

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th May 2019 at 7.30 pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present: Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Mary Harding, Don Hobson, Andrew Venner, Maeve Vickery and Tony Weir, all of whom were Elected uncontested at the recent Election on 2nd May.

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, and 3 members of the public.

19/30 **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 Tony Weir. With no other proposals Cllr Marshall was appointed as Chairman. The Chairman then proposed that Debbie Telling to be re-appointed as Vice-Chairman to the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Vickery. With no other proposals Cllr Telling was appointed Vice-Chairman.

Cllrs all signed their Acceptance of Office forms and their Register of Interests forms.

19/31 **Apologies** from SWT Cllrs Anthony Trollope-Bellew and Mike Rigby.

19/32 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Hobson declared an interest in item 19/38.12

19/33 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 8th April 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

19/34 **Matters Arising**

19/15 **Tolland Village Signs**

Cllrs agreed that the signs should be replaced and funded from the Community Benefit Fund.

Cllr Marshall reported that he had contacted SCC to commission the work and was still awaiting a response.

19/18 **Dog Foul Bins**

Cllrs agreed to look into the cost of a public refuse bin to be placed on the roadside of the Playing Field fence that could be emptied similar to the bin located near the Village Hall by TDBC.

Cllr Marshall reported that he had contacted TDBC to request a price and was still awaiting a response.

19/26 **First Aid Training**

Cllr Marshall reported he had interest from 7 residents, 3 of whom are Councillors. It was thought that further interest would be needed before the Council could go ahead with running a First Aid course, no further interest has been received. A further notice will be placed in the newsletter. Cllrs thought that if it was advertised as free to the participants then more interest may be gained.

19/35 **Appointment of Parish Council Committees**

The Parish Council proposed to continue the Planning Sub-Committee. It was agreed that it should consist of 3 Cllrs, proposed to be on the committee by Cllr Vickery were Cllrs Telling, Hobson and Weir. This was seconded by Cllr Venner.

19/36 **Planning**

36.1 **Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council:** 22/19/0003 - Additional use of store barn to allow for housing of livestock in winter with additional use of slurry store to maximise water collection pit on land at Nethercott Lane, Lydeard St Lawrence (retention of works already undertaken)

41/19/0002 - Raising the roof, replacing the roof tiles and installing 3 dormer windows in the rear elevation, plus replacement of flat roof over garage with pitch roof at Heavens Above, Tolland (Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 15/05/2019.)

The above planning applications have been passed to the Planning Committee for Comment.

36.2 **Notification of any Somerset West and Taunton Council Decisions:**

41/19/0001 Erection of a two-storey extension to the rear and porch to the side of East Town Farm, East Town Lane, Tolland, Lydeard St Lawrence

Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 01/05/2019.

36.3 Parish Council Planning Review

SWT have emailed to say they are no longer sending paper Plans for Planning Applications.

Cllrs agreed that this was more environmentally friendly and that applications could be seen quicker by members of the committee. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the committee and cc the other councillors when an application is received. The committee would all send their response back to the clerk within the 21 day timeframe for a collation of comments. These would then be sent back to the committee for agreement before the Council's final comments are submitted.

SWT have also offered some training but a date has yet to be given.

19/37 Co-option of new Councillors - Candidates

With the full council being two seats short, an advert for candidates to come forward was placed in the newsletter and on the Notice boards but no candidates have come forward. It was suggested that the current Cllrs will try and find suitable candidates to fill the vacancies.

19/38 Financial

38.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council

38.2 The Accounts Audit and Financial Year Report was given by the clerk.

- The Parish Council Accounts for 2018/19 show a healthy balance.
- The Parish Council had £25,000 in the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) and requests of funds from local organisations have been made. £156 was spent on the Tolland Book Exchange signs. Further request has been made to replace the Tolland Village entrance signs.
- In 2018/19 the Parish council received more CIL money of £1210.59, adding to the £2050.67 already in the Fund. The Parish Council spent £719.85 on Sports Equipment for Community use at the playing fields and used £1500 on the Church public footpath resurfacing, along with £1000 from the Footpaths Fund previously agreed. This leaves the total in the CIL fund £1041.41. The Footpaths grants from TDBC of £300 was added to the fund, after the church footpath payment this fund now stands at £2000.

The annual grants from TDBC were forwarded to the Churches, and to the Cricket Club for the playing field and the Parish Council made Grants of £500 to the Village Hall Committee and Playing field.

- At the end of the year the ring-fenced budget for the Play Area fund stood at £3500, with another £500 due to be added in April 2019.
- The Council have £4238.51 in unrestricted reserves.

38.3 Cllrs agreed to approve the 2018/2019 Audit Report Governance Statement

Proposed Cllr Weir, Seconded Cllr Hobson

38.4 Cllrs agreed to approve the Accounting Statement 2018/19

Proposed Cllr Weir, Seconded Cllr Hobson

38.5 Banking Review and account signatories

Cllrs agreed its current banking and account signatories were acceptable.

38.6 The CIL Report and Payment of £1210.59 received was noted by the Council

38.7 The payment received from Cricket Club for Rent £5 was noted by the Council

38.8 Cllrs agreed to Pay Clerk Salary and Expenses of £439.80

Proposed Cllr Telling, Seconded Cllr Venner

38.9 Cllrs agreed to Pay Mary Abel £40 for Auditing Accounts and thanked her for a wonderful job done. This was Proposed Cllr Venner, Seconded Cllr Hobson

38.10 To Pay SALC Affiliation Fee, the Invoice has not been received so will be deferred.

38.11 Cllrs agreed to Pay Zurich Insurance £226.69.

Proposed Cllr Weir, Seconded Cllr Vickery

38.12 The Village Hall Hire charge has increased by 50p per hour to £5.50. Cllrs agreed to pay the increase. Proposed by Cllr Vickery Seconded by Cllr Harding.

19/39 Councillor Essentials Training

SALC are provide training at various locations, the nearest being at West Buckland Hall on 18th June from 7-9pm. The cost will be £25. Cllr Hobson is to attend.

19/40 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council

Crime Report

Recycling Newsletter

19/41 **Any other Business**

- A member of the public raised concerns over the works and planning application on Nethercott Lane and the manner in which the applicant has gone about it. The Parish Council have already commented on this planning application in line with the planning regulations.
- Cllr Weir reported that the ditches along the Chapel Leigh to Cob Castle lane needed clearing and should be done so regularly to avoid flooding and road subsidence. Cllr Marshall to report.
- Cllr Harding reported a large pothole on Tolland Lane
- Cllr Telling reported that the main road near to Ash Priors has had a bank removed, she questioned how this could happen without permission. As this is outside our parishes Cllr Marshall will speak to C Cllr Rigby.
- Cllr Telling reported that the Horse Pond, next to Sunnyside, flow pipe is blocked and is diverting water away from the pond. The pipe should be cleared. Cllr Marshall will investigate.

The next meeting will be on Meeting is on Monday 15th July

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm