lawrence will be closed between these dates to allow Wessex Water to provide a water supply into the church. This looks like the closure will be 24/7 for the period above.

Monday 31st October

Nethercott Lane, the road between Lydeard St Lawrence and Nethercott will be closed from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm on Tuesday 31st October between Mux's Lane and the hamlet of Nethercott. This is to allow Openreach to renew some poles.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bishop's Lydeard Community Library

Our community library continues to flourish with a steady stream of regular customers. New customers are always welcome – signing up is free and can be done in person or online.

The partnership between Somerset Council employees and our local Parish Council volunteers provides an excellent local service for our village. Books of all types for adults, young adults, older and younger children – fiction, non-fiction, maps, local history, crime, science fiction, large print, audiobooks. Plus, jigsaws, blood pressure monitors and thermal imaging cameras are available to order/borrow.

News

Bishops Lydeard library will have a number of Christmas themed books (adult's and children's) available for you to borrow in December. There will also be Christmas tabletop activities for children.

Feature – Menopause

The menopause is a natural stage of life but has until recently remained a taboo subject.

The staff at Somerset Libraries have collated a list of books to help you understand and learn about the menopause. See <https://glassboxtaunton.co.uk/menopause/> or scan the QR code for more details.



The book list covers 4 topics:

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| 1. Menopause and your Health | 3. Menopause and Nutrition |
| 2. Menopause and Work | 4. Menopause in Fiction |

Things to do

There is a trail of pictures for children to find, with a little prize for finding them all. There are also activities for children – colouring, lego, duplo and jigsaws.

Copies of local newspapers, magazines and leaflets are in the library to read. It is also a good location to find out about other village activities.

Opening hours:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 – 4 Saturday 10 – 1

Christmas Opening hours:

- Monday 25th December & Monday 1st January – CLOSED

Volunteering - if you are interested in volunteering at Bishop's Lydeard Community Library, please telephone Iain Hunter on 01823 433016 or email iain.hunter@btinternet.com



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Community Council Oil Orders		01603 881888	

LSL School	Benefice Churches	Web Page	Village Calendar
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