



Lydford on Fosse Parish Council Meeting

Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on
Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 1900 hrs in the Parish Hall, West Lydford

Present: Parish Cllrs Frampton (Chair), Fielding, Purcell, Seehra, and Steel
 Also the Clerk x 5 members of the public

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JANUARY 2025 MINUTES

Item No.	Subject	Lead
	The Chairman opened the meeting. He advised that the minutes would be recorded, and that anyone who did not wish to be recorded should make that clear to the Clerk.	
1/25	Public participation session No comments made.	
Council Session		
2/25	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Stankiewicz had sent his apologies at the last meeting. Cllr Fielding joined the meeting	Chair
3/25	Declaration of Members Interest None	Chair
4/25	Report from County Councillors Cllr Sully was not present and no report had been received.	Cllr Sully
5/25	To approve and sign the Minutes of previous meetings Unanimously agreed, and signed by the Chair. Cllr Steel joined the meeting	Chair
6/25	Matters arising from previous minutes: The following items will be addressed further in the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● War memorial (15/25) ● Dog Fouling (16/25) ● LCN (09/25) ● Highways (10/25) ● VE Day update (12/25) ● Bleed Kits (13/25) ● Gov.uk domain (14/25) 	Chair Chair Cllr Purcell Cllr Steel Cllr Seehra Chair Cllr Seehra
The Built Environment		
7/25	Planning (See appendix 2) New Planning applications this month (0) Applications decided since previous agenda (1) Refused: 2024/1933/PAA (Case Officer: Jane Thomas) Prior Approval for proposed change of use of 3no. agricultural buildings to a dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operational development. New Farm Castle Cary Road West Lydford TA11 7H The decision was made due to not qualifying under General Permitted Development Class Q as insufficient evidence and one non-compliance had been submitted with the submission. Applications awaiting decision (5)	All

<p>8/25 8/25/1</p> <p>8/25/2</p> <p>8/25/3</p> <p>9/25</p>	<p>Enforcements (1) and Appeals (1)</p> <p>Planning Guidance - Updates: The Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) The key changes set out in the NPPF took immediate effect in November 2024. Changes include mandatory housing targets; the requirement for principal authorities will develop or update local plans; prioritising development on lower quality grey belt land; and an increased emphasis on affordable housing where this is in short supply. The updated NPPF aims to provide a framework within which locally-prepared plans can provide housing and other development in a sustainable manner. The basis for sustainable development is on economic, social and environmental grounds.</p> <p>SC Local Plan The 'Call for Sites' has opened. It is one of the approaches SC is using to gather information about residential, business and traveller site development opportunities. Once submissions close, they will be assessed for development feasibility and suitability.</p> <p>Local Validation Checklist consultation The Chair advised council of this new draft document which is currently under consultation until 10 January. Its key purpose is to improve the quality and completeness of planning applications. In general, it is a helpful publication with many useful references, but is overly long because it includes a great deal of duplicated information. It also lacks a reference or explanation of the new 'Somerset Placemaking Principles', and how and when the newly updated NPPF guidance will be incorporated in the Checklist. It was agreed that the Chair would go back to SC with these observations.</p> <p>Local Community Network (LCN) It was reported that the minutes of the October LCN meeting have been circulated, and that a further hybrid (in-person & remote) meeting will take place on 22nd January.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Cllr Purcell</p>
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Highways & Transportation

<p>10/25 10/25/1</p>	<p>Highways Village Gateways Cllr Steel reported that 3 Gateway sites have been looked at, and extensive correspondence has been received from Highways. It was noted that costs and sitings had caused problems in previous years. However, as the parish now has the funding to progress these measures, Cllr Steel will further investigate the possible siting and costs of the gateways. Avon & Somerset Police's Road Safety Fund is expected to re-open for bids in April. Cllr Steel agreed to report back again next month. No further correspondence had been received on other highway issues this month.</p> <p>It was noted that flooding on the A37 is again causing concern. The chair will discuss this with the Flood Group.</p> <p>The Speedwatch representatives had received new guidance and information regarding the SID and new guidance on its placement. The recent installation of 30 mph speed limit repeater signs by SC Highways on the Cary Road east of the Cross Keys has created a conflict with these new rules. The SID cannot be mounted too close to the repeater signs (within 100 metres), But the new repeater signs mean that there now appears to be insufficient space on the Cary Road to comply with this requirement. Further investigation will be undertaken to determine if there are any suitable and compliant sites available.</p>	<p>Cllr Steel</p>
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Community Engagement & Support

11/25	Neighbourhood Watch Nothing to report.	NHW Rep
12/25	VE Day Commemorations – Update Cllr Seehra reported that the working party meeting earlier that day had been very positive with lots of ideas. A rough plan included raising the flag, ringing the bells and possibly organising a breakfast and evening meal. Plans are limited as, at present, it is not expected to be a Bank Holiday. Cllr Seehra will confirm details next month.	Cllr Seehra
13/25	Bleed kits The Chair is still waiting confirmation of possible preferred sites, and will report back at the next meeting.	Chair
14/25	Parish Council GOV.UK Domain – Update At the Extraordinary Meeting last month the quotes from 5 Approved Registrars were assessed and the decision was made to go with PCW. We have now secured the associated government funding and the PC domain name, which will be 'lydfordonfosseparish.gov.uk'. PCW will provide a .Gov.UK domain name for the Parish website, and the parish councillors and clerk will have new .Gov.UK emails.	Cllr Seehra
15/25	War Memorial It had been noted that the war memorial is in need of a clean, particularly given the approach of the anniversary of VE Day. The memorial was last cleaned 10 years ago. The possibility of advertising for a volunteer prepared to be trained in memorial cleaning, which maybe a cheaper option and allow for regular ongoing cleaning of the monument, was discussed. It was decided to also seek quotations from professionals, such as Forsey & Sons, Appleby & Childs and at least one other company for a deep clean of the memorial. The Clerk will approach these companies for quotes and report back at the next meeting.	Chair
16/25	Dog Fouling It has been noted that there has been an increase in dog faeces being left in the village and the churchyard, and also an increase in people leaving their bagged pet faeces on footpaths and in hedgerows, rather than placing it in the bins provided. This lack of consideration and irresponsibility by dog owners presents a severe health risk to local livestock, such as severe birth complications and abnormalities. Cllr Fielding will look into the possibility of getting some hard-hitting public information signs that graphically illustrate the consequences of dog owners who fail to clear up after their pets. It may also be helpful to post this information on the Parish website to promote greater awareness. This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.	Chair
Governance & Finance		
17/25	Financial Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments due (See appendix 1) These were duly checked and signed. • To agree accounts for December '24. These were duly checked and signed. <p>The chair presented the latest budget figures which showed actual spend slightly lower than forecast. Due to requests for training and increased training fees, the Chair proposed increasing the amount of training spend from £300 to £500 for this year. This motion was unanimously agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk confirmed that the application for the annual Precept has now been submitted. 	Clerk Chair
18/25 18/25/1	Correspondence Received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somerset Council Budget – Consultation SC are running a consultation on their budget and residents are invited to review and make comment on what is important to them. SC don't know yet what central government money they will be getting next year. They would like to increase Council Tax to address the pressures they have. 	All Chair
18/25/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Boundaries – Public Consultation This is launched by Local Government Boundary Commission, and the aim is to review electoral and boundary arrangements of councils to make sure they are fair. 	
18/25/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC Advice (“SC Snippets”) - include: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A warning on the increase of measles and advice on how to protect young people from this. - How to become a Volunteer Driver for people who need to get to medical and social care appointments. - A reminder of the 'Fatal Five' traffic risk factors. - How to report a problem on the road, for example pot holes. - How to participate in the consultation on SC's budget for next year. - To check if anyone is eligible to claim missing Home Responsibilities Protection (HRP) to improve NI contribution record and possibly State Pension. <p>All this information is currently available on the Parish website.</p>	
19/25	<p>Agenda items for next meeting</p> <p>Cllr Sully – follow up correspondence</p> <p>Flooding;</p> <p>Highways;</p> <p>Footpaths;</p> <p>War memorial update;</p> <p>Church car park update;</p> <p>Dog Fouling;</p> <p>LCN;</p> <p>Bleed kits;</p> <p>Local Plan;</p> <p>Gov.uk domain;</p> <p>VE Day update;</p>	All
20/25	The date for the next meeting was confirmed as 12th February at 7pm	All

Meeting finished at 20.37 hrs
Minutes prepared by Ann Parkhouse, Parish Clerk.

Appendix...

1) Payments Due

Name of Payee	Description of Payment	Amount
The following payments are due:		
A Parkhouse	Clerk's Salary for December '24	£279.40
SALC	Cllr Training – Communicating with the community	£ 70.00
SALC	Cllr Training - Part 2 Governance & Finance	£ 25.00

2) Planning

New Planning Applications: (0)

Applications Decided: (1)

Ongoing Planning Applications: (5)

2024/2067/HSE (Case Officer: Jane Thomas)

Proposed Two-Storey side extension and external alterations to existing detached building.
Location: Grove Cottage Church Lane East Lydford

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 Somerton

2020/1602/OTS (Case Officer Kelly Pritchard)

Outline Planning Permission for the erection of one dwelling with details of access.
Location: Land adjacent to Millway House, Fosse Way, 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.

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
Location: Church Lane, East Lydford, TA11 7HD.

Enforcements (1)

ENF/2024/0223

Ash View Farm Fosse Way Lydford On Fosse

Appeal Proposal (1)

2024/0830/PAA – following Somerset Council's rejection of planning application ENF/2024/0066 - Ash View Farm Fosse Way West Lydford: change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling House (Class C3) and for associated operational development.