

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

***The Parish Council were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Cllr Tony Weir. Before the meeting began a minute's silence was held as a mark of respect.***

Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Deborah Telling, (Vice-Chair and Chaired the meeting), Charles Cox, Don Hobson, Mary Harding, Mark Peters and Maeve Vickery

Also in attendance Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk.

No Questions and comments from members of the Public

No reports from County Councillors, a monthly newsletter update has been circulated.

23.042. **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Jonathan Marshall and Guy Sturgess.

23.043. **Declarations of interest** –

Cllr Hobson declared a personal interest in item 5 on Agenda

Cllr Harding declared a personal interest in item 7 on Agenda

23.044. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

23.045. **Matters Arising** –

A letter of thanks has been received from WAP for the Councils donation towards Wivey Link

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

22/23/0008 - Demolition of barn and erection of 1 No. dwelling with associated works at Hoccombe Farm, Hoccombe Road, Lydeard St Lawrence

22/23/0009/T - Notification to carry out management works to one Laurel tree within Lydeard St. Lawrence Conservation Area at the village hall, Lydeard Down Hill, Lydeard St. Lawrence

22/23/0010 - Proposal: Erection of stable building, formation of stone hard standing area and access track with widening of highways access point at Chapel Leigh Farm House, Chapel Leigh Lane, Lydeard St Lawrence

22/23/0011 - Proposal: Formation of enclosure to the north eastern elevation of the agricultural building on land north east of Tarr, Lydeard St Lawrence

No objections were received for any of the Planning applications

23.047. **Playing Field update**  
**1 Play Equipment**

The repairs have been finished and the Parish Council would like to express their grateful thanks to Edward for organising, ordering and repairing the play equipment and for his ongoing research in to the slide repairs.

**2 Dog Fouling Signs**

Cllr Marshall has the new signs and requested help to put them up securely at the playing field. Cllr Cox agreed to help.

**23.048. 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 from CBF comparison 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 marquee is currently stored.*

Tolland have set up a Community Group, they would own the equipment and have gained Insurance, certificate has been received by the Clerk.

The comparison from CBF spending is LsL total £6650 to Tolland's £4497.34

Two proposals were put forward.

Cllr Hobson proposed match funding up to a total of £1400, no one seconded

Cllr Peters proposed a donation of £1400 to pay towards the equipment requested. This was seconded by Cllr Vickery. A vote was then had on this proposal. 3-2-0, with a majority vote it was agreed to make the donation of £1400 towards the equipment as long as the receipts are presented to the Council.

It was asked if the VAT could be reclaimed, but as the goods have already been purchased, won't be in the Councils name and the money is a donation, this would not be possible.

**23.049. Financial**

1. The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.
2. Accounts Audit report
3. To Pay Mary Abel for Auditing the Accounts  
The internal Audit has not yet been completed so items 49.2 & 49.3 are to be added to the next Agenda.
4. Cllrs agreed to pay Ed White for Play Equipment Paint £88.54  
Proposed Cllr Cox,  
Seconded Cllr Peters
5. To Pay LSL Social Club for Coronation Event on recite receipts £200  
No receipts have been received so be added to the next Agenda.
6. Cllrs agreed to pay £75 for Dog Foul Signs  
Proposed Cllr Cox,  
Seconded Cllr Vickery

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

**23.051. Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:  
Recycling Newsletter  
SC Newsletters

**23.052. 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 Hobson has been asked by a resident if the Council could relook into the 20mph speed limit through the village. Cllrs agreed to speak to PCSO Louise Fyne and to Somerset Highways to see what their recommendations are for the village.

After the sad death of our Cllr Tony Weir, the Parish Council will now have to follow the procedures to replace his seat on the Council. The Clerk has reported to the electoral officer at Somerset Council, notices will be placed on the notice boards and website once they have been received of the formal notice of the vacant seat.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm

The Date of Next Meeting is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023