

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

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

In attendance, Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.

17/48 **Apologies** from Cllr Maeve Vickery, Borough Councillor Gwil Wren and PCSO Louise Fyne.

17/49 **Declarations of interest** – None Received

17/50 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

### 17/51 **Matters Arising**

17/51.1            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. 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.*

Cllr Marshall has gained clarification on the quotation. The price quoted is £491.88 and this is for all three signs at Thornbush Cross, Tolland Elm and Dean's Cross and includes installation and for Ductile collar signs, similar to Cast Iron Signs.

Cllrs agreed to the installation of all three collar signs.

Proposed by Cllr Hobson      Seconded by Cllr Cox

### 17/51.2            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.*

Cllr Harding received a quote only today for the cost of the shelving and Notice board, therefore would need to be discussed at the next meeting and added to the Agenda.

### 17/52.1 **Planning**

Applications received for comment from Taunton Deane BC:

None received

Notification of any Taunton Deane Decisions:

None received

### 17/52.2 **Planning Committee Review**

Cllr Hele wishes to step down from the Planning Committee.

Cllrs all agreed to Cllr Hobson replacing Cllr Hele on the committee and thanked Cllr Hele for all his contributions whilst on the Committee.

### 17/53 **Financial**

The Accounts Statement had been noted by the council

**17/54 NHS Health Check Clinic**

Village Agent Gaby Bellamy has set up a Health Check Clinic for Tuesday 12th September in the Village Hall. The Village hall committee agreed to waver the cost of the Hall Hire but has asked if the Parish Council would make a donation toward the electricity. Cllrs agreed to pay £10 towards the electricity donation. Proposed by Cllr Telling      Seconded Cllr Weir

**17/55 Correspondence and items for information**

The following items of information were noted by the Council:

Recycling SWP Briefing

Police Crime Report and Avon and Somerset PCC Newsletter.

**17/56 Community Benefit Fund –**

**Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School White Boards and Maths Equipment Funding Request**

Kate Stannard, a parent and PTFA member from the Primary school has requested funding from the CBF for much needed equipment for the school. She has requested £8,388 for new white boards and £2,636 for new math equipment. Cllrs agreed to making a donation of £4,000, a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the requested money to the school to be used as they best thought towards the Maths equipment and White Boards. Proposed Cllr Hobson      Seconded Cllr Telling

**17/57 Any other Business**

Nigel Peck spoke to the Council. He has now met with Taunton Deane planning department and had gained an idea of what the site could be used for, subject to detailed planning permission. Mr Peck intends to rationalise the large dairy building into smaller-sized individual business units; there have already been expressions of interest from potential tenants. A timber-clad lean-to extension on the west end of the dairy is also envisaged.

Mr Peck would also like to convert the former cold store building to a mixture of residential and business units, and relocate the old farm shop to enable better management of traffic and parking. Discussion is still ongoing between Mr Peck and TDBC regarding development of the old piggery building at the east end of the site. Mr Peck wishes to convert this redundant building into a 2-bedroom affordable accommodation unit to be rented to Mr Philip Thorne, whose rental cottage will be sold. The Council thanked Mr Peck for his detailed explanation of his plans for the site.

The Giga Clear Broadband Project has now started in Bath and North-East Somerset so it is hopefully that this would soon move to West Somerset.

Cllr Hele and Cllr White have received the Safety Report form the Cricket Club for the play area. A couple of areas have observations on the equipment but the Seesaw has some immediate attention warnings on it and should be removed. Cllrs agreed that this should be done as soon as possible and Cllr Weir agreed to assist with his tractor and loader

The litter bin next to the village hall has fallen to the floor and has broken fittings. Cllr Marshall would look at it and repair it if he could.

Some of the Salt bins in the Parish have been moved and used as rubbish bins. The Salt bin at Neathercott Cross has been hit by a large vehicle and has been damaged. This damage would be reported to TDBC. Also, a hole in the ditch in Tolland is a cause for concern and this would also be reported.

The Memorial Plaque on the village is no longer readable as the lettering has no colouring. Cllr Telling would speak to the company that installed it to see if the Council could gain the correct paint to fill in the lettering.

Cllr Weir informed the council that the grass verge cutting was not completed to an acceptable standard and a complaint should be made from the council.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm.

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