



# Lydford on Fosse Parish Council Meeting

Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 1830 hrs in the Parish Hall, West Lydford.**

Present: Parish Cllrs Purcell (Chair), Seehra and Stankiewicz  
 Also the Clerk x 10 members of the public

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## JULY 2024 MINUTES

Item No.	Subject	Lead
97/24	Cllr Purcell to sign Acceptance of Office of Temporary Chair This was signed and witnessed by the clerk.	Chair
98/24	<p><b>Public Participation Session</b></p> <p>It was noted that the newly installed footpath gates at King o' Mill were a huge benefit.</p> <p>The Speedwatch team had attended the quarterly Mendip Community Speedwatch Meeting and advised that the Police had acquired the equipment for 6 Speed Enforcement Units. They were now recruiting new staff to operate the units. The Avon &amp; Somerset Police had advised their intention of having a single point of contact for Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speedwatch matters, and had outlined the wider use made by the Police of the data collected by Community Speedwatch teams.</p> <p>The War Memorial Committee advised they were trying to raise funds for the car park but it was proving difficult to find suitable grants. £150 was raised at the Gala and any donations would be welcome.</p> <p>A member of the public did not think the June Minutes reflected accurately what was said at the meeting.</p>	
<b>Council Session</b>		
104/24/1	<p><b>Co-option interviews/discussion</b></p> <p>The Chairman proposed to change the order of the agenda to bring forward item Co-option of new councillors, which was approved.</p> <p>Two prospective candidates were in attendance Mrs Debbie Steel and Mr Jim Frampton and after giving a brief synopsis of themselves were duly co-opted. They both signed their Declarations of Office and were welcomed on the council.</p>	Chair/All
104/24/ 2	<p><b>Permanent Chair discussion and/or vote</b></p> <p>The councillors present were asked if anyone would like to be put forward as Permanent Chair. Cllr Frampton said he was happy to be chair and this was proposed by Cllr Seehra and seconded by Cllr Stankiewicz. After signing the Declaration of office Cllr Frampton duly took his position as Chair for the meeting.</p>	
99/24	<p><b>To receive apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Cllr Fielding sent her apologies due to pressure of work.</p>	Chair
100/24	<p><b>Declaration of Members Interest</b></p> <p>None</p>	Chair
101/24	<p><b>Report from County Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Sully was not in attendance.</p>	Cllr Sully
102/24	<p><b>To approve and sign the Minutes or previous meetings</b></p> <p>The minutes of the June meeting were amended, as advised by Cllr Seehra, following the input of a member of the public (see 98/24 above). The minutes were then signed by the Chair.</p>	Chair

	The minutes of the May meeting had proven controversial, and the Chair was concerned that criticism of specific individuals could be referred from the original draft. The Council therefore voted (Proposer Cllr Purcell, Seconder Cllr Seehra) to review the May minutes in a closed session. An acceptable and accurate version of the minutes was subsequently agreed and signed by the Chair during the closed session at the end of the meeting.	
103/24	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:</b> Resignations received from Cllrs Bartlett, Persson and Stocking. Cllr Fielding has resigned as chair due to pressure of work but remains a Councillor.	Chair
<b>The Built Environment</b>		
105/24/1	<b>Planning (See Appendix 2)</b> New Planning application 2024/1077/ADV (case office Kirsty Black) Installation of 1 no. Internally Illuminated D6 (digital advertisement) screen Lydford Service Station, Fosse Way, West Lydford The Chair explained that the Parish Council can only make recommendations on relevant government policy and guidance. It was noted that the near neighbours were not consulted on this application. After full discussion the council's decision was to make recommendation to refuse this application on the grounds that it will increase the potential for distraction to drivers in an already dangerous location, it would have a significant detrimental visual effect on local aesthetics, and not in keeping with the character of the rural community. Applications decided since previous agenda (0) Applications awaiting decision (7)	All
105/24/2	<b>Ongoing Enforcements (1)</b> Clearway Motorhomes - possible breach reported by resident Cllr Seehra reported that a complaint had been received regarding the continual washing of vehicles and parking of vehicles on a public right of way. After discussion it was decided to look at original documentation of the site before any further action.	Cllr Seehra
106/24	<b>Local Plan Update</b> The latest update on the website advised that the shortfall in plots of 505 dwellings against Somerset Councils housing target had now been met and incorporated in an update to Part 2 of the Local Plan. This is now under public consultation with a deadline of 12 <sup>th</sup> August for comments. The opportunity to build in the Lydfords was screened out due to it being a secondary village lacking the amenities required to sustain its growth to a larger settlement. Also, all the potential sites identified in the Parish were located outside the development area. Cllr Purcell recommended looking at the link on the parish website. Anyone wishing to respond should do so by 12 <sup>th</sup> August.	Cllr Purcell
<b>The Natural Environment</b>		
107/24	<b>Plane Trees Update</b> It was advised that the pollarding of the plane trees in the High Street will take place on 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> November. Due to the proximity of the power lines the Nation Grid have agreed to implement a power outage between 9am - 3.30pm on both days whilst work is carried out. Those affected have been notified. The Parish Hall Committee have kindly offered the use of the hall to affected residents on both days if required. Any parishioners with concerns about the associated power outage were asked to forward their concerns to Cllr Frampton, rather than directly to National Grid, as the PC has now established a single point of contact with the power company over this matter.	All
<b>Transport</b>		
108/24	<b>Highways/Road Safety</b> It agreed that this portfolio would be allocated in the next few months. The council was reminded that there would be a Community Speedwatch AGM on 24 <sup>th</sup> September which the new portfolio holder may wish to attend.	All

Community Engagement & Support		
109/24	<p><b>Playground Update</b> Cllr Seehra was disappointed about the lack of communication from the working group. It was reported that the playground inspection had not taken place in June, and that the invoice for the £500 had still not been received. A piece of play equipment had been repaired along with hedge and weed tidying. The insurance cover for this area needs to be reviewed and clarified.</p> <p><b>Community Engagement</b> - due to high costs of sending out questionnaires this project is still ongoing.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> - It was reported that there had been a few thefts locally, and that youths had thrown an object on the railway line. Quadbike thefts from farms in particular are on the increase due to international demand being met by criminal gangs. Parishioners were also advised that keyless entry devices should be stored well away from their cars as the proximity of keyless entry devices could be used to gain access by thieves.</p> <p><b>Defibrillators - Signage discussions/costs</b> - It was reported that the 5 defibrillators are now installed, up and ready for use, along with initial signage. In due course an information sheet on use of equipment and locations will be made available on the website and promoted through the parish newsletter to contact the working group. Another Restart the Heart evening is being planned and will be limited to 20 places. It was confirmed that contact for any problems with the equipment would be the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Cllr Seehra</p> <p>Cllr Seehra</p> <p>Mrs Mitchell</p> <p>Cllr Frampton</p>
Governance & Finance		
110/24	<p><b>Financial Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Payments due</b> - These were approved (with omission of new clerk salary which will be dealt with next month. See appendix 1</li> <li>• <b>To agree and sign accounts for May &amp; June '24</b> - These were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chair</li> <li>• <b>The Budget for this financial year was now overdue for approval, and would therefore be prioritised at the next PC meeting.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Clerk All/Chair</p>
111/24	<p><b>Correspondence Received</b> Somerset Council have advised - their Productivity plan for reducing waste; their Tree planting register for anyone planting trees; that Child benefit would be extended for 16-19 years old not in full time employment; assistance available for finding lost Child Trust Funds; Fruit tree supply available to schools and community organisations; request not to put gas canisters in recycling; the extensions of £2 bus fares to December 2024; that the Charity 'A good thing' is recycling office/business equipment for use by charities; and the availability of loans for sustainable (green) home improvement. Details of the articles will be posted on the PC website.</p>	<p>All</p>
112/24	<p><b>Agenda items for next meeting</b> Bleed Kits; Propose change of start time; Budget; Church car park funding; Allocation of Cllr positions and Vice chair position; Somerset Bus Partnership; Clearway motorhomes; Insurance cover; Local plan.</p>	<p>All</p>
113/24	<p><b>To confirm the date &amp; chair for the next meeting as August 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; Cllr. Frampton.</b> Chair recommended that a full meeting be held in August, Cllr Purcell proposed, seconded Cllr Seehra, unanimously agreed. Also it was proposed to change the September meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September due to Clerk's absence. Cllr Seehra proposed, seconded Cllr Purcell unanimously agreed.</p>	<p>All</p>

Meeting finished at 2045 hrs  
Minutes prepared by Ann Parkhouse, Parish Clerk.

# Appendix...

## 1) Payments Due

Name of Payee	Description of Payment	Amount
Additional payments made since the last notification of the Agenda: J Nicol R Berry	Microsoft Subscription Memorial Plants	£ 59.99 £ 24.96
<b>The following payments are due:</b>		
Julie Nicol Julie Nicol Shepton Mallet landscape Ltd Lydford Parish Hall	Clerk's Salary for July '24 Clerk's Expenses Sports Club ground maintenance Hall Hire	£161.30 £ 11.50 £264.00 £ 52.00

## 2) Planning

**New Planning Applications: (1)**

**Applications Decided: (0)**

**Ongoing Planning Applications: (7)**

**2024/0414/FUL (Case Officer: Kelly Pritchard)**

Extension to Agricultural Buildings for the Housing and Quarantine of Cattle. Location: Land At 356549 133068 Westwood Drove West Lydford.

**2024/0148/LBC (Case Officer: Jayne Boldy)**

Installation of additional conservation rooflights (retrospective). Location: The Coach House, The Old Rectory, High Street, West Lydford.

**2020/1602/OTS (Case Officer Kelly Pritchard)**

Outline Planning Permission for the erection of two dwellings with details of access. Location: Land adjacent to Millway House, Fosse Way, Lydford On Fosse.

**2023/0806/FUL (Case Officer Kelly Pritchard)**

Conversion and alterations of the existing barn to a residential dwelling. Location: Rubbery Farm, Rubbery Lane, Lydford On Fosse.

**2023/0264/FUL (Case Officer Kelly Pritchard)**

Proposed concrete block for lodge.  
New Oaks Farm, Castle Cary Road, West Lydford Church Lane.

**2021/0898/FUL**

Erection of new dwelling, garage and associated access and parking. Chestnut House Church Lane East Lydford Glastonbury Somerton.

**2020/0851/OTS**

Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the construction of five dwellings and associated vehicular access with details of access & layout.  
Church Lane, East Lydford, TA11 7HD.

**Enforcements (1)**

**ENF/2024/0066 - This number was issued incorrectly by Somerset CC and has now been amended to: ENF/2024/0223**

Ash View Farm Fosse Way Lydford On Fosse