

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2024 at Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling, (Vice-Chair), Don Hobson, Mary Harding, David Oxley, and Mark Peters.

No Questions from members of the Public

County Councillors Report - a monthly newsletter update has been circulated.

24.046 **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Guy Sturgess and Maeve Vickery.

24.047 **Declarations of interest** – None.

24.048 **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 3rd June 2024 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

24.049 **Matters Arising** – The verges near Stoney Cross were cut by the County Council, but the flooding near Dyer's Barn has still not been addressed.

24.050 **Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset Council:**
None received.

24.051 **Parish Clerk Post**

The Chairman reported that he had re-advertised the post in the *Fiveways* magazine and the SALC website, but no applications had been received. He was aware that the Parish Clerk of Bishops Lydeard had resigned and would contact him directly to ask if he might be interested in taking on the post for us. He also planned to ask the Parish Clerks of Combe Florey and West Bagborough if either of them would be prepared to take on our post in addition to their own, given that one Parish Clerk acted for both Monksilver and Stogumber PCs. This, the Chairman stated, was very much the last throw of the dice. If a Clerk could not be found we would have to rely on locums, as the Parish Council could not function without a Clerk. Cllr Peters raised the possibility of amalgamation with another Parish Council if we were unable to resolve the issue.

24.052 **Financial**

1. Audit Report. Councillors accepted the Audit Report prepared by Mary Abel and noted that apart from a few minor queries the accounts were in good order.

2. Councillors agreed to pay Mrs Abel's invoice of £50 for auditing the accounts. Proposed by Cllr Telling, seconded by Cllr Harding. All in favour.

24.053 **Crime Report Newsletter and Blog from New PCSO Brianna Whelan**
None received this month.

24.054 **Correspondence and items for information**
None received.

24.055 **Any other Business**

- The Chairman reported that the Short Mat Bowls Club, which had been moribund for some time, had finally wound up. The club's monetary assets were to be divided between the Village Hall and the Playing Field fund. We could expect to receive about £735.
- Cllr Harding reported that Tolland's Summer Solstice event had been a success, and thanked Cllr Oxley for his work on it.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 7.50 pm

The Date of the Next Meeting is on Monday 9th September 2024.