

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd December 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, County Cllr Mike Rigby and 1 member of the public.

The meeting was preceded by an introduction from the new Village Agent, Cat Sweatman. She informed the Council of her role and the support she is able to offer to help connect people. Posters were given to place on the Notice Boards.

18/77 **Apologies** from Cllrs Mary Harding, Borough Cllr Gwil Wren and PCSO Louise Fyne.

18/78 **Declarations of interest** – None received

18/79 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 15th October 2018 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

18/80 **Matters Arising**

None

18/81 **Planning**

81.1 Applications received for comment from Taunton Deane BC:

22/18/0018 - Erection of a single storey extension to the front of Pipers Gate, Chapel Leigh Road, Lydeard St Lawrence (resubmission of 22/17/0021)

The Planning Committee had No Objections to this application.

81.2 Notification of any Taunton Deane Decisions:

None received

18/82 **Requests for Assistance with Funding**

82.1 Football Club Request

Dr Mike Campbell made a request to the Parish Council to assist in funding some football equipment costing £599.88 plus VAT totalling £719.85. Quotes have been obtained from reputable suppliers and have been provided to support this funding request.

Members of the Parish would like to increase use and interest in the playing fields excellent facilities.

As a result of a number of numerous very successful 'fun' nights that occurred through 2017/2018 held on the field for children between the ages of 10-16, the purchase of some football equipment including posts, nets, balls and bibs would help to encourage attendance and provide greater interest from those 10-16year olds.

Agreement with the Cricket Club has been made where the equipment can be used on the South end of the Parish playing field. Agreement with the Cricket Club has also been made whereby the equipment can be stored securely and out of the weather whilst not being used.

The request is for 2 x Steel frame Goal posts – 60mm in diameter) – 12ft x 6ft free standing goal posts, Balls, pump, ball net, Bibs and cones.

It is anticipated that the equipment will last 5 years without maintenance, any further costs will be sourced from fundraising, not that this should be required within the next 5 years.

Two Parishioners who are leading the initiative are, Mr Simon Broad and Dr Mike Campbell will be responsible for the equipment. Mr Simon Broad is a member of the Cricket Club and will act as the lead representative for the equipment to the Cricket Club. The total cost of funding for the equipment is requested from the Parish Council. Councillor Hele fully supports the initiative and is willing to act as the principal conduit and any further Parish representation if required between those Parishioners leading the initiative and Parish Council on this matter. Cllrs all agreed that the would be a great resource for the playing field and to enable interaction between more people on the playing fields. It was agreed to fully support this request and the total amount to be paid from CIL of £719.85 being able to claim back the VAT.

82.2 Wivey Library

A group called Save Wivey Library have requested that Wiveliscombe Town Council take on the running costs of the Library after it was announced that SCC would close it. In the request it is asking for surrounding Parish Councils to assist in the funding costs of the running of the Library from April 2019. Lydeard St Lawrence has been asked to increase its Precept by £1 per unit in the proposal, meaning funding £213 per year towards the Library. Between 9 and 12 residents from the two Parishes use the Library.

Cllrs discussed this matter in depth along with the proposal to also close Bishops Lydeard Library and the possible support requests from them. Only 6 residents use Bishops Lydeard Library.

Cllrs agreed that to increase the Precept seemed unreasonable to support only 6-12 people and decided against the request for financial help for either Library.

82.3 Surviving Winter Appeal

The Parish Council note the request to donate the Winter Fuel allowance if you did not need it and agreed it should be published locally; it had already been placed in the newsletter.

82.4 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.

82.5 Citizens Advice

Parish Councillors agreed that if people personally wanted to make a donation, they could but this should not be a donation from the Parish Council.

18/83 Precept and Budget

83.1 The Clerk presented the Budget for 2019/20, with a healthy spending from the Community Benefit Fund and a healthy unrestricted fund. The footpath fund had some spending on the Church Path. The play area fund is increasing. This year has also seen some payments from the CBF to the Primary School and Tolland Phone Box.

83.2 Currently this year the Precept is £19.286 per Band D equivalent, £4102.52.

If we want to keep it the same then we would ask for £4236 as the tax base is slightly higher this year. (219.66 compared to 212.72 last year.)

Cllrs agreed to setting the Precept to be the same as last year and ask for £4236.

Proposed Cllr Telling Seconded Cllr Hobson

18/84 Financial

84.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council

84.2 CIL Payment Received of £1210.25

84.3 Football Club £719. Cllrs agreed to the proposal and for the goods to be ordered, with an Invoice to be sent to the Clerk. Proposed Cllr Cox, Seconded Cllr Venner

84.4 Cllrs agreed to Pay the Clerks Salary and Expenses £412.11

Proposed by Cllr Cox Seconded by Cllr Venner

84.5 Cllrs agreed to Pay J Marshall to reimburse Remembrance Wreath £17

Proposed by Cllr Hele Seconded by Cllr Hobson

18/85 Winter Planning – Salt

The revised plan for Winter gritting from SCC was noted by the Council. Cllr Marshall said he would inspect the bins within the Parish to check if they are full. Cllrs agreed that they would keep an eye on the situation and order salt if necessary.

18/86 Get Set Consultation

Noted by the Council and agreed a Parish Council response was not necessary.

18/87 Parking Review

Noted by the Council and agreed a Parish Council response was not necessary.

18/88 Proposed Parish Council 2019 Meeting Dates

4 th Mar	9 th Sep
8 th Apr	21 st Oct
20 th May AGM and VAPM	2 nd Dec
15 th Jul	20 th Jan 2020

Cllrs agreed these dates for 2019 meetings.

18/89 Correspondence and items for information

The following items were noted by the Council

Crime Report

Recycling Newsletter

18/90 Any other Business

Cllr Venner request information on neighbouring projects to improve footpaths, suggestions were given and Cllr Venner would investigate further.

Cllr Cox has found a Strimmer head, if anyone has lost one then please contact him.

Cllr Rigby spoke to the Council. He explained the SCC cuts and budget deficits, although these are not as large as previously thought.

He spoke about the Cross Keys roadwork disruptions and Small Improvement Scheme proposals for 2019.

Cllr Wren also sent a report that was circulated to Cllrs.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their work and support during the last year, and wished them and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The next meeting will be on Monday 21st January 2018 at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm