

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present, Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charles Cox, Mary Harding, Matt Hele, Don Hobson, Maeve Vickery and Edward White.

In attendance, Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, Borough Councillor Gwil Wren, Paul Yeomans and Dick Foster

18/01 **Apologies** Cllr Weir and PCSO Louise Fyne

18/02 **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Hobson declared an interest in the Church Development Project 18/08

18/03 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were agreed as an accurate record.

18/04 **Matters Arising**

### **Tolland Phone Box Update – Tolland Book Exchange (17/96, 17/80, (17/30))**

John Brand has completed the paving around the box. Cllr Harding reported that he had done a lovely job and that local residents were happy with their new look box. The phone box is now a book exchange and notice board and has been working well, although someone had mentioned the phone box was not big enough for all the books and required another!



Cllr Marshall thanked John Brand for his work and Cllr Harding for all the effort she has put into the Project, which is now a great asset for the village of Tolland.

Cllr Harding requested recommendations in sourcing signage for the box, suggestions were to contact Bagborough and Pitminster Parish Councils as they have completed similar projects.

### **Reporting to Somerset Highways**

*102.2 The post and rail fencing along Quickbeam Lane is rotten and collapsing, which has left the road edge unclear and hazardous. Cllr Marshall would report to the SCC.*

*102.3 Cllr Harding reported that Tolland Lane near the junction with Tarr Road had a large area of standing water across the lane. Further drainage would be better than a gully and Cllr Marshall would report this to SCC.*

Cllr Marshall has reported the Tolland issue to SCC but has had no response. It was added that the lane in Nethercott also has issues with subsidence and this should also be reported.

18/05 **Planning**

05.1 **Applications received for comment from Taunton Deane BC:**

None Received

05.2 **Notification of any Taunton Deane Decisions:**

22/17/0021

Erection of Oak framed single storey extension to front of Pipers Gate, Chapel Leigh Road, Lydeard St Lawrence      REFUSAL

22/17/0022/LB

Replacement of 1 No. first floor window at Chapel Leigh Farm House, Chapel Leigh Lane, Lydeard St Lawrence

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

The above decisions were noted by the Council.

**18/06 Financial**

06.1 The Accounts Statement had been noted by the council

06.2 To Pay Invoice for Tolland Phone Box work to John Brand

Proposed Cllr Harding      Seconded Cllr Vickery

06.3 To Pay Invoice for Village Hall hire for meetings £87

Proposed Cllr Cox      Seconded Cllr Telling

06.4 Cllrs agreed to raise an invoice to the Cricket Club for £5.00 for the rent of the playing field

**18/07 Village Defibrillator in Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland (17/97, (17/71))**

Cllrs had spoken to several professionals regarding the benefits of having a rural Defibrillator, with mixed responses. All have suggested that training in CPR should be given to local residents. Cllr Vickery has spoken to Heartsafe again, the suggested installers, and they agreed to come and talk with the Parish Council at the next meeting. Cllrs thought this was a good idea and asked if they could come to the next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**18/08 CBF- Church Development Project – Paul Yeomans**

Paul Yeomans made a presentation to the Parish Council outlining the Church Development Project.

Initially the project was set up to get a water supply in to the Church. Having set up a project team in February 2017 who researched what the church would actually benefit from the project has progressed to make the building suitable for community use in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and creating the Church Development Project.

So far, the project team have made a Statement of Significance, have a summary of ideas and selected a suitable architect. To move the project forward they have sourced funding from the Awards for All scheme to kick-start the projects finances.

The next part of the Project would see work carried out on the approach to the war memorial for the 2018 Armistice Centenary celebrations in November. Tree roots under the path need to be removed and the Path needs resurfacing from the section from the road up to and around the War Memorial. The job has previously been estimated at about £3000, but 3 contractors will be asked for quotations.

**The Church Development Project Requests:**

- That the Parish Council notes the progress made by the Church Development Project Team, endorses the project in principle and takes part in the public engagement and consultation on the detailed proposals.
- That the Parish Council supports the idea of an Armistice Centenary Celebration. Could we set up a joint project team to progress the resurfacing and organise a celebration for armistice day?
- Could we have a commitment from the Parish Council to fund a proportion of the resurfacing work? Could authority to release the funding (subject to conditions) be delegated so that it is not held up by the meeting cycle?

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

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The above 3 requested were noted by the Council.

- Cllr Marshall thanked Paul Yeomans for his presentation to the Council and thanked him and his team for the progress that has been made so far.
- Moving forward Cllr Marshall volunteered to be the Parish Council representative for the project and was especially interested in the Centenary Armistice Celebrations improvements.
- As with any funding request from the Parish Council, 3 quotations would need to be gained and until the Council have seen these quotes cannot commit to releasing funds. However as in previous communications between the Church and the Parish Council money is available in the Footpaths Fund for improvements to the War memorial path and CIL money for the community to use and is available for this project.

#### 18/09 **White Space Broadband** (17/101)

Cllr White has had an initial meeting with White Space Broadband who feel confident they can provide a reliable wireless broadband solution within the area. Cllr White will be setting up a meeting for the technical team to visit the area and put together some feasibility options for consideration and discussion at the next meeting. Cllr White acknowledged that several expressions of interest had been made, primarily from the Tarr and Chapel Leigh areas and encouraged more people to get in touch and register their interest/queries with him via email. ([edward@willetfarm.co.uk](mailto:edward@willetfarm.co.uk)). These are helpful in planning coverage zones.

#### 18/10 **Village Play Area and Equipment** (17/102.1)

##### - **Lydeard Saint Lawrence Parish Playground Project - Project update**

Cllr Hele set out the initial planning for the Project which is looking at how to refurbish, update and improve the Parish Playground situated adjacent to the Cricket Club. Regular updates would now be provided to the Parish council at its meetings on Project progress and activities. Cllr Hele also briefed the Parish Council on:

##### Community Engagement:

Cllr Hele attended LSL Cricket Club meeting on behalf of the Parish Council to explain the outline project to address the Parish playground. The Cricket Club was fully supportive and is keen to be kept up to speed with progress.

Cllr Hele has discussed the Project with the Ladybirds group (Ali Morley) and the Primary School secretary (Lynne Ellis) – both are willing to promote and communicate messages regarding the project as the project develops.

##### Suppliers:

Initial engagement with 9 potential playground suppliers has been made, with one visiting the site in order to provide unsolicited initial feedback and ideas to the Project on what could be achieved both with the existing equipment and potential replacement.

##### Project Communications:

A draft poster/flyer has been produced and was shared with the Parish Council – once its content has been agreed, this will be sent out to as much of the community as possible via the Parish Newsletter, Parish Website, Parish notice boards and via Primary School/Ladybirds Group and Cricket Club communications channels.

An initial community consultation on the Project is planned for 7.30 pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February in the LSL Village Hall – canvassing for volunteers to get involved with the project and gather interest on the type of playground the community would like to see in the Parish.

A questionnaire has been drafted that aims to gather initial feedback from the community across a range of Playground related topics (including how often people use the playground, what type of equipment they would like to see in the Parish etc).

Funding:

Cllr Hele has engaged initially with 4 potential funding organisations to outline the project aims and aspirations – application forms have been received and will be developed as the project gathers momentum as well as engagement with further potential funding opportunities. Should anybody be interested in getting involved in this fun and important Project for our Parish, no matter how big or small a role – please contact Cllr Hele (Matt) on 01984 667 535 or [Matt\\_Hele@outlook.com](mailto:Matt_Hele@outlook.com).

**18/11 Playing Field – Dogs**

Cllr Marshall requested that the Parish Council place some No Dogs and No Fouling signs on the playing fields. Cllrs thought that the issues with dogs on the playing field would not change with signs in place and therefore was not worth pursuing.

**18/12 Correspondence and items for information**

The following items of information were noted by the Council:

PCSO Police Crime Report

Update on Primary School White Board Project

CDS Briefing email regarding Broadband

**18/13 Any other Business**

- 13.1 Cllr Marshall requested that the AGM change date to the 16<sup>th</sup> April as he would not be here for the proposed date of 21<sup>st</sup> May. Cllrs agreed to the change of date.
- 13.2 Cllr Hobson requested that the brambles near to the bridge in Muddiford Lane should be cut back so that the bridge could be used instead of the 'DIY' route created by users.
- 13.3 Borough Cllr Gwil Wren spoke to the Council, he spoke about the merger of West Somerset and TDBC. Comments can still be made to the public consultation.

The date of Next Meeting, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018. With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.55pm