

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 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, Mark Peters, Maeve Vickery and Andrew Venner.

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

20/16 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Tony Weir.

### 20/17 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Telling declared a personal Interest in item 6 on the Agenda (21.2)

20/18 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

### 20/19 **Matters Arising**

#### (20/11) **Highways/Roads Report Update**

Cllr Marshall reported on some of the activity within the Parish since reports had been made. Issues with subsidence on Tarr Road have had the area re-tarmacked.

Gullies and drains in Tolland and other areas have been cleared.

Some hedge cutting within Westleigh has caused debris to fill/block the drains, this has been reported, and SCC are looking into it.

Issues with parking on the zigzags lines by the school was still occurring.

(20/14) "**Awards for Service to the Community 2020**". Three suggestions were made, Cllr Marshall to make the nominations.

### 20/20 **Planning**

#### 06.1 **Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council:**

22/19/0021 Erection of single storey flat roofed extension on south elevation at Pipers Gate, Chapel Leigh Road, Lydeard St Lawrence (Amended scheme to 22/18/0018)

41/20/0001 Replacement of agricultural barn with the erection of home studios with agricultural storage at Burts Farmhouse Barn, East Town Lane, Tolland, Lydeard St Lawrence  
Both these planning applications have been referred to the planning committee.

#### 06.2 **Notification of any Somerset West and Taunton Council Decisions:**

*None Received.*

### 20/21 **Requests for Funding**

#### 21.1- Brendon Towers Way – Tolland

The churches within the Wivey and the Hills Benefice have set up a committee who are trying to organise a walk to link 8 Churches within its Benefice. Tolland Church is one of the churches on the proposed route. The committee are asking for donations to help towards the setup cost, including markers and leaflets. Cllrs agreed to a one-off donation of £50 towards the project. Proposed by Cllr Hobson and Seconded by Cllr Vickery 6-0-2

#### 21.2- School Garden Project

Students at the school are working on a project to help promote growing your own produce. They intend to have a Garden Club. The Church has agreed to the children having a corner section of the churchyard and the students have made a request to the Parish Council to assist **them with the** purchase of some equipment and fencing. Cllrs agreed to support the project. Cllr Marshall proposed that a donation of £100 be given to the student's project. This was seconded by Cllr Cox. 8-0-0

## 20/22 **Financial**

- 22.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council
- 22.2 Cllr noted received payment from Cricket Club for £5 rent for playing field
- 22.3 Cllrs agreed to Pay Clerks Salary £427 and Expenses £7.50  
Proposed by Cllr Harding                      Seconded by Cllr Telling
- 22.4 Cllrs agreed to ask Mary Abel again to be the internal Auditor

20/23 **Election of Parish Representatives:** Quantock Hills AONB Joint Advisory Committee  
No Councillors wished to be nominated as a representative. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk and Chairman to be delegated the powers to complete the voting process as there is no meeting before 16<sup>th</sup> April. All Cllrs agreed to this motion.

20/24 **Public consultations**

- Districtwide Design Guide
- Climate
- Dormant assets scheme

These Consultations were noted by the Council. It was not felt that a Parish Council response was necessary but individuals were encouraged to make comments.

20/25 **Crime Report.**            The Crime report was noted by the Council

## 20/26 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

Recycling Newsletter

Temporary road closures

Somerset Village of the Year 2020

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance - Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge - 17th May 2020

## 20/27 **Any other Business**

SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew gave his report. He spoke about the “Slim my Waste” campaign currently being rolled out across Somerset. This is to get more people to recycle food waste, and not place it in the black refuse bins.

More information can be found at <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/slimmywaste/>

A formal request has been received to assist with the refurbishment of Tolland Church Gates, this will be added to the next Agenda.

LsL Cricket Club has received the latest report on the play area equipment. This is to be reviewed on the next Agenda.

Cllr Hobson requested that the road closed, barriers and road diversion signs that were put in place when an emergency road closure was put in place on Nethercott Lane because of a fallen tree now be removed, as the road is now open. Cllr Marshall will report.

It was reported that a second pothole has appeared at Westowe. Cllr Peters to report.

Cllr Hobson ask what the age limit was to be a Councillor.

*The age limit for a Councillor is you must be 18, you must also be registered to vote.*

Covid-19 or Coronavirus is beginning to impact on people’s lives, with the thought that self-isolation is imminent and at-risk and elderly residents will need support. A local resident Kate Campbell has offered to support the coordination help. More information will be circulated in the coming days and weeks.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020