

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th September 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, Maeve Vickery, Edward White and Tony Weir.

In attendance, Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk.

17/65 **Apologies** None received

17/66 **Declarations of interest** – None received

17/67 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 17th July and extraordinary meeting on 7th August were agreed as an accurate record.

17/68 **Matters Arising**

68.1 (17/57) Salt Bin at Nethercott Lane and Litter Bin by Village Hall

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. The Salt bin at Nethercott Cross has been hit by a large vehicle and has been damaged. This damage would be reported to TDBC.

Cllr Marshall has fixed the bin and added Hi-visibility tape to the Salt Bin at Nethercott Cross.

68.2 (17/62 (17/41.3, (17/30))) Tolland Phone Box Shelving and Notice Board

Cllr Harding had gained two quotations for the maintenance required on the phone box in Tolland. Both quotes were for £250. Laszlo no longer wishes to give a quote for the carpentry but will continue with the paintwork as agreed previously. Cllr Harding has gained a Quotation from Andy Coleman for making a book shelf and notice board. Total £342.00. Cllrs agreed to getting Andy to complete the necessary carpentry work for the phone box.

Laszlo is now no longer able to complete any works on the Phone box so it was therefore decided to go back to the original quote from Trevor Johnson who would be able to start the works, weather permitting, on 4th October. Andy Colman would then complete his works after the painting was complete.

68.3 (17/51.1 (17/25)) Collar Signs

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.

The work to install the three Collar signs has been delayed. With payment already having been made, the council agreed to wait for SCC to carry out the work.

68.4(17/56) CBF – L st L 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 1/3rd of the requested money to the school to be used as they best thought towards the Maths equipment and White Boards.

Chairman Cllr Marshall has received a written thank you from the Primary School for the grant towards the new equipment. They have already started match funding and hope that the new equipment can be installed early next year.

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17/69 **Planning**

69.1 **Applications received for comment from Taunton Deane BC:**

22/17/0017/T Notification to fell one Eucalyptus tree at Middlethatch Cottage,

22/17/0018/T Notification to fell two birch trees at Lilac Cottage

22/17/0010 Amendments to the application of the erection of 1 dwelling at Allen's Cottage

The Council are in support of these applications

69.2 22/17/0016/CP Prior approval for proposed change of use from storage or distribution buildings (Class B) and any land within its curtilage to dwelling house (Class 3) at Piggery, Deans Cross, Lydeard Lawrence.

The Parish Council Object to the prior approval. To convert the piggery into a residential property would be a loss of Business use and Employment use. It is not a suitable location for residential.

The Parish Council were told the units at Deans Cross would be available to help support local businesses, this has not happened as yet and converting into residential takes away further potential for business uses.

69.3 **Notification of any Taunton Deane Decisions:**

22/17/0011/T To fell tree at Allens Cottage - No objection

22/17/0013/T To fell two Cypress trees at Pond House - No Objection

Tree Preservation Order Confirmation at Squires Copse

The above notifications were noted by the Council.

17/70 **Financial**

70.1 The Accounts Statement had been noted by the Council

70.2 Payment received from Tincknells for Newsletter advert, £35

70.3 Payment received for VAT refund for Cricket Club Fencing £730

70.4 Payment received from L St L Cricket club of £1000 towards Fencing

70.5 Payment has been made for Collar Signs to Somerset County Council of £491.88

(17/51.1)

70.6 Payment has been made to Primary School for White Boards £4000 (17/56)

The above payments have been noted by the Council

70.7 Payment received from TDBC for rent of Village hall for Elections, payment to be forwarded onto Village Hall Committee.

Cllrs agreed to forward the payment onto the Village Hall Committee

Proposed by Cllr Telling Seconded Cllr Hele

70.8 To make a payment donation towards NHS Health Check Clinic of £10 (17/54)

Cllrs agreed to the payment to the Village Hall Committee

Proposed by Cllr Harding Seconded Cllr Weir

70.9 To Pay Clerks Salary and Expenses of £6.70

Cllrs agreed to the payment of £356.70

Proposed by Cllr Hobson Seconded Cllr Vickery

70.10 To pay Liz for Parish Newsletter ink £39.55

Cllrs agreed to the payment to Liz and thanked her for her continued work on the Village Newsletter.

Proposed Cllr White Seconded Cllr Vickery

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70.11 To reimburse Chairman £43 for paint (for the fingerposts)
Cllrs agreed to the Payment of £43 towards paint for the signs
Proposed Cllr Hobson Seconded Cllr Cox

70.12 Audit Conclusion and Notice for display
Cllrs noted The Audit Conclusion letter from Grant Thornton and the Notice has been displayed on the Website and Village Notice Board.

17/71 Correspondence and items for information

The Following items of information were noted by the Council

Recycle August

Road Closure

Somerset Rivers Authority End of Year Report for 2016-17.

Play Areas Grant Scheme letter

Inspection and Repair of Inflatables letter

Crime Report from PCSO Louse Fyne

Avon and Somerset Police Commission Report

Defibrillator Grant letter

Cllr Vickery was keen to investigate the grant funding further after receiving some training over the weekend showing how simple to use and effective they were to have nearby. Cllrs Agreed that Cllr Vickery should look into costs and the Grants available. With the Grant closing date 30th September, Cllr Vickery would communicate to the Council if a decision was needed to take the project forward quickly.

17/72 Chairman's Report and Update

– verge cutting and the road works at East Town Lane

Since the previous meeting, where the standard of Verge Cutting was completed to an unacceptable standard (17/57) a complaint has been made to the County Council. Further verge cutting has been completed within the parish, this also has not been finished to an acceptable standard and a second complaint has been made and noted by SCC. Cllr Weir will speak to Borough Cllr Wren regarding this matter.

The hole in the ditch in Tolland that was a cause for concern and reported has now been rectified and completed to a very high standard. Cllrs wished to thank SCC for their good work in fixing the road and this should be forwarded onto them. Cllr Marshall would forward on the Councils praise.

17/73 Any other Business

Cllr Marshall had contacted BT to ask when the redundant telephone box in Lydeard St Lawrence would be removed. They replied that it was all dependent on their contractors and so a firm date could not be given.

Cllr Harding asked the Council if they had heard of White Space Broadband being an alternative source for areas not receiving suitable broadband? Cllrs did not have any information and Cllr White agreed to research further information.

Cllr Weir gave his apologies for the next meeting on Monday 16th October at 7.30pm.

With no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.00pm.