

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2023 at Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling, (Vice-Chair), Charles Cox, Don Hobson, Mary Harding, Guy Sturgess and Maeve Vickery

Also in attendance Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, and 2 members of the public

23.015. **Appointment of Parish Council Chairman**

Cllr Harding proposed that Jonathan Marshall be re-appointed as Chairman to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Cox. With no other proposals Cllr Marshall was appointed as Chairman.

Cllr Hobson then proposed that Debbie Telling to be re-appointed as Vice-Chairman to the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Cox. With no other proposals Cllr Telling was appointed Vice-Chairman.

23.016. **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Mark Peters and Tony Weir.

23.017. **Declarations of interest –**

Cllr Marshall declared a personal interest in item 10.2 on Agenda

Cllr Harding declared a personal interest in item 11 on Agenda

Cllr Sturgess declared a personal interest in item 9.1 on Agenda

23.018. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 6th March 2023 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

23.019. **Matters Arising –Playing Field Play Equipment and update** (23/08 (23.09.4 & 5), 22/85, 22/99) *The Invoice has been received for the cost of the replacement parts and inspection report which was agreed to be paid at a previous meeting. The inspection Invoice total is £122.40 and the cost of the replacement parts ordered is £1195.75 both including VAT which can be claimed back. Cllrs agree to paying both Invoice totals.*

- Cllrs agreed the money should come from CIL funds as it was for community use, and time limited, all agreed.
- An Invoice has also been received for the paint for the swings from Ed White, it was agreed to pay the Invoice but would need to be added to the next Agenda in order to authorise the payment.
- A request to help with the installation of a low fence around the play area has been made, Cllrs have asked that a full, firm proposal be presented to them before any considerations can be made.

23.020. **Appointment of Parish Council Committees** Now that all planning applications are received digitally, it was agreed there was no longer a need for a Planning Committee and that all Cllrs can now view applications and make comments.

23.021. **Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council:** *Planning applications have been sent to the planning committee for comment.*

22/23/0002 - Amendment to planning at 7 Nethercott Way, Erection of Garage

No further comments were made regarding this Planning application.

23.022. **Financial**

1. The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.
2. Accounts Audit and Financial year Report

The Parish Council Accounts for 2022/23 show a healthy balance. The Parish Council originally had £25,000 in the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) and requests of funds from local organisations continue to be made. £328.36 was spent on the Tolland Jubilee celebration. This fund now stands at £13852.66

23.025. **Tolland Community request to purchase equipment to host events.**

A request has been made to the CBF for the purchase of equipment to host events including tables, chairs and crockery. The quotes received for all goods is £2800. Cllrs requested some more information regarding past funds gained by Tolland Village, where the items will be stored, who would own the items and who would insure them. Storage was not a problem, with lots of barns in the village where the marque is currently stored. To be added to the next Agenda so the information can be gained.

23.026. **Crime Report Newsletter and Blog** was noted by the Council

23.027. **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

Recycling Newsletter

SWT Newsletters

23.028. **Any other Business**

Cllr Cox reported that the road diversion signage was still left on the sides of the roads, even after Cllr Rigby said he would look into it, a follow up email to be sent.

Cllr Cox also reported the rights of way signs are still missing around Knights Farm.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.00pm

The Date of Next Meeting is on Monday 12th June 2023