

## **Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held in the Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 7:30pm**

Present: Cllrs Marshall – Chairman, Telling, Oxley, Hobson, Vickery, Peters, Harding supported by Neal Gossage (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr Sturgess

Absent: None

No members of the public were present.

### **24.056 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Marshall declared an interest in item 6 on the agenda – Payment for a remembrance wreath.

### **24.057 Minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

### **24.058 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **24.059 Planning Applications**

Planning application 22/24/0006 was discussed and there were no objections to the application.

### **24.060 Payment of £25.00 to Cllr Marshall for a remembrance wreath**

Cllr Oxley proposed that the payment be made and that was seconded by Cllr Peters. The motion received unanimous support.

It was noted that the existing wreath could be recycled or could continue to be used.

Cllr Harding referred to a talk she attended by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and indicated that three people would be remembered at Tolland church this year.

#### **24.061 Amendments to the Santander bank mandate**

Following the appointment of a new Clerk, the following changes were proposed to the bank mandate:

To add Neal Gossage (Clerk) as the account operator

To remove Lorna Thorne (previous Clerk) as the account operator

To remove Cllr Charles Cox as a signatory

The changes were proposed by Cllr Harding and seconded by Cllr Telling. The motion received unanimous support.

#### **24.062 Police and Crime report**

The report was noted.

Councillors expressed disappointment at the level of detail in the report and that there was no reference to any crimes committed in the village.

Cllr Marshall agreed to speak with Ms Whelan to see if more detail can be included in future reports.

**Action: Cllr Marshall**

#### **24.063 Possible migration of Parish Council website**

Councillors discussed the possibility of moving to a new website and setting up dedicated email addresses for councillors. It is good practice for councillors to have email addresses with a .gov.uk suffix.

Cllr Harding felt that such a move should be considered now that the parish newsletter is no longer produced.

Cllr Hobson pointed out that the current village website has a number of tabs providing links to the village hall, school and parish council. He further noted that the cost of running the current website is minimal with a domain maintenance cost of £24 (every two years) and £72 (per year) for hosting.

The Clerk stated that the current council website does not hold certain documents required to comply with the regulations and councillors continue to use personal email addresses for council business.

After some further discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would approach Parish Online with a view to bringing a quote to the next council meeting for consideration.

**Action: Clerk**

**24.064 Any other business**

Cllr Marshall thanked Helen Foster for organising a successful Harvest Supper.

Cllr Marshall noted the communication from Mike Rigby but felt it was a little short on detail.

Cllr Marshall expressed some concern that there is still a vacancy for a councillor and asked others present to see if they could identify somebody to take on that role.

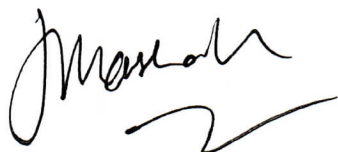
Cllr Vickery stated that a 'pop-up' pub had recently been set up at Ash Priors and asked whether a similar facility should be considered for Lydeard St Lawrence. Cllr Marshall responded in saying that the Village Hall committee was currently considering arranging a similar event. Cllr Peters advised the meeting that a check should be made as to whether the Village Hall has an alcohol licence.

Cllr Peters reminded the meeting that a firework display will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The meeting closed at 20:05.

**The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.**

*Signed as a true record*



*Chairman*

*Date. 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024*