

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2019 at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

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

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk.

19/77 **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Mary Harding, Charlie Cox and SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew.

19/78 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Hobson declared a personal Interest in items. 6.4, 6.6 & 9 on the Agenda

Cllr Telling declared a personal Interest in item. 6.4 on the Agenda

Cllr Marshall declared a financial Interest in item 6.3 on the Agenda

19/79 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 21st October 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

19/80 **Matters Arising**

Cllr Marshall has received a letter of thanks from Tolland PCC for the Remembrance Wreath the Parish Council presented at the Church Service.

19/81 **Planning**

81.1 **Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council:**

22/19/0014 - Erection of a toilet/shower block at Hurley View, Raleighs Cross Road, Lydeard St Lawrence

22/19/0020 - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of Muddyford Farm, Lydeard St Lawrence

Both planning applications have been referred to the planning committee who made no objections.

81.3 **Notification of any Somerset West and Taunton Council Decisions:**

22/19/0015 - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear with installation of sewage treatment works at Broomcroft, Pyleigh Manor Farm Lane, **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

22/19/0017 - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear and side of Honeydowns, Nethercott Lane, Lydeard St Lawrence. **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

19/82 **Financial**

82.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council

82.2 Cllrs agreed to Pay Clerk's Salary and expenses of £431

Proposed by Cllr Hobson, Seconded by Cllr Vickery

82.3 Cllrs agreed to Pay Jonathan Marshall for 2x Remembrance Wreaths £34

Proposed by Cllr Telling, Seconded by Hobson

82.4 Cllrs agreed to that with the Christmas Tree Festival no longer happening not to make the donation, but would like to support future events at the Church.

82.5 Cllrs agreed to Pay Tolland PCC Grant for Grass Cutting of £250, as agreed at the October meeting.

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

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19/83 **Budget and Precept**

83.1 The Clerk presented the Budget for 2020/21. The Parish Council continues to have a healthy balance with a healthy unrestricted fund. This year has also seen some payments from the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) for the Tolland name signs. All other spending was standard expenditure. CIL money has been received of £1210.59 with the CIL fund now at £17192. Cllrs were happy to approve the budget for 2020/21.

The Church Clock is a Parish Council responsibility and it is believed that a service may be due. The Clerk will speak to the Church PCC.

83.2 Currently this year the Precept is £19.286 per Band D equivalent, £4236.

Next year's tax base is 219.73, very similar to this year, so to keep the band D equivalent (unit) at £19.286 the same as this year the Council would ask for £4237.71

Cllrs agreed to setting the Precept to be the same as last year and ask for £4237.71.

Proposed Cllr Venner, Seconded Cllr Hobson

19/84 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

Crime Report

Recycling Newsletter

Temporary road closures

- RCNSE12265 - Temporary road closure - A39 Cannington Road, Cannington 13 Dec & 20th March 2020 both for 1 night (18.00 - 07.00hrs) -
 - Pitsford Hill To Gandstone Cross, Brompton Ralph 17 Dec for 3 days
 - Higher Lodge via Willett to Willett Lodge, Elworthy 9th Dec for 3 days
- Update from Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

19/85 **Letter from Wiveliscombe Area Partnership (WAP)**

Wivey Link have requested that the Parish Council make a donation to support them and their running costs. It was agreed not to make a donation to Wivey Link and keep the local support for Lydeard Lifts.

It was also questioned if the numbers WAP suggested were registered with them from Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland are up to date. Cllr Marshall will ask for more details.

19/86 **Any other Business**

Cllr Hobson reported that he felt the hedge cutting for this year had been very good and to a high standard and felt that the Parish Council should make a formal thank you to the Contractors. The Chairman replied that whilst the Parish Council had complained about poor work, good work had also been recognised and commended.

Cllr Venner requested that with a healthy bank balance that some of the money should be spent and requests for ideas be made.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their work and support since the elections, and wished them and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 7.55 pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th January 2020

Signed by Chairman:

Date:

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