

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 19th May 2025 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs Marshall – Chairman, Telling, Vickery, Hobson, Oxley and Harding supported by Neal Gossage.

Apologies: Cllrs Peters and Sturgess

Absent: None

No members of the public were present

25.032 Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chair

Cllr Marshall indicated that he no longer wished to be Chairman of the Council but that he would remain as a Councillor.

Cllr Marshall proposed that Cllr Telling be appointed Chair. That was seconded by Cllr Harding and the motion received unanimous support.

Cllr Telling accepted the position and took the Chair. The Clerk agreed to prepare the necessary paperwork.

All councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr Marshall for all the work he has done for the community as Chairman over the last 10 years.

Cllr Hobson proposed that Cllr Vickery be appointed Vice Chair. That was seconded by Cllr Marshall and the motion received unanimous support.

Action: Clerk

25.033 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

25.034 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items on the agenda.



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25.035 Minutes of meeting held on 14th April 2025

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

25.036 Matters Arising

Cllr Marshall reported that he had contacted the Woodland Trust to see if the Parish Council could take advantage of the 'Free Trees' initiative. The initiative is mainly aimed at organisations that would like to establish new woodlands or at least to acquire several trees, so the Parish would not be able to take advantage of that as we were only looking to replace a single tree. Cllr Marshall will investigate whether smaller quantities of trees will be made available.

Action: Cllr Marshall

Cllr Oxley reported that he had contacted a number of organisations about replacing or repairing equipment in the playground at the cricket pitch. He has also inspected the equipment and found it to be safe with the possible exception of the slide.

It was considered that funds may be better spent on more adult-related equipment to assist people in the village to keep fit. Two quotes have been obtained and a 'Park Starter Package' was considered to be the best option with three pieces of equipment.

Councillors felt that the Parish Council should seek some funding for the equipment and Cllr Oxley agreed to find out what is available.

Councillors felt that the slide should be repaired or replaced so this will also be investigated by Cllr Oxley.

The Clerk reported that Liz McConnell had decided not to act as internal auditor for the Council this year but that Mary Abel had carried out the work instead. The audit has been completed and was satisfactory.

25.037 Planning Applications

The Council discussed the applications 22/25/0007T and 22/25/0006 but decided to make no comment.

25.038 Somerset Council update

The report provided by Cllrs Rigby and Sully was noted.



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25.039 Police and Crime report

The report was noted and the Council continued to be frustrated at the lack of detail in the report.

25.040 Finance

The Council noted the payments made since the last PC meeting.

The Council approved the following payments:

Refund Clerk for Heart Internet payment £71.86

SALC subscription £254.59

Clerk's expenses £25.02

The insurance is due for renewal on 1 June 2025 before the next Parish Council meeting so the Council agreed to authorise the payment in principle subject to formal approval at the next Parish Council meeting.

These payments were proposed by Cllr Vickery and seconded by Cllr Hobson. The motion received unanimous support.

AGAR and year end reports

The AGAR 2024/25 and Internal Audit Report 2024/25 were considered.

It was proposed that these be approved by Cllr Oxley and the motion was seconded by Cllr Harding. The motion received unanimous support and the documents were signed by the Chair and the RFO.

The cashbook and bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2025 were considered.

It was proposed that these be approved by Cllr Marshall and the motion was seconded by Cllr Vickery. The motion received unanimous support and the documents were signed by the Chair.

Public Rights Announcement

The dates set for public rights were considered.

It was proposed that the announcement be approved by Cllr Harding and the motion was seconded by Cllr Marshall. The motion received unanimous support and the announcement will be placed on the website and village notice board as soon as possible.

The 2024/25 CIL report was noted.

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25.041 Any other business

The Clerk reported that Parish Councillors are now required to use .gov.uk email addresses rather than personal email addresses for council business. Such addresses have been made available by the website provider so the Clerk will circulate the details.

Action: Clerk

It was noted that, as previously approved, all funds have now been transferred to the Unity Trust account so that payments can be made more easily through online banking in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:05

Date of next meeting: Monday 7th July 2025 at 7:30pm at Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

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