

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2023 at Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Jonathan Marshall, (Chairman) Deborah Telling, (Vice-Chair), Don Hobson, Mark Peters, Guy Sturgess and Maeve Vickery

Also in attendance Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk.

No comments from members of the Public.

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

23.078. **Apologies** from Cllrs Mary Harding and David Oxley

23.079. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Hobson declared a personal interest in items 9.4 & 9.7 on Agenda

23.080. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 16th October 2023 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

23.081. **Matters Arising** – None

23.082. **Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset Council:**
Planning applications have been sent to Councillors for comment.

22/23/0020/LB - Various internal alterations to Coursley Farm, Coursley Lane, L St L.

22/23/0021 - Demolition of agricultural barn and erection of 1 No. dwelling with associated works (alternative development to approved application 22/23/0008) at Hoccombe Farm, Lydeard St Lawrence

22/23/0018 / 22/23/0019/LB - Demolition of sunroom, erection of single storey side extensions, internal and external alterations and installation of rooflights at Hoccombe Mill, Lydeard St Lawrence

The Parish Council has no objections to the above planning applications.

23.083. **Minehead & Watchet Local Community Network LCN**

Cllr Telling attended the meeting on Thursday 19th October, the overall feedback of the meeting was unless there is financial support put in place, then the scheme will not get off the ground; looking at the Somerset Council's current financial situation, this is unlikely to happen any time soon.

23.084. **Funding Request for Defibrillator Box for outside of Primary School**

No further information received, defer until January meeting.

23.085. **Budget & Precept**

The Base rate and Precept details have not yet been received from Somerset Council, so this item will be deferred until the January meeting.

23.086. **Financial**

86.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.

86.2 It was noted by the Council that £1905 grants has been received from SC

86.3 Cllrs agreed to forward Grants to:

- Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket Club playing field grant 735.00
- Lydeard St Lawrence PCC £650.00
- Tolland PCC £220.00
- Keep Footpath Grant add to fund £300

Proposed Cllr Hobson, Seconded Cllr Peters.

86.4 The Parish Council agreed to pay its standard Parish Council Grants to

- Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall Committee £500.00
- And Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket Club of £500.00

Proposed Cllr Hobson, Seconded Cllr Sturgess.

86.5 Cllrs agreed to Pay Cllr Oxley £13.49 for Perspex for Book exchange repair.

86.6 Cllrs agreed to Pay Clerks Salary of £547.56 and Expenses of £7.50, Total £555.06

Proposed Cllr Hobson, Seconded Cllr Sturgess.

86.7 Cllrs agreed to Pay Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall £52 for the Hire of hall for 2023.

Proposed Cllr Vickery, Seconded Cllr Sturgess.

23.087 **No Crime report received,**

A new PCSO has been appointed, but not had any information yet.

23.088. **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

- Recycling Newsletter
- Road Closures

23.089. **Proposed Dates for 2024 Meetings**

Cllrs agreed to the 2024 meetings dates as follows.

4 Mar, 22 Apr AGM/APM, 3 Jun 15 Jul,

9 Sep, 21 Oct, 2 Dec & 13 Jan 2025

23.090. **Any other Business**

- Cllr Marshall reported that he had at last received a reply to our various emails to Highways regarding the replenishment and recording of the newer grit bins. Highways are to investigate and report back to the Parish Council.
- Cllr Hobson has reported the blocked drains on Nethercott Lane after the recent wet weather.
- Cllr Vickery reported that the hedge trimmer that cut the hedges around Pyleigh and Chaple Leigh have cut the pole supports in the process.

- Cllr Sturgess reported to the Council that the Firework event at the playing field had made £1000 profit and was a huge success. It was hoped that the money could be added to the play area fund and some pieces of equipment could be installed. Cllr Sturgess to get some costing to see if this is feasible with the current fund.
- Liz McConnell has now stepped down as Parish newsletter editor and has sent out her last one. The Parish Council would like to say a massive thank you to Liz for all her efforts and informative information from the monthly newsletters over the past 8 years. No replacement has been found so currently there will be no newsletters in the new year.
- Cllr Telling reported that the gate walkway at the bottom of the playing field was uneven due to tree roots protruding the surface, making it a trip hazard for walkers. Cllr Telling to look into covering them with some chippings, perhaps from road scalping's.
- Cllr Marshall, the Chairman, thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their work and support over the past year, and wished them and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.00pm

The Date of Next Meeting is on Monday 15th January 2024