

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th June at 7.20pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present, Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charles Cox, Mary Harding, Don Hobson and Tony Weir.

In attendance, Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

17/38 **Apologies** from Cllr Edward White and Maeve Vickery, Borough Councillor Gwil Wren and PCSO Louise Fyne.

17/39 **Declarations of interest** – None Received

17/40 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 8th May 2017 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

17/41 **Matters Arising**

17/41.1 17/18 & 17/25 *Collar Signs - To proceed the Parish Council, need to submit a request for the works required for a quotation to Taunton Deane. Cllr Marshall had submitted the request for a quote to Taunton Deane and also requested the new maintenance manual. As yet Cllr Marshall has had no response.*

Cllr Marshall has now received the maintenance manual and quotation for three new triangular collar signs. The quotation was very vague and clarification is sought on whether the collars are cast iron and if the price includes fitting.

17/41.2 22/17/0007 & 22/17/0008/LB *works at Lower Tarr Farm, Tarr Road, Lydeard St Lawrence (amended scheme to application 22/16/0023 & 22/16/0024/LB)*

The Planning Sub-Committee would like better clarity on the proposals for the above Planning applications. Therefore, are unable to comment or make a decision on the Proposals.

Clarification had been received by the Parish Council and an Objection against the amendments was sent to Taunton Deane. The objection was against covering the courtyard as to cover it would spoil the character of the very old listed house. The house is in a very unspoilt area.

After further clarification from the Planning officer this objection was withdrawn as this had nothing to do with the amendments. The Parish Council now had No Comments to the amendments to the above planning.

17/41.3 17/30 **Tolland Phonebox/Kiosk**

Cllr Harding would gain quotes for the conversion and maintenance required. The cost of this work would come from the CBF.

Cllr Harding had gained two quotations for the maintenance required on the phone box in Tolland. Both quotes were for £250. One of the contractors, Laszlo Balint is also a carpenter, which is needed for the shelving and notice board. Cllrs agreed to go with Laszlo and to request a quote for the carpentry along with a second from another carpenter.

17/42 **Planning**

17/42.1 Notification of any Taunton Deane Decisions:

22/17/0005 Siting of static caravan for temporary dwelling at The Old Piggery, Tower Farm, Lydeard St. Lawrence REFUSAL

The Parish Council sought a better understanding of the intentions for the property at Dean's Cross Farm. The new owner Nigel Peck was in attendance at the meeting and spoke to the Council. He explained that his intention was to provide small units for local community based businesses to use. Currently he has some original tenants that were already in the units when he took on the property and has gained new tenants since taking over. He has also set up a meeting with the planning department at Taunton Deane and with the Borough Councillor on site so that he could

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

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get a better understanding of the potential of the site. Nigel Peck would then be in contact with the Parish Council again after this meeting.

22/17/0003/LB - Replacement of dormer window with conservation roof light, insertion of additional roof light and high level glazed opening to stud wall at Mill Barn, Nethercott Farm, Lydeard St Lawrence CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

22/17/0006 - Erection of single storey side extension at Little Downs Cattery, Lydeard St Lawrence (revised scheme) CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

22/17/0007 & 22/17/0008/LB - Works at Lower Tarr Farm, Tarr Road, Lydeard St Lawrence (amended scheme to application 22/16/0023) CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

The above decisions were noted by the Council.

17/42.2 Applications received for comment from Taunton Deane BC:

22/17/0010 - Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling with associated works to the rear of Allens Cottage, Lydeard St Lawrence

22/17/0011/T - Notification to fell one Wellingtonia tree and one Spruce (or similar) tree within Lydeard St. Lawrence Conservation Area at Allens Cottage, Lydeard Down Hill, Lydeard St. Lawrence

Both the above planning applications have been referred to the Planning Sub-Committee.

17/43 **Financial**

43.1 The Accounts Statement had been noted by the council

43.2 2016/2017 Accounts and Audit Report

Mary Abel has now carried out the Internal Audit of the accounts and she is satisfied that the accounts are a true and accurate account of the Parish Council's finances. A couple of comments were made, to have the whole calendar year's bank statements for the accounting year enclosed with the accounts, to have a risk assessment and list of assets stored in the minutes folder and to keep invoices ordered by cheque numbers. These were noted by the Clerk and Cllrs. Cllr Marshall thanked Mary for auditing the accounts.

43.3 Approve Annual Governance Statement

Cllrs adopted the Annual governance statement

43.4 Approve the Accounting Statement

Cllrs adopted the Accounting statement

The Period of exercise of Public Rights Dates will be 13th June to 25th July

43.5 Payment to Mary Abel for Auditing the Accounts of £40

The Council agreed to pay the above sum to Mary.

Proposed by Cllr Cox Seconded by Cllr Telling

43.6 Payment of the Clerks Salary £350 and Expenses of £9.80

The Council agreed to paying the Clerks salary and expenses.

Proposed by Cllr Weir Seconded by Cllr Harding

17/44 **Village Website and new Editor**

The new Editor Mike McConnell has now completed the new website and it can be seen online now. Cllrs agreed that he had done a brilliant job and would like to thank him for the speedy turn around. Any changes and additions have been requested and should be forwarded to Liz McConnell.

The Parish Council also would like thank Katharine Spry for all of her contributions over the years in keeping the website active and up to date.

17/45 Lydeard St Lawrence PCC Project

Churchwarden David Young would like to know the current position on the project to repair the War Memorial Path leading up to the church. The Parish Council have been waiting for a revised proposal from the Church for this project and had believed that this would coincide with the water supply project; according to Mr Young this was not now the case. Without Cllr Hele at the meeting and the Councils belief that a new project manager had been taken on by the PCC no further discussion could be made.

17/46 Correspondence and items for information

The following items of information were noted by the Council:

Road Closure - East Town Lane, Tolland, 3rd July

Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day – This would be passed onto the church as they had the flag pole.

Police Crime Report.

17/47 Any other Business

Cllr Harding would like to remind Cllrs and members of the parish to the Tolland Village Bash at Dobles House, Tolland, on Saturday 22nd July from 5pm onwards. With a Hog-Roast, local band 'Acoustic Routes' and a Bar in the Village Marquee - plus a Welly-Throwing competition and other games all in aid of our 13th century Church.

Cllr Weir inquired if we the Parish Council has had further correspondence from the School regarding its new Smart Boards and gaining funds from the CBF. With no further correspondence received Cllr Telling would enquire the current position of the school.

The next meeting will be on Monday 17th June 2017 at 7.30pm.

With no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.25pm