

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 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, Guy Sturgess and Maeve Vickery

Also in attendance Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, David Oxley and 4 members of public.

One comment was raised by the members of the Public.

They were concerned the Parish Council did not take up the offer of making an Expression of Interest in Somerset Council's initiative of Community Funded 20mph Zones, especially as the village has a primary school that is currently in a national speed limit zone, which is rare. The Chairman explained the reasoning behind the Parish Council's decision not to proceed with an Expression of Interest and emphasised that this was not a permanent decision and it was a topic which will almost certainly be revisited in the future. It was agreed that Cllrs would look into having some speed check surveys done in the village, especially around the school road. It was also acknowledged the wording of minutes can be misconstrued and that more details should have perhaps been in them over the discussions had.

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

23.065. **Apologies** from Cllr Mark Peters,

23.066. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Hobson declared a personal interest in items 11.2 & 11.3 on Agenda
Cllr Harding and Mr Oxley declared an interest in item 7 on the Agenda.

23.067. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 11th September 2023 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

23.068. **Matters Arising –**

AOB The school Bus has reported a low hanging tree branch near Forge House.

Cllr Telling informed the Council that the branch is due to be dealt with in the next few weeks.

23.069. **Casual Vacancy – Co-option of New Councillor**

Cllr Harding requested that David Oxley be co-opted on to the Parish Council and that he represents the Tolland Ward. Cllrs agreed to co-opt Cllr Jonathan Marshall onto the Lydeard St Lawrence Ward and fill Cllr Weirs post and leave the Tolland Ward position vacant for David Oxley to then be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Cllr Telling proposed that Cllr Marshall represent LSL Ward, this was seconded by Cllr Cox. Agreed by all.

Cllr Marshall then proposed that David Oxley be Co-Opted on to the Parish Council as the Tolland Ward Cllr, this was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by all.

David Oxley then signed his declaration form.

- 23.070. **Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset Council:**
Planning applications have been sent to Councillors for comment.
None received.
- 23.071. **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 Oxley reported that he has replaced the broken glass with Perspex as suggested and requested he be reimbursed £13.49 for materials used. Cllrs agreed that this would be added to the next Agenda and thanked Cllr Oxley for his swift repair of the broken glass.
- 23.072. **Minehead & Watchet Local Community Network LCN**
Cllr Telling to attend the next meeting this Thursday 19th October at Williton Council offices.
- 23.073. **Funding Request for Defibrillator Box for outside of Primary School**
A Request to financially support the Primary school in placing an outside heated lockable box for their newly donated Defibrillator, so it can be used by the community outside of school hours, and accessible 24/7 has been made. Cllrs supported the school on this but asked for more detail and for the school to gain 3 quotes and research for suitable boxes to get the correct box for the village.
- 23.074. **Financial**
074.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.
074.2 Cllrs agreed to Pay for Website Hosting Heart Internet to Liz McConnell £57.46. Proposed Cllr Cox, Seconded Cllr Vickery.
074.3 Cllrs agreed to Pay Liz McConnell £81.22 for Ink for Printing the newsletter Proposed Cllr Harding, Seconded Cllr Telling.
074.4 Cllrs agreed to pay SALC's affiliation fee of £141.66
Proposed Cllr Hobson, Seconded Cllr Sturgess.
All three payments were agreed unanimously.
- 23.075. **The last Crime Report Newsletter and Blog from PCSO Louise Fyne**
was noted by the Council.
- 23.076. **Correspondence and items for information**
The following items were noted by the Council:
Recycling Newsletter
Road Closures
- 23.077. **Any other Business**
Cllr Telling is looking into prices for two Jubilee village name pillars for Lydeard St Lawrence but has yet not been able to gain any quotes for the works to be carried out, she is working on getting some. Gill and Maurice Hartnell have very kindly offered to donate the bases for the pillars.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

The Date of Next Meeting is on Monday 4th December 2023