

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present, Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charles Cox, Matt Hele, Don Hobson, Maeve Vickery and Andrew Venner.

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation from Bill Jenman, of the Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership Scheme about how they are making a Lottery Funding Bid to enhance the Quantock Hills and surrounding landscape.

18/68 **Apologies** from Cllrs Mary Harding and Edward White and PCSO Louise Fyne.

18/69 **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Telling declared an interest in Planning 22/18/0014. (18/72)

18/70 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

### 18/71 **Matters Arising**

*The CIL Annual Return was not available for review, this will be added to the next Agenda. 18/65.2. The report has now been created and viewed by the Parish Council. The CIL fund stands at £2020.67 at the Start of the year but £1500 was spent on Church footpath leaving £550.67 to be spent in the next 3 years.*

*Mr Mike Campbell made a request to the Parish Council to assist in funding some football equipment costing £500.*

*Cllrs agreed that this was a good idea, a formal request with 2 quotations would need to be submitted and further research was requested on the partnership required for the upkeep of the playing field with the Playing Field Committee and Cricket Club.*

The Playing Field Committee and Cricket Club are on board with the idea and the Football Group would like to go ahead with the purchase of the equipment. At the time of the Agenda being published the written request had not been received, this will be added to the December Agenda for Councillors' decision. Councillors agreed that 1 formal request with costings would be acceptable for this request.

### 18/72 **Planning**

#### **72.1 Applications received for comment from Taunton Deane BC:**

22/18/10014/T Notification to fell one Larch tree within Lydeard St Lawrence Conservation Area at The Manor House, Lydeard St Lawrence. The Planning Committee will make No Comment on this planning application.

22/18/0016 Demolition of single storey garage and store and erection of single storey kitchen, carport and garden room/office to north-east elevation at Forge House, Lydeard St Lawrence

The Parish Council support this application but have some concerns over previous flooding at the location. Councillors suggest that suitable drainage for the works proposed should be carried out.

## **72.2 Notification of any Taunton Deane Decisions:**

22/18/0010 Creation of water run off collection pit and landscape bund on land off Nethercott Lane, Lydeard St Lawrence (retention of part works already undertaken)  
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

22/18/0012/LB - Installation of solar panels to the south facing lincay roof with replacement of roofing panels at Chapel Leigh Farm House, Chapel Leigh Lane, Lydeard St Lawrence.  
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

## **18/73 Financial**

73.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council

## **18/74 Review Policies**

**Standing Orders:** Chairman Marshall proposed the following changes.

**1.2** - I suggest we delete "behave offensively in meetings" as this would be a purely subjective judgement, and any objectionable behaviour is already covered by the category of "bringing the Council into disrepute".

**1.4** - The last sentence here partially contradicts what is stated in the Code of Conduct. I suggest we replace it with:

"If a Councillor has made a declaration of interest for an item of business on the agenda, he or she may not participate in a discussion of, or vote on, the matter and may be required to withdraw from the meeting. For further details, see the section on Declaration of Interest in the Members' Code of Conduct."

**3.15** - The title should be Responsible Finance Officer.

**9.1** - Suggest we amend the first line to read "Should it not be appropriate or practicable to convene a special meeting then any..."

### **Code of Conduct**

**Front page** - Replace Nic Tall's details with Lorna Thorne's.

Cllrs agreed to these changes and updates to be made.

## **18/75 Correspondence and items for information**

Crime Report

Recycling Newsletter

All Areas SALC meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> Oct

West Somerset Railway Learning Officer Job Advertisement

Somerset Prepared, Resilience Day Workshops, 25<sup>th</sup> October

Tolland Mobile Library to stop from Jan 2019

Remembrance Parade Invitation

## **18/76 Any other Business**

A tree near the old village pond has been removed and a resident had asked if the correct permissions had been sought. As this was a dead tree no planning permission was needed and no further action is required.

Cllr Marshall thanked the Councillors for their current term in office and urged all Councillors to consider standing for the next term starting in May 2019.

Cllr Hele requested that the Parish Council place a wreath on the Remembrance Day Memorial. Cllrs agreed and Cllr Marshall would purchase the wreath for reimbursement and the next meeting. It was suggested that the school and cricket club also be approached.

Cllr Venner request that some of the local footpaths could be improved, some areas are very boggy and others have broken stiles. As the Council have a footpath fund of £2000 it was agreed that this could be spent on improving some of the footpaths. Cllr Venner would investigate further and report back at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm