

# Lydeard St. Lawrence and Tolland Newsletter

## October 2023

### PARISH COUNCIL

#### Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Jonathan Marshall, (Chairman) Deborah Telling, (Vice-Chair), Charles Cox, Don Hobson, Mary Harding, Mark Peters, Guy Sturgess and Maeve Vickery

Also in attendance Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, Faye Cross Liaison Officer from Airband and County Cllr Mike Rigby.

No Questions or Comments from members of the Public

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

Cllr Rigby understood the frustrations of taxpayers in them 'paying more, getting less', as they are looking at setting next year's budget, but are finding that most funding is going towards adult social care and children's services in the county, with no set limit to resources required; this is a national issue, and some Councils are in a worse situation than Somerset. It is likely some will go into administration, in these cases central government will ask for all non-essential items to be dropped, and the focus be on essential running of the Council. Councils are unable to increase their budgets at the same rate as increases to expenses and inflation.

Cllrs thanked Cllr Rigby for attending the meeting.

23.053. Faye Cross gave an update on the current (*Airband*) project in the area and is hopeful that the project can be completed by the end of October, even with some issues after a road closure was unable to be implemented. Anyone who has not already done so and would like to receive the new fast broadband should register their interest, installation is free and a monthly charge from £20/month up to £40/month.

23.054. **Apologies** None

23.055. **Declarations of interest** – None

23.056. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

23.057. **Matters Arising** –

(23.046) *Planning* – The possible planning breach at Hurley View has been rectified, the installation of obscured glass has been completed correctly to comply with the planning conditions.

(23.052) *AOB – Hedge Cutting*, this still has not been carried out in all areas of the Parish, Cllr Telling has reported it, and will do so again.

The *Potholes* that were reported on Lydeard Down Hill have been filled in.

23.058. **Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset Council:**

*Planning applications have been sent to Councillors for comment.*

22/23/0017/T – To fell 5 Trees at Glebe Cottage, Westowe Hill. LSL

22/23/0015 – Variation of Conditions 2 & 3 at Pyleigh Bungalow, Pyleigh Manor Farm Lane, LSL

22/23/0014 – Erection of 2 Storey extension at 7 Nethercott Way, LSL

Cllrs have no objections to the above planning applications.

23.059. **Tolland Book exchange broken glass**

Cllr Harding reported that one of the panes of glass on the book exchange is broken, it was suggested that it be replaced with Perspex rather than glass to avoid the issue happening again. Cllr Harding to ask the Tolland Community Group (TCG) if they have anyone able to replace the glass.

23.060. **Minehead & Watchet Local Community Network LCN 13th July Report**

Cllr Rigby intends to attend the next LCN meeting and are looking at echoing the pattern to Exmoor area has taken. Cllr Telling and Marshall to also attend.

23.061. **Casul Vacancy – Co-option of New Councillor**

Cllr Marshall has a candidate in mind but would like to ask them first before sharing their details, Cllr Harding to also ask TCG as Tolland could be represented if Cllr Marshall be a LSL Cllr.

23.062. **Financial**

1. The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.
2. Cllrs agreed to Pay Clerks Salary £547.56 and Expenses of £5.85  
Proposed Cllr Cox,                      Seconded Cllr Telling.

23.063. **Crime Report Newsletter and Blog** was noted by the Council.

PCSO Louise Fyne has today announced that she will be leaving the force from 4<sup>th</sup> October after 15 years as part of our beat area. Cllrs expressed their thanks to Louise and wished her success for her future. If anyone wished to see Louise before she leaves, she will be attending the coffee morning on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

Recycling Newsletter

SC Newsletters

23.064. **Any other Business**

- The 10 Parish Festival is happening this week and 10 Radio have asked for Cllrs to speak on the lunch time show through the week, unfortunately no Cllrs are available.
- The school Bus has reported a low hanging tree branch near Forge House, to be reported to Somerset Highways, but it is likely to be the landowner who will be required to trim the branch back.
- The road closure signs have still not been collected. To be reported again.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

The Date of Next Meeting is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023