

Lydeard St. Lawrence and Tolland Newsletter

October 2023

PARISH COUNCIL

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 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, Mark Peters, Guy Sturgess and Maeve Vickery

Also in attendance Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, Faye Cross Liaison Officer from Airband and County Cllr Mike Rigby.

No Questions or Comments from members of the Public

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

Cllr Rigby understood the frustrations of taxpayers in them 'paying more, getting less', as they are looking at setting next year's budget, but are finding that most funding is going towards adult social care and children's services in the county, with no set limit to resources required; this is a national issue, and some Councils are in a worse situation than Somerset. It is likely some will go into administration, in these cases central government will ask for all non-essential items to be dropped, and the focus be on essential running of the Council. Councils are unable to increase their budgets at the same rate as increases to expenses and inflation.

Cllrs thanked Cllr Rigby for attending the meeting.

23.053. Faye Cross gave an update on the current (*Airband*) project in the area and is hopeful that the project can be completed by the end of October, even with some issues after a road closure was unable to be implemented. Anyone who has not already done so and would like to receive the new fast broadband should register their interest, installation is free and a monthly charge from £20/month up to £40/month.

23.054. **Apologies** None

23.055. **Declarations of interest** – None

23.056. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 17th July 2023 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

23.057. **Matters Arising –**

(23.046) *Planning* – The possible planning breach at Hurley View has been rectified, the installation of obscured glass has been completed correctly to comply with the planning conditions.

(23.052) *AOB – Hedge Cutting*, this still has not been carried out in all areas of the Parish, Cllr Telling has reported it, and will do so again.

The *Potholes* that were reported on Lydeard Down Hill have been filled in.

23.058. **Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset Council:**

Planning applications have been sent to Councillors for comment.

22/23/0017/T – To fell 5 Trees at Glebe Cottage, Westowe Hill. LSL

22/23/0015 – Variation of Conditions 2 & 3 at Pyleigh Bungalow, Pyleigh Manor Farm Lane, LSL

22/23/0014 – Erection of 2 Storey extension at 7 Nethercott Way, LSL

Cllrs have no objections to the above planning applications.

23.059. **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 Harding to ask the Tolland Community Group (TCG) if they have anyone able to replace the glass.

23.060. **Minehead & Watchet Local Community Network LCN 13th July Report**

Cllr Rigby intends to attend the next LCN meeting and are looking at echoing the pattern to Exmoor area has taken. Cllr Telling and Marshall to also attend.

23.061. **Casul Vacancy – Co-option of New Councillor**

Cllr Marshall has a candidate in mind but would like to ask them first before sharing their details, Cllr Harding to also ask TCG as Tolland could be represented if Cllr Marshall be a LSL Cllr.

23.062. **Financial**

1. The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.
2. Cllrs agreed to Pay Clerks Salary £547.56 and Expenses of £5.85
Proposed Cllr Cox, Seconded Cllr Telling.

23.063. **Crime Report Newsletter and Blog** was noted by the Council.

PCSO Louise Fyne has today announced that she will be leaving the force from 4th October after 15 years as part of our beat area. Cllrs expressed their thanks to Louise and wished her success for her future. If anyone wished to see Louise before she leaves, she will be attending the coffee morning on 25th September.

Correspondence and items for information

The following items were noted by the Council:

Recycling Newsletter

SC Newsletters

23.064. **Any other Business**

- The 10 Parish Festival is happening this week and 10 Radio have asked for Cllrs to speak on the lunch time show through the week, unfortunately no Cllrs are available.
- The school Bus has reported a low hanging tree branch near Forge House, to be reported to Somerset Highways, but it is likely to be the landowner who will be required to trim the branch back.
- The road closure signs have still not been collected. To be reported again.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

The Date of Next Meeting is on Monday 16th October 2023

VILLAGE NEWS

Diary of Village Activities

Forthcoming Events

LSL Harvest Songs of Praise Service 4.00 pm	Sunday 1 st October
LSL Harvest Auction of produce for WaterAid in LSL church - 7 pm	Wednesday 4 th October
LSL Harvest Supper in the Village Hall 7 pm	Saturday 7 th October
Games Night in the Village Hall	Saturday 14 th October
Village Bonfire party on the Playing Fields	Saturday 4 th November
Village Quiz Night	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	
Short Mat Bowls Club, LSL Village Hall, 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Tuesday 10 th October
WI Meeting, LSL Village Hall, Speaker from MIND 8.00 – 10.00 pm	Thursday 12 th October
Parish Council Meeting. LSL Village Hall, 7.30 pm	Monday 16 th October
LSL Coffee Shop in the Village Hall 10:00 – 11:30	Monday 23 rd October
Mobile Library – LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 11.40 am to 12.00 am	Tuesday 24 th October

Rubbish Collections

Tolland	When	Lydeard St Lawrence
Black Bin and Recycling	Thursday 5 th October	Recycling Only
Recycling Only	Thursday 12 th October	Black Bin and Recycling
Recycling Only	Thursday 19 th October	Recycling Only
Black Bin and Recycling	Thursday 26 th October	Recycling Only
Garden Green Bin Collection	2nd, 16th and 30th October	Garden Green Bin Collection

Services

Lydeard St Lawrence	Sun 1 st October	Harvest Songs of Praise. 4.00 pm. Tea and cake afterwards.
	Sun 15 th October	Holy Communion 11:15 am
Scarr Chapel	Every Sunday	Worship Meeting in the Chapel 2.30 pm
Bishops Lydeard	Sun October 22 nd	Holy Communion at St Mary's 10:30 where Mark Hurley will be taking his last service before moving on

Board Games Evening

Saturday 14th October in the Village Hall

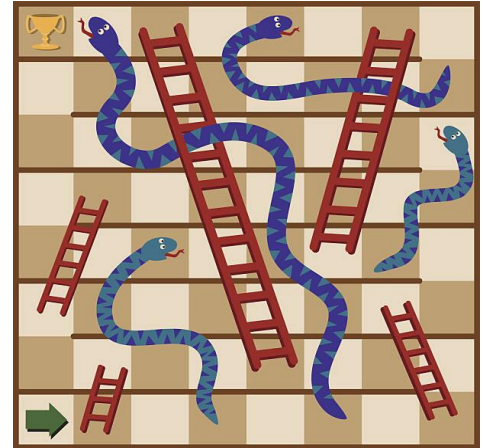
7.30 pm – 10.00 pm

We are holding another games evening in the LSL Village Hall so come along to the village hall armed with snacks and drinks, catch up with friends and neighbours and enjoy an evening of gentle entertainment playing your favourite board games.

There will be an assortment of games including chess, cards, scrabble and snakes and ladders (I hope) available for everyone to use but do please bring along any other games you would like to play.

Cost is £1 per adult and 50p for the under 18's.

Everyone welcome. Go on, you know you want to.





Bar!
Mulled Wine



Hot Food!

Lydeard St. Lawrence Playing Fields

Bonfire Night

Saturday 4th November 2023



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



Family £12
Adult £5
Child £3
Toddlers Free

The plan is to build the bonfire tunnel this coming weekend, 1st October, so the bonfire should be ready for donations after that. But I'll let you all know when you can all start taking your burnables up there.

WI Report

Our September meeting was held in the village hall. After the agenda we welcomed Alison Baker who did a talk on Somerset Mindline. She has been a volunteer for many years and said that they are busier since Covid and the lockdown. All ages were really affected by it all and it was noticed that more women were ringing the Mindline helpline than men. She said that men find it difficult to express their feelings and it is only now with the media highlighting the feelings of men that things are changing.

For both men and women there have been quite a few coffee mornings where people can meet up and have a chat. The Young Farmers is an organisation which has helped the farming community. This profession has the highest suicide rate due to their working on their own for most of the day.

There is a 24 hour mental health helpline and Alison volunteers two or three times a week. Even now she finds it heart wrenching when somebody phones and are on the point of harming themselves.

The talk was very thought provoking and it was generally felt that this organisation was being of great benefit to the people of Somerset. She was thanked for her talk.

The next month's speaker is one of our members who will be doing a "surprise" talk.

Gill Hartnell



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01984 667375 or

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for more info

Farewell PC Lou

Our local PCSO Louise Fyne is leaving the force in October. She has been looking after us here in Lydeard St. Lawrence and Tolland for many years and many of us have benefitted from her wisdom and common sense. She is moving on to a new role outside of the police force in Musgrove Hospital. On 25th September Louise came to the coffee shop for the last time. We enjoyed her last visit and were truly sad to see her go.

Once we know who Louise's replacement will be, I will update the lists accordingly.

Good luck Lou, we will miss you.

Unacceptable

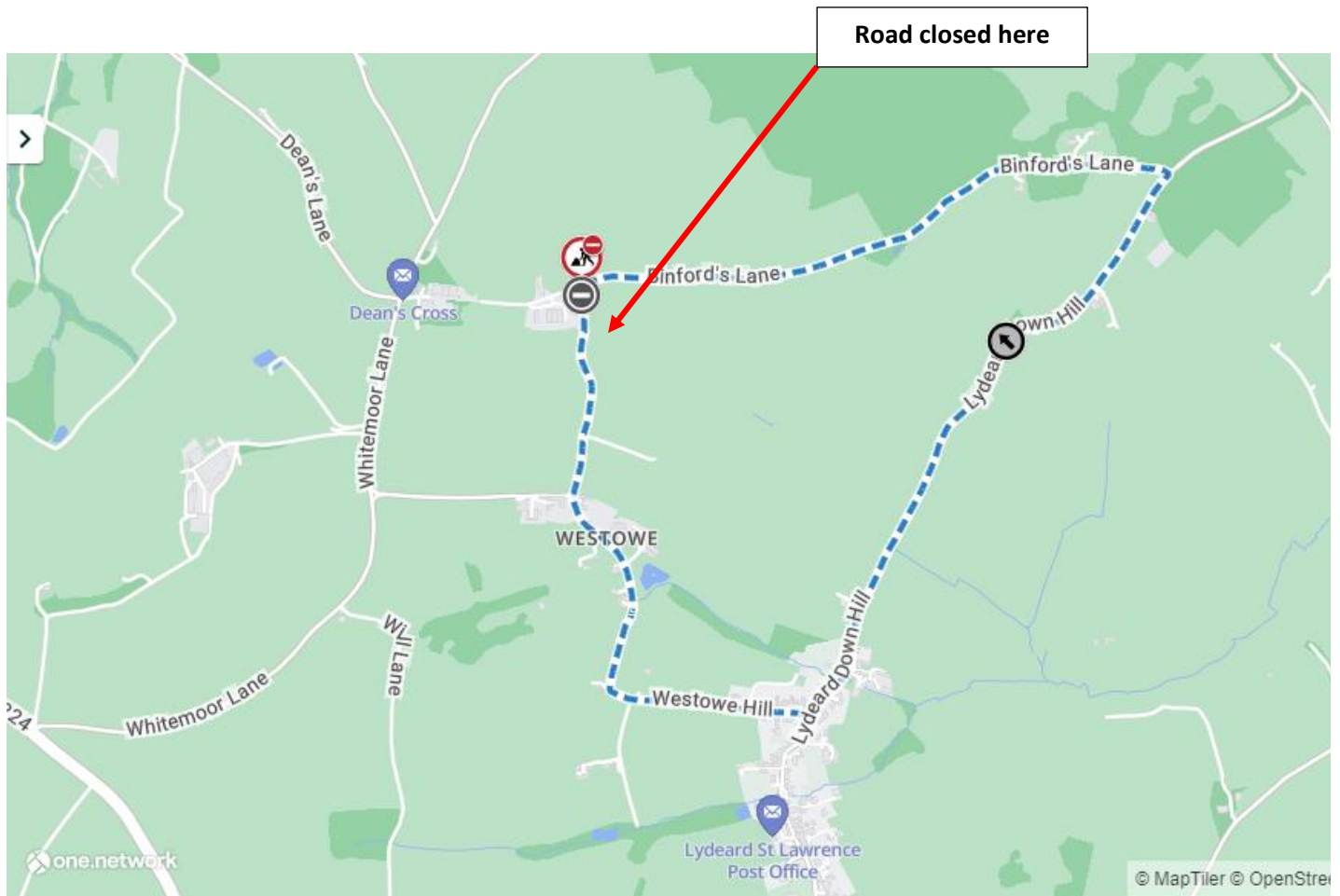
Over the last few months there has been a mountain of empty Benson and Hedges Blue cigarette packages building on the road out of the village, on the bend near the top of the road. In desperation a goodly neighbour went and removed them all one day, some 49 in total, only for the mountain to start again the very next day. These packets have also been found in the hedgerows on the roads into and out of the village. How can anyone think this acceptable behaviour. We are privileged to live in a beautiful part of the world and to see this wonton disregard for our environment happening is frankly appalling. If it is you, or you know who it is, please, please take your rubbish home and bung it in the bin.

ROAD CLOSURE

Temporary Road Closure: - Binfords Lane, Lydeard St. Lawrence

Please follow the link to view the above road closure; <https://one.network/?tm=134878870> The works are expected to commence on **16th October 2023** and last for **5 days** to enable **Milestone Infrastructure to carry out local drainage work**.

For any further information about this closure please contact **Somerset Highways** on **0300 123 2224**, quoting reference: **ttro080478W**



Wanted!

Your Village STILL Needs You

We have three opportunities in Lydeard St. Lawrence for you to be part of the community. None of these roles are particularly time consuming or difficult, but all contribute to the life of the villages. Please do consider whether you might be interested in any of the following.

Parish Council – Casual Vacancy

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.

The Parish Council is the first level of Local Government, playing an important role in the villages, including reviewing local planning applications and distributing government and other funding in ways that benefit our communities. The Parish council meet about 8 or 9 times a year on a Monday evening in LSL Village Hall and being a Parish Council member is a very valuable way of serving the area in which we live.

To find out more, please contact the Parish Council Chairman Jonathan Marshall at jejm@hotmail.co.uk

LSL Village Hall Committee Member

The Village Hall committee is a small group of local people who look after the village hall for the benefit of everyone. They ensure that the building is maintained and well looked after as well as organising village social events for all to enjoy. The committee meet about 4 times a year in the village hall.

There are a couple of vacancies coming up on the committee so if you would like to find out more about what is involved in being on the committee, please contact Don Hobson on 01984 667375 or Paul Yeomans on 01984 667364.

Newsletter Editor

I know I've said this before, but I really now think the time has come for me to hand over the reins of the newsletter and general information distributor to someone else. I have done it for many years now and feel that a new person could perhaps bring new life to the newsletter.

The December 2023 newsletter will be my last one. I will continue to maintain the Web page and publish the Parish Council agendas and minutes there.

So, if you think you might be interested, get in touch and I can talk you through what it involves.

Liz 01984 667375 liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com

CHURCH NEWS

There is a Harvest Songs of Praise in LSL Church on **Sunday 1st October at 4.00 pm** with cakes and refreshments afterwards.

The LSL Harvest Auction will be held on **Wednesday 4th October at 7.00 pm** in the church. Nibbles and drinks available. All proceeds to go to Water Aid.

Harvest Supper

Saturday 7th October at 7.00 pm

In The Village Hall

Tickets £12 adults, £8 children under 16

Tickets available from Helen Foster at the Manor House

or on 01984 667207

Vegetarian and Gluten Free Available

Bring your own drinks please.



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LSL School	Benefice Churches	Web Page	Village Calendar
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Bishop's Lydeard Community Library

News

October 2-8 is **Library Week** – the theme is Green and there will be activities and information available.

Puzzle Corner – a selection of jigsaws is now available to borrow from your local library.

New books of all types are received every week at Bishops Lydeard Library – see the displays.

Feature – Thermal Imaging Camera Loan Scheme

After last year's successful pilot scheme in South Somerset Libraries, the Thermal Imaging Camera Loaning Scheme is launching across all Somerset Libraries (including Community Libraries). The scheme enables customers to borrow an easy-to-use camera unit that connects directly to your smartphone or tablet (Android or Apple) and will provide you with a thermal image of your home or building. The image can then be used to interrogate and identify potential improvements, such as requirements for insulation and draught proofing within your home to improve your energy efficiency, as well as to reduce heat loss and fuel bills.

The cameras will be available soon to request for free from any Somerset library by a Somerset library user (with full adult membership) and can be borrowed for up to 3 days (renewals are not permitted).

What is heat loss and why does it matter?

Undertaking a thermal imaging heat loss self-survey could help provide you with the answers as to why your home might be cold highlighting areas where it is wasting your energy and money!

You may have noticed that parts of your home feel cold, or you may be planning specific refurbishments which the thermal imaging camera could help you with prioritising what to improve, and where.

What is a thermal image?

A thermal image is a digital representation of the thermal (heat) radiation emitted by the pictured objects. The thermal image allows us to identify the temperature of an object or at least its temperature relative to its environment. It can show if heat is passing through walls, window frames, doors, roofs etc.

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

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