

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present: Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charles Cox, Mary Harding, Don Hobson, Maeve Vickery and Andrew Venner.

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew and Liz McConnell.

20/01 **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Mark Peters and Tony Weir.

### 20/02 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Hobson declared a personal Interest in items 7.2 & 7.5 on the Agenda

Cllr Venner declared a personal Interest in item 7.3 on the Agenda

20/03 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

### 20/04 **Matters Arising**

None.

### 20/05 **Route 60+**

Liz McConnell spoke to the Council about her visit to Dulverton on 3<sup>rd</sup> December for the Route 60+ session held by Somerset Road Safety. Aimed at the over 60's and raising awareness in this group of the effects that ageing can have on our driving skills. A mix of services were present for an open session followed by an interactive presentation. Services included Fire and Rescue, Age UK, Information on borrowing money, aneurisms and solicitors. Liz found the morning worthwhile and encouraged others to attend, although she felt that it would not be suitable to hold an event in Lydeard St Lawrence. Some events will be held nearby in Carhampton, Staplegrove and in Wiveliscombe on 30<sup>th</sup> April. <http://somerseroadsafety.org/event/2020/04/route-60-/3456/>

### 20/06 **Planning**

06.1 ***Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council:***  
None received

06.2 ***Notification of any Somerset West and Taunton Council Decisions:***  
22/19/0020 - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of Muddyford Farm, Lydeard St Lawrence. **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

### 20/07 **Financial**

7.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council

7.2 Cllrs agreed to Pay 2019 LsL Village Hall Hire of £84

Proposed by Cllr Venner                      Seconded by Cllr Vickery

7.3 Cllrs agreed to Raise an Invoice to the Cricket Club for £5 rent for playing field

7.4 Cllrs agreed to pay Somerset County Council £385.98 for the new Tolland village signs, and that the funds would come from the CBF.

7.5 Cllrs agreed To Pay Liz McConnell for the renewal of the web page hosting for the LSL Web page £57.46.

Items 7.4 and 7.5 had previously been agreed.

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

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## 20/08 **Budget and Precept**

After the Precept was set at the December meeting the Clerk has received notification from SW&T Council that the Tax Base has been amended due to changes in legislation. Therefore, the Parish Council has been asked to resubmit its request for the Precept figure.

The original request to keep the unit the same was 219.73, to keep the band D equivalent (unit) at £19.286 the same as this year the Council asked for £4237.71 The new tax base is 218.64, to keep the unit rate the same the Council would ask for £4216.69. To keep the original request this would be an increase of ½% per unit, bringing this figure to 19.382.

Cllrs agreed to keep the original request for the Precept amount.

## 20/09 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

Crime Report

Recycling Newsletter

Temporary road closures

Press Release: "9th January 2020. A £2.6m boost for the Quantocks."

Message from David Fothergill, Leader Somerset County Council re. Future of Local Government in Somerset - Next Steps

Tree Grant Information

## 20/10 **Letter from Wiveliscombe Area Partnership – Update**

Due to data protection WAP were unable to give any further information regarding Wivey Link users in the Parish. It was agreed that with the lack of information the Parish Council would not donate funds, keeping its support for the local Lydeard Lifts

## 20/11 **Highways/Roads Report**

Cllr Marshall gave a report on some issues regarding the roads in the Parish.

The school have concerns over speeding vehicles outside the school building, some of the road markings and signs were not very visible. Cllr Marshall has cut back the vegetation to clear the signs but the road markings need repainting and Cllr Marshall has requested this. It is also thought that the church side sign is too close to the school and would be better located further back the road, together with a "SLOW" road marking to give vehicles a pre warning.

Gullies in both LSL and Tolland Villages are blocked, Nethercott Lane and East Town Lane have been reported. With freezing temperatures, the Tolland lanes are becoming icy with run off from blocked drains, some villagers have had cars slipping on the ice. Nethercott Lane has issues with dips in the road, flooding and mud making the road tricky to navigate; subsidence is still an issue along the lane.

A slurry trailer has passed through the village and some has fallen off leaving a mess in the road.

All of these issues will be reported to SCC Highways.

## 20/12 **SW&T Council Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation**

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The consultation was noted by Cllrs and were invited to take part.

**20/13 Parish Clock**

Paul Yeomans has been maintaining the Parish Clock on behalf the Parish voluntarily. The Parish Council would like thank him for his work and agreed to pay any Invoice for parts he requires.

**20/14 “Awards for Service to the Community 2020”.**

Cllrs noted Awards and would all consider who they would like to nominate. This is open to all, so if any villagers would like to nominate someone please get in touch with the Chairman.

**20/15 Any other Business**

SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew gave his report. He advised the Council to look at the two Consultations that are currently being carried out by SW&T Council. The first is the local plan already discussed. (20/12) The second is the proposals to the Employment Local Development Order (LDO) for small scale industrial space. The Employment LDO is a proactive planning tool to enable increased delivery of small-scale industrial space in rural parts of SW and T, and was developed in response to demand from small businesses to set up or expand their existing operations. Cllr Trollope-Bellew then answered questions regarding the possibilities of a Somerset Unitary Council.

Cllr Telling has reported some damage on some of the footpath railings and stiles, it is believed some have now been repaired.

Cllr Harding requested that the Parish Council support Tolland Church in its refurbishment of the Church Gates. Cllrs agreed they would consider a formal financial request for funds. They will require a complete proposal and three quotations.

Cllr Harding requested that the finger post restoration project volunteers look at the fingerpost at Tolland End.

Cllr Harding report that a planning application had been withdrawn in Tolland as the applicant would be liable for CIL, she requested further information on how CIL is worked out and how much the Parish Council would get. Details are on SW&T website.

She also requested clarity on planning legislation which was given.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020