

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2024 at Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling, (Vice-Chair), Don Hobson, Mary Harding, David Oxley, Guy Sturgess, and Mark Peters.

Also in attendance Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, and PCSO Brianna Whelan and PCSO Vicky Henderson

No Questions from members of the Public

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

24.012. **Apologies** from Cllr Maeve Vickery

24.013. Cllr Charles Cox has sent his resignation letter to the Council with immediate effect. The Clerk to report to Somerset Council.

24.014. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Hobson declared a personal interest items 7 and 8.2 on the Agenda

24.015. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 15th January 2024 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

24.016. **Matters Arising** – None

24.017. **Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset Council:**
Planning applications have been sent to Councillors for comment.

22/24/0001 - Replacement of porch and reinstatement of window to the east gable of Court Farm, Lydeard Down Hill, Lydeard St Lawrence

41/24/0002 - Erection of extension to garage at Zeals Cottage, Tolland Road, Tolland (retention of part works already undertaken)

No objections to the above planning application.

24.018. **Funding Request for Defibrillator Box for outside of Primary School**
The school has reported it is unable to investigate this further at this time.

24.019. **Thank you Gift**

Cllrs would like to express their sincere thanks to Liz McConnell for all her hard work and dedication to the Newsletter over the past 10 years. Cllr would like to give Liz a gift as a thank you. It was agreed that this would be an Amazon Gift Card to the value of £100. This was proposed by Cllr Telling and Seconded by Cllr Harding. Cllr Marshall to get the gift card and give to Liz.

24.020. **Financial**

19.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.

19.2 Cllrs agreed to pay Liz £71.86 for Heart website hosting invoice
Proposed Cllr Telling seconded by Cllr Oxley

- 19.3 Cllr agree to help with request to finally support the Village Hall in hosting the Post office up until its closure of to the value of £432.
Proposed by Cllr Oxley and Seconded Cllr Sturgess
- 19.4 Cllrs agreed to pay Clerks Salary and Expenses £554.36
Proposed by Cllr Oxley and Seconded Cllr Sturgess

24.021. **Crime Report Newsletter and Blog from New PCSO Brianna Whelan**
was noted by the Council.

PCSO Brianna Whelan and PCSO Vicky Henderson were in attendance and answer the Cllrs Questions. The speed limit was discussed around the Primary School and the possibility of doing a survey. It was suggested that traffic problems can be reported Highways Police team who could then send a traffic officer for investigations in the area.

24.022. **Correspondence and items for information**
The following items were noted by the Council:
Road Closures

24.023. **Any other Business**

- A Thank you has been received from Tolland PCC for Churchyard Grant.
- It was reported that there is an issue with the road constantly flooded at Dyer's Barn. Someone has tried to resolve the problem, but the road is still flooded. To be reported.
- Cllr Sturgess has been looking into prices for Play Area equipment. Childrens apparatus is expensive. Gym equipment can be purchased for around £9000. It was thought a survey could be done to see what villagers wanted. Although now the newsletter is no longer being sent out how would this actually be distributed. It was thought the Parish Council could hold the email list Liz had for the newsletter distribution but would need to check with GDPR if the list can be transferred.
- The gate post at play field footpath entrance is rotted. Also, at the church entrance to the field along the footpath. Both to be reported.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

The Date of the Next Meeting is on Monday 22nd April 2024 and will be the APM & VAPM