

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th October at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present, Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charles Cox, Mary Harding, Don Hobson, Maeve Vickery and Edward White.

In attendance, Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk and 3 Members of the public.

17/74 **Apologies** Cllr Weir, Borough Councillor Gwil Wren and PCSO Louise Fyne

17/75 **Declarations of interest** – None received

17/76 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 11th September were agreed as an accurate record.

17/77 **Matters Arising**

*(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 waive 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. (17/70.8)*

The NHS Health Check Clinic got cancelled by the company running it but some residents with appointments didn't get notified, nor did the Village Hall key holder or Village Agent Gaby Bellamy. Gaby was on hand to try and resolve the issue as best she could. The company then tried to run the clinic the following day but had not informed the relevant people. Both Gaby and the Parish Council are upset by the whole situation and both will express their disappointment to the organising company. Cllrs agreed that if run correctly then it is a great thing to offer the community and therefore should try to re-arranged if possible.

17/78 Planning

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

22/17/0019 Variation of Condition No 3, materials to be used on external surfaces of application 22/16/0005 at Hoccombe Barn

This application has been withdrawn

22/17/0020 Change of use of Cold Store Building (Class B) into 2 No. dwellings, 2 No. offices and 3 No. workshops with insertion of first floor at Tower Farm, Deans Cross to Broad Oak, Lydeard St Lawrence.

The Parish Council Object to the proposal to create 2 residential dwellings. It would lead to a loss of units for business use and the associated employment opportunities. Change to residential use may also cause issues with future business/employment use of the rest of the site. The site is essentially a small industrial estate and is not a sustainable location for residential development, being remote from public transport and other amenities.

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

22/17/0014 Construction of lean-to roof on garage to form an open fronted log store at Lydeard Down Cottage, Lydeard St Lawrence **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

22/17/0017/T Notification to fell one Eucalyptus tree at Middle Thatch Cottage,
No Objections

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

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22/17/0018/T Notification to fell two birch trees at Lilac Cottage No Objections
22/17/0010 The Erection of 1 dwelling at Allen's Cottage CONDITIONAL APPROVAL
The above notifications were noted by the Council.

78.3 Nethercott Way Planning Query – Football Posts

A resident has asked if the Parish Council can discuss whether or not the Football Posts in the field behind Nethercott way should be there and would like them removed. The issue was first raised with the Parish Council in May 2011 (11/40.2 and 11/47.2) At this time the Parish Council spoke with the landowner and the matter was referred to the TDBC Planning Department.

This is still the position of the Parish Council, and the resident should take up the matter with the Planning Department again.

17/79 **Financial**

79.1 The Accounts Statement had been noted by the Council.

79.2 To pay WebMe for domain name £15 Proposed Cllr Telling Seconded Cllr Harding

79.3 To pay Trevor Johnson for painting the Tolland phone box £200
Proposed Cllr Hobson Seconded Cllr Vickery

79.4 To pay SALC Affiliation Payment £122.01 Proposed Cllr Telling Seconded Cllr White

79.5 To pay Invoice for Tolland Phone Box Shelving etc. Cllr Harding has not received the invoice yet and the work has not been completed. Therefore, payment cannot be made.

17/80 **Tolland Phone Box Update** 17/68.2 (17/62 (17/41.3, (17/30)))

Trevor Johnson has now completed the painting of the phone box to an excellent standard, after James Herrod cut the grass and Philip Scott cut the hedge back behind the box. The Parish Council would like to thank all of these for their help with refurbishing the phone box. Andy Coleman is in the process of fitting shelving and the notice board. Now that the foliage around the box has been removed it would be nice to keep it at bay with paving slabs around phone box. Cllr Harding has gained two quotes both of which seemed rather high with the cheapest at almost £700. Cllr Harding would see if she can get some cheaper quotes. It is also thought that the box should be re-signed and Councillors agreed to Cllr Harding researching this.

Cllr Marshall thanked Cllr Harding for all her efforts in the refurbishment of the box.

17/81 **Village Defibrillator in Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland**

(17/71) 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.

The grant available is up to £1,000 in matched funding. The deadline was at the end of September so two grant applications have been made, one for Lydeard St Lawrence and one for Tolland.

The cost from Heartsafe - (the only one of two suggested by the funding providers who responded) is £1,994 plus VAT for a package including defibrillator and cabinet.

Additional costs (Installation, accessories and maintenance) over 10 years are as follows:

Annual maintenance years 2-10 - £49 plus VAT= £441 plus VAT
Replacement batteries £99 plus VAT x 2 (if not used) = £198 plus VAT
Accessory Pack - £295 plus VAT

Electrical installation to be ascertained depending on site. (Borough Cllr Gwil Wren had indicated that the one in Langford Budville cost £330 plus VAT as they needed quite a length of armoured cable).

So over 10 years a cost of about £2000 to the Parish Council for each defibrillator plus installation charges.

The Parish Council agreed that a defibrillator in both Villages would be great but concerns over accessing them in an emergency were raised. Both Villages do not have good, reliable mobile phone signal and a landline would be difficult to access in an emergency. Cllr Vickery will look into these issues, and the Chairman thanked her on behalf of the Council for all her work in researching the matter.

17/82 Dog fouling in the village

There seems to be an increase of dog fouling within the Village especially outside the Primary School. Cllr Marshall would put a message in the newsletter requesting responsible dog ownership and for people to pick up their dog mess. He also requested that perhaps the village could have a designated dog waste bin, rather than residents using the litter bin. It was suggested that Cllr Marshall should investigate this further.

17/83 Paint for fingerposts

Cllr Marshall requested the purchase of paint as required to refurbish the Parish fingerposts. Cllrs agreed and suggested a working party to be set up in the spring. It was also suggested that a few people go on the Course set up by SCC for the maintenance of Finger Posts.

17/84 Christmas Tree Festival 2017

The Parish Council have been asked if they would like a Christmas tree at this year's festival. Cllrs thought it was a great way for the Parish Council to support the community and Cllr Telling agreed to take charge of decorating the tree. A medium sized tree would be purchased.

17/85 Children's Services consultation

Members of the community have been asked to complete the questionnaire on Family Support Services & Children's Centres Consultation. The Parish Council felt that it doesn't need a response from them as a Council, but individuals are invited to complete the Questionnaire. A request to place it in the Village newsletter would be made.

17/86 Correspondence and items for information

The Following items of information were noted by the Council
Road Closure, Rexton Lane Stogumber on 18th October for 4 days
SALC October Bulletin and AGM
PCSO Crime Report
Taunton Remembrance Sunday Service Invite
St Margaret's Hospice donation request

17/87 **Chairman's Report and Update**

Currently Cllr Marshall is having to request the litter bin to be emptied every week. He also stated that large items of waste should be disposed of in the correct manner and not in the litter bin. Cllr Marshall to speak to TDBC to rectify the constant requests.

17/88 **Meeting Dates for 2018**

Meeting dates have been suggested for Jan 15th, Mar 5th, Apr 16th, May 21st AGM, July 16th, Sept 10th, Oct 15th, Dec 3rd, Jan 2019 21st. Cllrs agreed to these dates.

17/89 **Any other Business**

- 89.1 The Council received an update from Mr Peck on the Dean's Cross Farm site. Since taking possession of the premises at Dean's Cross in March 2017 the new owners have subdivided the main kitchen and pasteuriser room area into 2 medium sized business units, turned the old boiler room into a small office/workshop business unit, renovated the Butter and Press Rooms area and sub-divided them to form 2 "food-safe" standard business units and added exterior cladding of the west end of the dairy building. Currently there are now 5 small local businesses operating from the buildings and two units are available for rental. Planning Applications have been made to TDBC as above. (17/78.1)
- 89.2 Cllr Telling has been asked to raise the issue of blocked drains in Pyleigh. Also at Dyer's Barn the foliage is overgrown and restricts access. Cllr Telling asked if the Parish Council request that all the drains be cleared and foliage cut back.
- 89.3 The Parish Council were asked if the damaged cones by the school could be removed. Cllrs had no objections.
- 89.4 Cllr Hobson asked why there were still yellow tapes cordoning off areas towards the station. It is believed it has been left behind from the Flying Scotsman train visit and could be removed. Cllr White also enquired about similarly positioned red arrows. These are also thought to have been left over from another event and could be removed.

Date of the next meeting is on Monday 4th December at 7.30pm.

With no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.35pm.