

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present: Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charlie Cox, Mary Harding, Andrew Venner.

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk.

19/54 **Apologies** from SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew, Don Hobson, Maeve Vickery and Tony Weir.

### 19/55 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Venner declared an interest in the Finance items 59.4 & 59.5

19/56 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

### 19/57 **Matters Arising**

19/41 *Cllr Weir reported that the ditches along the Chapel Leigh to Cob Castle lane needed clearing, and should be done so regularly to avoid flooding and road subsidence. Cllr Marshall to report.* No further updates or responses.

### 19/58 **Planning**

**58.1 Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council:**  
22/19/0011 - Erection of single-storey side extension at Little Downs Cattery, Lydeard St Lawrence

22/19/0012 - Erection of two-storey extensions and a detached garage/workshop and office at Deans Cross Cottage, Lydeard St Lawrence

The above planning applications have been passed to the Planning Committee for comment with no objections.

**58.2** *The below planning applications have been passed to the Planning Committee and comments made during the consultation period which has now ended.*

22/19/0010 - Erection of a building for agricultural storage use with demolition of part of a building on the land adjoining Friendship Hall, Lydeard St Lawrence.

### **58.3 Notification of any Somerset West and Taunton Council Decisions:**

None received

### 19/59 **Financial**

59.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council

59.2 The Parish Council has received Grants from SWT totalling £1905

59.3 Cllrs agreed to pay Clerk's salary £427 and expenses £6.30; total of £433.30

Proposed Cllr Venner,                      Seconded Cllr Telling

59.4 Cllrs agreed to forward the SWT Grants to:

Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket Club playing field grant 735.00

Lydeard St Lawrence PCC £650.00

Tolland PCC £220.00

Keep Footpath Grant; add to fund £300

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

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59.5 Cllrs agreed to pay the Parish Council Grants to  
Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall Committee £500.00  
Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket Club £500.00

The above payments were collectively proposed by Cllr Cox and Seconded by Cllr Telling

#### 19/60 **Updates**

##### 19/60.1 (19/15) **Tolland Village Signs**

Cllr Marshall reported that he has had a site visit with SCC and agreed that the West entrance Tolland sign would be moved up the road to the edge of the village by the entrance to the chicken farm. The East entrance sign would only need a replacement sign and use the existing posts. SCC have sent an estimate for the works to be carried out of £326.80 and does not include VAT. Cllrs agreed the work should go ahead.

##### 19/60.2 (19/18) **Dog Foul Bins**

Cllr Marshall reported that he had contacted SWTC to request a price and was still awaiting a response.

##### 19/60.3 (19/26) **First Aid Training**

With no further interest it was agreed that it was not feasible to run the first aid course.

#### 19/61 **Route 60+**

Somerset County Council Road Safety team wish to run a presentation for older drivers, called Route 60+. It is aimed at the over 60's and the main thrust is to talk about safer driving for the over 60s. But in addition, they also get representatives from the Police, Fire Service, NHS and a probate solicitor to be there on the day to give a brief talk on their particular bit and the sort of thing that they could offer.

There is also the opportunity to sign up for a free assessed drive in your own car with an IAM (Institute of Advance Motorists) person and get the fire brigade to come and do a free check on your house and its smoke detectors.

Liz McConnell is going to attend a presentation in December to be held in Dulverton to see if this is something that Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland should consider offering.

#### 19/62 **May 2019 election surveys**

Cllrs were encouraged to complete the survey; some have already done so.

#### 19/63 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council

Crime Report

SWP Briefing August 2019 - Plastics Q&A special

Temporary road closures:

Temporary Closure of Hoccombe Road - 2<sup>nd</sup> October for 3 days

Recycling Newsletter – after reading the newsletter Cllr Harding wished to object to the SCC spending £118,000 on bin stickers. This is money that could be better spent elsewhere in the current financial climate.

#### 19/64 **Any other Business**

Cllr Marshall thanked Liz McConnell and Cllr Hobson for organising such a great Horticultural Show.

Bill Jenman of the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme Development Officer wishes to apply for a lottery grant to support works on the Quantocks and wishes to have a letter of support from the Parish Council. Cllrs agreed to Cllr Marshall sending the letter.

Cllr Telling has reported to SCC that the hedgerows in Quickbeam Lane, Middle Tarr Lane and some of Nethercott Lane have not been cut. This will be reported again.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.00pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October