

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 at Lydeard St. Lawrence Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Mary Harding and Don Hobson.

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

Questions from members of the Public

Mr and Mr Smith requested the assistance of the Parish Council and Cllr Trollope-Bellew to write to Somerset Highways to support a proposal to install cattle grids to the road near his farm in Nethercott Lane. Cllrs agreed to have a discussion with Somerset Highways on what was required as the proposal is part of a flood relief project.

There were no reports received from County and District Councillors.

21/63 **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Maeve Vickery and SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew

21/64 **Declarations of interest –**

Cllr Hobson declared a personal interest in items 7.3, 7.4 & 7.8 in Financial.

Cllr Harding declared an Interest in items 7.7 Financial and 9 Tolland Trees as a PCC member

Cllr Marshall declared a personal interest in 7.2 Financial

21/65 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

21/66 **Matters Arising**

**21/37 Salt Bins at Tolland and proposed new bin at Chapel Leigh**

Cllr Marshall and Cllr Hobson have repaired the Tolland Salt bin. The new bin for Chapel Leigh has been purchased and placed at Common Down. Cllr Harding thanked them for the work on this.

21/67 **Playing Field Play Equipment**

The annual inspection has taken place of the play equipment with a poor outcome. It was expected that Simon Broad would be able to make a proposal to the Parish Council on how to move forward but unfortunately, he has been unable to attend tonight's meeting. The item will be moved forward to the next meeting.

21/68 **Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council:**

*Planning applications have been sent to the planning committee for comment and displayed on the Parish Council's website*

22/21/0020 - Variation of Condition No. 02 of application 22/19/0018 to change the window location of window GW3 at Westowe Orchard, Westowe Hill, Lydeard St Lawrence

Cllrs have no objection to this application.

68.2 Introduction to the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA)

Cllrs thought it was not necessary to join the TCPA as they were already members of SALC.

## **21/69 Financial**

69.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.

69.2 Cllrs agreed to Pay Jonathan Marshall £187.32 for the new Salt bin and salt at Chapel Leigh Proposed by Cllr Hobson Seconded by Cllr Harding

69.3 Cllrs agreed to Pay Liz McConnell for Ink for Printing Newsletters £61.62 Proposed by Cllr Telling Seconded by Cllr Harding

69.4 Cllrs agreed to Pay Liz McConnell for the website Domain name for the next 2 years at £21.58 Proposed by Cllr Telling Seconded by Cllr Harding

69.5 Cllrs noted the payment received of £2,421.17 for CIL with reference to 22/17/0020 – The Old Cold Store, Tower Farm, Deans Cross to Broad Oak, – CIL paid in full

69.6 Cllrs noted the payment received for Grants from SWT £1905

69.7 Cllrs agreed to Forward Grants on to:

Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket Club playing field grant of £735.00

Lydeard St Lawrence PCC grant of £650.00

Tolland PCC grant of £220.00

Keep Footpath Grant add to fund £300

Proposed by Cllr Hobson Seconded by Cllr Telling

69.8 Cllrs agreed to Pay the Parish Council Grants to:

Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall Committee of £500.00

Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket Club of £500.00

Proposed by Cllr Harding Seconded by Cllr Telling

## **21/70 Councillor resignation and Casual Vacancy**

Cllr Marshall reported that Cllr Venner has resigned from the Parish Council. Cllr Marshall thanked Andrew Venner for his work within and for the Council and wished him all the best for the future.

A new Councillor will have to be co-opted at the next Council meeting if an election is not called for within the 14 working days from his resignation on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Nominations for a new candidate should be forwarded to either Chairman Cllr Marshall or the Parish Clerk, Lorna Thorne.

## **21/71 Tolland Church Tree Management Works**

Tolland church's Quinquennial Survey 2020 identified the need to raise the crowns and thin the trees bordering the churchyard to improve the air circulation to both the building and the listed monuments. 4 quotations have been gained with the PCC agreeing to move forward with Brendon Hill Tree Services who have quoted £450 to complete the works in phase 1. Members of the PCC would be very grateful for any support the Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council could give towards this first phase of the work.

Cllrs agreed to add this financial matter to the next Agenda for discussion.

## **21/72 Crime Report**

The Crime Report was noted by the Council

## **21/73 Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

Recycling Newsletter

Weekly Updates from SWT & SCC and workstream

SWT Newsletters

Mobile Boost Scheme

It was also noted that the new recycling scheme that comes into effect from today is not the same for all villages, and in future the villages will have different collection days for rubbish collection.

**21/74 Any other Business**

- The Parish Clerk reported that Liz McConnell has requested 8 trees from SW&T free trees project, supporting National Tree Week, the Council's pledge to become Carbon Neutral and the Queens Jubilee Green Canopy Project. If successful, Cllrs Marshall, Peters and Hobson have offered to help find suitable locations and plant the trees. If anyone has a suggestion for a suitable location then please get in contact with Liz or Cllr Marshall.
- The Parish Clerk also reported that the Airband project to bring broadband into the areas of the Parish with low-speed broadband has encountered some design challenges that have impacted the original build start date.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

The proposed Date of Next Meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 subject to Covid-19 guidelines.