

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present, Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charles Cox, Don Hobson, Matt Hele, Mary Harding, Edward White and Maeve Vickery

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Gwil Wren, County Councillor Mike Rigby, Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, and Andrew Venner.

18/50 **Apologies** from PCSO Louise Fyne.

18/51 **Declarations of interest** – None received

18/52 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

### 18/53 **Matters Arising**

#### 53.1 **Lydeard St Lawrence Parish Playground Project** - update (18/43.2,17/102.1)

Cllr Hele reported that he is still waiting for a 3<sup>rd</sup> quote. He has interest from the new Headmaster at the Primary School, Chris Rutland, and is hoping that he is happy to work with the project. The Cricket Club have requested some equipment that can be in place quickly such as football goals etc. A formal request for this will be put together for the next meeting. The cricket club have a new safety report which Cllr Hele will look at in more detail.

#### 53.2 **Village Defibrillator in Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland** (18/44.4,17/71)

Cllr Marshall has spoken with the Cricket Club Chairman, who is going to speak to the rest of the club.

#### 18/54 **Parish Council Vacancy – Co-option**

Cllr Hobson proposed Andrew Venner to be co-opted onto the Parish Council as he lives in the Village, this was seconded by Cllr Hele and agreed *nem. con.*

Andrew Venner signed the Declaration of Acceptance. The Chairman then welcomed Mr Venner onto the Council.

### 18/55 **Planning**

#### 55.1 **Applications received for comment from Taunton Deane BC:**

22/18/0011 Erection of replacement porch on the front elevation and expose original stonework on east gable end at 4 Victoria Terrace, Lydeard St Lawrence.

Cllrs agreed to support this application.

22/18/0010 Creation of water run off collection pit and landscape bund on land at Nethercott Lane, Lydeard St Lawrence. (retention of works already undertaken)

The Planning Committee have concerns over this, with further development continuing to add to the damaged state of Nethercott Lane. Also concerns were raised over the risk of overflow and erosion of the lining of the pit.

#### 55.2 **Notification of any Taunton Deane Decisions:**

None Received

### 18/56 **Financial**

56.1 The Accounts Statement had been noted by the Council.

56.2 To Pay Clerks Salary and Expenses of £414.60

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

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Proposed Cllr Hobson,  
Agreed unanimously.

Seconded Cllr Vickery.

**18/57 Speeding through Tolland Village**

An issue with excessive speeding has been raised through the Village of Tolland. The speed limit in the Village is national speed limit (60 mph), so what we are looking at is probably more a case of careless or dangerous driving. It is probably not possible for the speed limit to be reduced as the housing is not dense enough for it to be introduced. Cllrs agreed to place a notice in the newsletter and any complaints of dangerous driving should be reported to the PCSO.

**18/58 Electoral Review of Somerset West and Taunton: Draft Recommendations**

Cllrs agreed that the new group proposed for Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland were with similar villages and should work well together; the new area would have two councillors. The Cllrs felt a comment at this stage is not required.

**18/59 Correspondence and items for information**

Crime Report

Lend a Hand – Fingerposts – Cllr Marshall has had an interest from a couple of residents who are going to do the training in order to help him with the local fingerposts restoration.

**Any other Business**

County Councillor Mike Rigby spoke to the Council. He is concerned over the financial position of Somerset County Council and the Local Councils in Somerset. It is felt that a Unitary Council could be formed for the whole of Somerset, this would help save money and be better for customer services.

Fair funding has been requested in the Council, but cuts will still be made with the subsidised buses ending next year. Adult Social Care is also affected by lack of funding. Two small improvements schemes have been approved. A footpath along the A358 in Norton Fitzwarren and a junction improvement at the Farmers Arms, Combe Florey. The Voucher scheme is still available for residents in slow Broadband areas.

Borough Councillor Gwil Wren then spoke to the Council, he also spoke about the unitary Council and how the number of Councillors will reduce significantly.

The Somerset West and Taunton Council now have a shadow authority and will help the transition and making the new Council able to run from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. The restructuring of staff has begun with the Planning Department most affected by retirement and officers stepping down.

The new warding patterns will affect Cllr Wren's area and will most likely see Lydeard St Lawrence with a new Borough Councillor. He reminded the Parish Council of the Elections next May.

Cllr Harding requested information regarding the erection of an aeroplane hangar at a farm in Tolland. Planning permission has not been sought and the owners have been told to apply for retrospective planning permission from TDBC.

Cllr Harding also asked if the Tolland Village signs could be repainted as they are looking tired. Cllr Marshall will investigate this possibility. New signs could cost £300 and maybe an alternative option would be to replace them.

Reports of a drone hovering over Westleigh have been received. This will be monitored and if continues reported to the PCSO.

The phone box in Lydeard St Lawrence has now finally been removed. The Book Exchange in Tolland now has some flower planters thanks to the Tolland Fund.

Cllr Hele has been in talks with the Primary School Headmaster Chris Rutland who is keen to work with the village in the Remembrance Centenary celebrations. Maureen Young has taken the lead on this and is co-ordinating all organisations within the village.

Cllr Cox raised an issue with building works happening at Hoccombe Farm. This will be reported to TDBC Planning Enforcement.

Paul Yeomans is hopeful that the works on the Church path can start next week once the school breaks up for the holidays. The contractors are able to keep the footpath open as people will still be able to use the small side gate.

The next meeting will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm