

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Before the meeting began, the Parish Council were given a presentation on how defibrillators work from Clive Setter from HeartSafe.

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

Also, in attendance, Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, County Councillor Mike Rigby and 2 members of the public.

18/14 **Apologies** Cllr Weir, PCSO Louise Fyne and Borough Councillor Gwil Wren

18/15 **Declarations of interest** – None received

18/16 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed as an accurate record.

18/17 **Matters Arising**

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

A desktop feasibility study has been completed which confirms that it will be possible to deliver broadband speeds in the region of 30MBps to the majority of areas within the LSL and Tolland communities, and in some cases 80-100MBps. Cllr White was due to meet with Whitespace last week and review suitable locations for infrastructure but this was postponed due to the snow. This will be the next step.

The proposal combines two wireless technologies, 'line of sight' (LOS) and TV Whitespace (TVWS), the difference between the two is that TVWS is not affected by topography, buildings or trees. The LOS will be used to deliver a strong signal to suitable relay location(s) from where the TVWS will then transmit to the harder to reach areas. In addition to some normal broadband routers individual users would need an aerial similar to a TV aerial and receiver unit to pick up the signal.

It has been estimated that infrastructure costs would be c£30,000 (excl VAT) and costs per household would be c£45/month with an installation cost of £750-£1000. This is considered a worse case position and may change significantly once a site visit is undertaken which Cllr White will organise and report back. Whitespace are also investigating funding and grant options open to both individuals and the council.

An alternative was suggested for those who have a 4G mobile phone signal at home, further reading can be found at <https://www.broadbandchoices.co.uk/ask-our-expert/can-i-use-4g-for-home-internet>.

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

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

The Church Development Project is progressing and two quotes have been gained. Paul Yeomans wishes to present his progress at the Village APM.

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

After speaking to locals, medical experts and having had the presentation it is felt that a Defibrillator were to be purchased and beneficial, then it would need to be supported by

the whole community with training on the use of the defibrillator and CPR required. Therefore, it was suggested that residents would be invited to a consultation at the Village APM on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

## 18/1 **Planning**

### 19.1 **Applications received for comment from Taunton Deane BC:**

22/18/0003/T - Notification to fell one Eucalyptus tree at Pond House, Lydeard Down Hill, Lydeard St. Lawrence

22/18/0006/T - Notification to fell one Ash tree, one Poplar and two Cherry trees within Lydeard St. Lawrence Conservation Area at Glebe Cottage, Lydeard St. Lawrence  
No objections were made to the above proposals.

22/18/0004/CQ- Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and associated building operations on land at Hoccombe, Lydeard St Lawrence

Cllrs have concerns on the application as the applicant is not the new owners, and questioned whether the application should have made clear the intentions of the previous owners to sell the property with the conditions of planning.

41/18/0001 - Erection of agricultural workers dwelling at Glebe Farm, Tolland Road, Tolland

The Council have no objection in principle to the application, but two councillors raised concerns about the size of the proposed building given its prominent location.

### 19.2 **Notification of any Taunton Deane Decisions:**

22/18/0002/T Notification to pollard one Poplar tree and to carry out management works to one Cherry, one Ash and one Maple at Glebe Cottage, Lydeard St. Lawrence: - withdrawn on the 29 January 2018. Noted by the Council

## 18/20 **Financial**

20.1 The Accounts Statement had been noted by the council

20.2 Payment received from the Cricket Club for £5.00 for the rent of the playing field

20.3 To Pay Clerk's Salary and Expenses £417.15  
Proposed by Cllr Telling Seconded Cllr Vickery

20.4 To pay Liz McConnell for the new Website from Heart of £80.24  
Proposed by Cllr White Seconded Cllr Vickery

20.5 To Appoint Internal Auditor  
Cllr agreed to appointing last years auditor Mary Abel.

## 18/21 **Tolland Book Exchange – New Signs**

Cllr Harding has gained two quotes to replace the existing phone box signs with Tolland Book Exchange signs. First for £210 and the second for £130 from Annie Makepeace of K Signs. This is the same sign company that installed the West Bagborough signs. Cllrs agreed to this quote and for the works to be carried out.

Proposed Cllr Cox Seconded Cllr Hobson.

## 18/22 **Village Play Area and Equipment (18/10, 17/102.1)**

### Lydeard St Lawrence Parish Playground Project - Project update

A meeting was held in the Village hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February to gauge interest and ideas from Villagers, the meeting did have a low turnout but those who attended were enthusiastic and had ideas. Cllr Hele has met with potential suppliers to assess what

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can be placed at the current site. Funding options are also being looked into. A further meeting is to be arranged with details to follow.

**18/23 Correspondence and items for information**

The following items of information were noted by the Council:

Somerset Libraries Service Consultation 2018

Temporary Road Closure Coxlands Rock, Halse

Temporary Closure of Rexton Lane

Recycle SWP Briefings

Councillor Essentials - 22nd March 2018, interest from Cllr Hobson

Message from Police – An offence to shoot deer at night.

Draft Somerset Strategic Housing Framework

Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin

**18/24 NHS Health Check Clinic** – Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> in Village Hall with online booking  
Noted by the Council.

**18/25 Become a member of CCS?** (Community Council in Somerset)

With being a member of SALC already, it was deemed not necessary to become a member of CCS.

**18/26 Any other Business**

26.1 Cllr Rigby spoke to the Council, he reiterated the Library Consultation as above and urged Cllrs to complete the questionnaire.

The Children's Centre in Bishops Lydeard looks like it will be closed, but potentially the Village Hall may take on the building with its own playgroup.

The County Council has now set its budgets, although still having to make cuts of 10 million pounds. Central government is slowly withdrawing its funding from the County Councils, which eventually have to be mostly self-financing.

After the bad weather, any road defects, drainage issues or flooding from the thaw should be reported asap.

26.2 With recent bad weather some of the salt bins need refilling, Cllr Marshall will report these.

26.3 Cllr Harding thanked Cllr Marshall and Somerset Highways for sorting the flooding issue at Tolland Lane.

26.4 Cllr Hobson questioned whether the Council should look into electronic banking. He would assist the Parish Clerk in researching the possibilities with two signatories.

The next meeting will be the Village Annual Parish meeting for Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland at 7.00pm followed by the Parish Council AGM on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm