

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

**Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7:15pm**

Seven members of the public were present including councillors.

One member of the public proposed that Jonathan Marshall be appointed to chair the meeting. That was seconded by a second member of the public and nobody objected.

Jonathan Marshall agreed to chair the meeting.

The Chairman announced that this would be his last meeting as Chairman and then read his Chairman's report.

### **1 Chairman's Report**

His report commented on the following matters:

The poor weather last Winter and the work carried out to repair damage caused by the gales

The planning applications reviewed by the parish council in the year

Problems with Somerset Council Highways department particularly in relation to road damage and potholes.

The ongoing programme to bring fibre broadband to the villages  
The healthy state of the parish council's finances.

The appointment of a new Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council comes to the end of its term in April 2026 and it is envisaged that a number of councillors will not wish to continue in the role. New councillors will therefore be required. If vacancies cannot be filled, it is possible that the Parish Council may be forced to consider merging with a neighbouring council (or councils) and he asked those present to consider who may be willing to take on a councillor role.

Mr Durban – who was present at the meeting – referred to work he had been carrying out to assist in getting the road at Chapel Leigh fixed. It now looks as though the work will be carried out shortly. He advised the Parish Council to work closely with Somerset Council Highways Department to resolve issues in the future. Jonathan Marshall thanked Phil Durban for his work.

All of those present expressed their thanks to Jonathan Marshall for all the work he has done over the last 10 years as Chairman in serving the community.

There were no further questions on the report.

**2 WI and Village Hall report**

Jonathan Marshall thanked the WI and Village Hall for their reports (which had been circulated).


The reports were noted.

**3 Questions from members of the public**

One member of the public queried what was being done to fix the rods at Chapel Leigh and Dyers Barn. It was noted that work on these projects is ongoing and the matters should be resolved shortly.

There being no further questions, the meeting closed at 19:30.

**The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall in May 2026 on a date to be agreed.**

 18 May 2026