



Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 1830 hrs in the Parish Hall, West Lydford.**

Present: Parish Cllrs. Bartlett, Frampton, Persson, Purcell & Seehra, Stocking and  
the Clerk  
And x3 members of the public

**PLEASE NOTE OUR PARISH WEBSITE: [lydfordonfosse.co.uk](http://lydfordonfosse.co.uk)**

### July Minutes

- 125/23 Jim Frampton to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office  
This was duly signed and witnessed by the clerk. Cllr. Frampton then joined the other  
councillors at the table.
- 126/23 Public Participation Session.  
No public participation this month.
- 127/23 Policing/Neighbourhood Watch.  
Lynne Mitchell was unable to attend tonight's meeting but had nothing new to report this  
month. The clerk has made contact with PC Mark Pople (Street Beat Manager) regarding anti-  
social behaviour around the river. He has agreed to attend a future meeting. Date TBC.
- 128/23 Community Speedwatch.  
Ken Emsley clarified the procedure of speeding vehicles from last month's minutes. All  
speeders get a letter from Avon & Somerset Police, those that reside in the Mendip area may  
also get a visit. Some members of the Speedwatch team were victims of verbal abuse last  
month, but had little support from 101 services despite Avon & Somerset Police stating in  
May's Quarterly meeting that action would be taken. If this situation occurs again, the teams  
have been briefed to call 999. Latest figures are attached in the Appendix (Item 3).
- 129/23 Council session  
Report from Somerset County Councillors.  
County Councillors were not in attendance this evening. Their report is attached in full in  
the appendix (Item 1).  
Bullet point summary to be added to the parish website on a monthly basis.
- 130/23 To receive apologies for absence.

**Apologies received from Cllr. Fielding**

- 131/23 Declaration of Member's Interests.  
**None.**
- 132/23 Minutes of previous meeting.  
**Minutes from the 14<sup>th</sup> June Parish Council Meeting were signed and approved by the chair.**
- 133/23 Matters arising from previous minutes.  
**Clarification from Ken Emsley (See item 128/23).  
Bus Fares are £2.00 until the end of the year, not £2.50 as stated in June's minutes.**
- 134/23 Planning matters.  
  
**New Planning applications: (0)**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications Decided: (1)**

**2022/2186/LBC**

**Emergency repairs & demolition of internal stone walls**

**Perrotts, Castle Cary Road, Lydford On Fosse**

**Deadline for comments: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

**Application Refused 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

**Cllr. Stocking advised that this application may have been refused because of admin errors by the applicant regarding the definition of 'Emergency Repairs'. Cllr. Bartlett to make contact with the applicant to offer support from the PC.**

**Applications awaiting Decision: (8)**

**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.**

**Comments were submitted to MDC by 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

**Amended development proposal - One dwelling with details of access to be considered.**

**Deadline for comments to Somerset Planning East: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

**2023/0734/FUL (Case Officer Kelly Pritchard)**

**Erection of 1no. single storey dwellinghouse.**

**Location: Land At 355328 131038 Castle Cary Road Lydford On Fosse (Cotton's Lane)**

**Deadline for comments to Somerset Planning East: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

**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**

**Deadline for comments to Somerset Planning East: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

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

**Proposed concrete block for lodge.**

**New Oaks Farm, Castle Cary Road, West Lydford Church Lane**

**Deadline for comments: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

**2021/1975/OTS**

**Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of dwelling and garage.**

**Land At 356804 130886 Castle Cary Road Lydford On Fosse**

**Deadline for comments: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

**2021/0898/FUL**

**Erection of new dwelling, garage and associated access and parking.**

Chestnut House Church Lane East Lydford Glastonbury Somerton  
Comments were submitted to MDC 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**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  
Comments submitted to MDC by 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**2020/0910/FUL**

Erection of a single storey dwelling with associated access and parking  
Land east of Squires Mardi's Lane, West Lydford  
Comments submitted to MDC by 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

**Planning Enforcements: (1)**

**ENF/2022/0014**

Ash View Farm Fosse Way Lydford On Fosse

Mendip Local Plan Part II update: Somerset Council Planning Policy East has sent out a request for future proposed housing sites to be considered for inclusion in the revised plan. This is as a result of 5 housing sites totalling 505 dwellings being struck from the list. The deadline for this Mendip call for sites survey is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Councillors to consider.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

135/23  
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Finance:  
Payments Due

The following payments were approved.

Regarding the report from RoSPA, Cllr. Seehra to liaise with Nigel Lee and discuss any necessary repairs and their associated costs.

Name of Payee	Description of Payment	Amount
Additional payments made since the last notification of the Agenda: None		
The following payments are due:		
J. Nicol	Clerk's Salary for July '23	£293.40
RoSPA	Playground Inspection	£106.80
Lydford Parish Hall	Hall hire (Apr/May/Jun)	£52.00

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To agree accounts for June '23

The accounts were sent electronically to the chair and the other councillors, then approved and signed in the meeting.

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To agree the bank reconciliation for June '23

The bank reconciliation was sent electronically to the chair and the other councillors, then approved and signed in the meeting.

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PC Debit/Credit card/new bank account

Clerk still waiting to be contacted by Lloyds Bank.

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July Budget Sheet/Budget Allocation

Figures attached in the appendix. Cllr. Frampton expressed his concern regarding the lack of strategic planning going forward. All councillors to discuss further and to engage with the parishioners to formulate a wishlist. Spreadsheet attached in appendix (Item 2).

136/23 To receive reports on the following Posts of Responsibilities:

**/1 Highways, Pavements & Signage**

- Cllr. Persson has received a reply from Aileen Fletcher at Highways regarding the placement of the poles for the Mini Matrix device. The locations of the poles have been approved but will be subject to review once the device is in place. Until physical data has been analysed regarding the efficacy of the device and its positioning, the PC will not invest in any mini SIDS or village gateways.
- The Community funded 20mph scheme (approx. spend of £15K) may not be suitable/necessary for the villages in Lydford On Fosse, but will be investigated further before being dismissed. This may include data collected from the Speedwatch team.
- Clerk to investigate when the street cleaner vehicle is planning to come to our parish.

**/2 Footpaths & Bridleways**

- Nothing to report this month.

**/3 Marketing/Website**

- Website is constantly being updated.

**/4 Bus Partnership**

- Timetable added to the Parish Website.

**137/23 LCN update**

Cllr. Purcell has now attended x2 meetings in his capacity as the Lydford On Fosse liaison councillor. The first meeting in April was a pilot to see how things should proceed in the future. The first official meeting was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lydford On Fosse has been placed in the Wincanton LCN along with approximately 40 other parishes. Various issues were raised for further discussion in the next planned meeting including Wild Swimming, A37 speed limits, parking at Castle Cary station to name a few. Cllr. Purcell will update the PC on the progress of this new group as it evolves.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**138/23 Councillor Roles & Responsibilities**

Clerk to produce a list of possible roles and responsibilities for further discussion at an informal meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**139/23 Training**

All councillors to attend Part I and II of the Essential Councillor training. Further courses to be decided when roles and responsibilities have been allocated.

**140/23 Chair and Vice Chair discussions**

For further discussion.

**141/23 Future Meeting Dates to be decided**

It was agreed that the second Wednesday of the month was a suitable meeting date going forward.

**142/23 War Memorial Updates**

- It was agreed that the PC would cover the costs of hall hiring for these meetings.
- A recent meeting concluded that there were x3 courses of action to be considered. Either: 1) Do nothing  
2) Move the memorial to a different location within the carpark  
3) Improve the defences around the memorial  
Due to astronomical costs to re-locate the memorial, it is likely that option 3 is the sensible way to proceed. The committee will keep the PC updated.

**143/23 Memorial for Nigel Woollcombe-Adams**

Cllr. Fielding to progress Nigel's walk now that the Mardi's Lane bridlepath has been improved. After discussions with Pippa Woollcombe-Adams, it was thought that the defibrillator may be a

good way to spend Nigel's donation.

- 144/23 Defibrillator  
Cllr. Frampton to take on this project. Clerk to forward information from the Lydford Sports Club and other gathered information.
- 145/23 Church Car Park interactive sign  
Cllr. Bartlett's investigations found that an interactive sign would cost around £10K, so this item will be removed from the agenda.
- 146/23 Thank you to Cllr. Chris Rood  
Clerk to find suitable gift and organise collection. Please note that funds will NOT be taken from the Parish coffers, as this is not permitted, as advised from SALC.
- 147/23 Thank you gift for Internal Auditor  
Clerk to discuss invoicing with Lauren Mitchell including pro-bono options within a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) framework.
- 148/23 East Lydford Noticeboard  
For possible inclusion on the wishlist.
- 149/23 Agenda items for next meeting
- Councillor Roles and Responsibilities.
  - Strategic forward planning/precept.
  - Community wishlist.
  - Playground.
- 150/23 To confirm the date of the next meeting  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1830 hrs, was confirmed.

Meeting finished at 2018 hrs  
Minutes prepared by Julie Nicol

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix...

- Report From Somerset County Councillors

Monthly round up of our activities

We are busy with ongoing case work, enquiries from our residents.

**Glastonbury Festival took place from 21 Jun 2023 – Sun, 25 Jun 2023.** Glastonbury Festival is the largest greenfield music and performing arts festival in the world.

Read about the role [Somerset Council](#) has with the Festival and how to get in touch if you have feedback, queries or issues: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/communi.../glastonbury-festival/>

If you are concerned about overgrown grass verges you can report direct (see link below) **or contact us if you have any issues with reporting directly.**

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/?>

## **Mendip South LCN augural meetings**

**We have attended a number of LCN (Local Community Networks) pre-meets in June.**

**Local Community Networks (LCNs) will be the focus for Somerset Council's community engagement. They will be a conduit for sharing information with communities on the areas, topics, decision making that affect our daily lives.**

**Below is a reminder of the first meetings for all four of the LCNs in our ward, Mendip South.**

**Avalon & Polden LCN Area 17** will have its first meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 7pm at the Crispin Hall, 83 High Street, Street, BA16 0EZ

**LCN Avalon and Poldens areas include: Ashcott, Baltonsborough, Barton St. David, Bawdrip, Burtle Butleigh, Catcott, Chilton Polden, Cossington, Edington, Glastonbury, Greinton, Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston, Meare & Westhay, Moorlinch, Shapwick, Sharpham, Stawell, Street, Walton, West Bradley, West Pennard**

**Wincanton LCN (Area 10)** will have its first meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 At 7pm at Queen Camel Memorial Hall, High Street, Queen Camel, BA22 7NF

LCN Wincanton areas include: Alford, Ansford, Babcary, Bratton Seymour, Brewham, Bruton, Castle Cary, Charlton Horethorne, Charlton Musgrove, Compton Pauncefoot, Corton Denham, Cucklington, Henstridge, Holton, Horsington, Lamyatt, Lovington, Lydford-on-Fosse, Maperton, Milborne Port, North Barrow, North Cadbury, North Cheriton, Pen Selwood, Pitcombe, Queen Camel, Shepton Montague, South Barrow, South Cadbury and Sutton, Montis, Sparkford, Stoke Trister, Wincanton, Yarlinton

**Frome LCN Area 2** will have its first (official LCN) meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July, at 7pm at Frome Town Hall, Christchurch Street West, Frome, BA11 1EB

**LCN Frome areas include: Berkley, Buckland Dinham, Frome TC, Great Elm CP, Hemington, Lullington, Mells, Norton St. Philip, Nunney, Rode, Selwood, Tellisford, Trudoxhill, Upton Noble, Wanstrow, Whatley, Witham Friary**

**Shepton LCN (Area 3)** will have its first meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July, at 7pm at Pilton Village Hall St Mary's Lane, Pilton Somerset BA4 4BB

**LCN Shepton areas include: Shepton Mallet, Batcombe, Chilcompton, Coleford, Cranmore, Croscombe, Ditchat, Doultling, Downhead, East Pennard, Evercreech, Holcombe, Kilmersdon, Leigh-on-Mendip, Milton Clevedon, Pilton, Pylle, Shepton Mallet, Stoke St Michael, Ston Easton, Stratton on the Fosse**

## **Somerset Council News Roundup**

- **Low-cost broadband and mobile phone packages**

**The government recognises that people are worried about their household bills and is working with providers to offer social tariffs to those struggling to afford broadband or phone services.**

**Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) have a webpage with more information about social Ttriffs including eligibility requirements and how to apply social tariffs.**

**Find out more:** <https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/updates/social-tariffs/>

- **Somerset Council's Customer Services Team Celebrate Success**

**Somerset Council Customer Services are celebrating after hearing they are double winners!**

**The service has won the Best Transformation Programme 2023 in the Southwest Contact Centre Forum Awards and the Genesys Customer Innovation Award 2023 despite tough competition from 100 global entries from a diverse range of companies.**

- Free summer school places up for grabs after funding success

40 free places on the Octagon Theatre and Westlands Entertainment Venue Summer School activities are up for grabs thanks to funding secured through Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership (SASP) and the 'Happy Healthy Holidays Somerset' scheme.

Happy Healthy Holidays Somerset provides funding to enable local groups to deliver a variety of holiday activities including food to children eligible for benefits-related free school meals across Somerset.

Find out more here: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/free-summer-school-places-up-for-grabs-after-funding-success/>

- Take on the challenge to go single-use plastic free this July

Choose to refuse single use plastic [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org). Somerset Council is backing the movement to go single-use plastic free and asking residents to be part of the solution to plastic pollution.

Last year Somerset households recycled close to 6,500 tonnes of plastic, which equates to roughly 29 lorry loads a month. Find out more here: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/take-on-the-challenge-to-go-single-use-plastic-free-this-july/>

- **On your marks, get set – read!**

Children in Somerset can sharpen their mental and physical skills this summer by joining the Summer Reading Challenge at Somerset Council's Libraries.

Youngsters aged 4-11 can visit Somerset Libraries to join a superstar team and their marvellous mascots and get involved in the Challenge themed around the power of play, sport, games, and physical activity.

Visit <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries/our-libraries/> to find out which services are available for families to enjoy.

- **Surface dressing underway for 2023**

Somerset Council's Highways team have started to surface dress some roads as part of the summer maintenance programme. Surface dressing is a nationally recognised maintenance technique for sealing a road, improving skid resistance, and preventing water getting under the surface. This is crucial to help stop potholes forming. It works by coating an existing road with bitumen, covering it with stone chippings and then rolling it.

The work can only be carried out in dry weather, so the Council's surface dressing programme is flexible, and dates can change at short notice.

You can check which roads are being surface dressed here: [www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/surface-dressing/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/surface-dressing/)

You can see dates of planned works here: [www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/roadworks-and-travel/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/roadworks-and-travel/) and make sure to follow Travel Somerset on Twitter and Facebook.

**Sign-up for the latest climate news:**

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/environment-and-food-safety/climate-and-ecological-emergency/newsletter-sign-up/>.

**Report it first: useful Links to share with your communities:**

*Live travel information*

<https://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/>

*Potholes and road damage*

Somerset Council repair potholes and other road defects, and maintain our roads, for the safe access of all road users:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/potholes-and-road-damage/>

*Report a problem with a street light*

We maintain and repair street lights to national standards to provide safe access to all road users:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-with-a-street-light/>

*Roads, travel and parking, road signs, markings and lighting*

Includes information about non-illuminated bollards, pedestrian crossings, requesting a village nameplate and how to apply for a new road sign Speed limits:<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/road-signs-bollards-and-road-markings/>

*Speed limits*

Request information about new or existing traffic calming measures:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/speed-limits/>

*Traffic lights*

We maintain over 200 traffic light locations throughout the county

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/traffic-lights/>

*Street and roadworks*

We maintain the roads and pavements that are managed at public expense in Somerset

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/street-and-roadworks/>

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- July Budget Sheet

## MONTHLY BUDGET SHEET

	AS AT	CURRENT A/C	SAVINGS A/C	TOTAL	APPLI E)
<b>APRIL</b>	12/04/2023	£167.03	£11,314.38	<b>£11,481.41</b>	
<b>MAY</b>	17/05/2023	£580.64	£22,314.38	<b>£22,895.02</b>	
<b>JUNE</b>	14/06/2023	£2,167.65	£20,314.38	<b>£22,482.03</b>	
<b>JULY</b>	28/07/2023	£1,108.51	£20,406.06	<b>£21,514.57</b>	
<b>AUGUST</b>					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
<b>JANUARY</b>					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
<b>MARCH</b>					

\* Less the following ringfenced expenditure: £5,500 for Ro

- Latest Speedwatch Figures

Speedwatch Summary	4th April to 28th July 2023						
	Date	Time	Location	Movements	Speeders	Fastest 30mph	Fastest 40mph
	18/04/2023	1130	B3153	264	7	44	
	25/04/2023	1545	B3153	326	8	39	
	28/04/2023	0930	B3153	293	8	53	
	02/05/2023	0930	B3153	259	9	42	
	04/05/2023	0800	A37L/b	712	23		63
	10/05/2023	1440	B3153	274	10	41	
	12/05/2023	1530	B3153	475	2	45	
	16/05/2023	0800	B3153 West	313	24	64	
	18/05/2023	1530	B3153	329	10	47	47
	23/05/2023	1140	B3153	260	7	40	
	24/05/2023	0835	B3153	308	13	46	
	26/05/2023	0805	A37L/b	653	28		57
	30/05/2023	1630	B3153	464	7	46	
	01/06/2023	0830	B3153	354	9	39	
	05/06/2023	1000	B3153	241	12	52	
	09/06/2023	1400	B3153	351	5	58	
	10/06/2023	0900	B3153	188	15	47	
	13/06/2023	0805	A37 L/b	799	19		60
	15/06/2023	0840	B3153 West	327	17	45	
	20/06/2023	1400	B3153	321	5	47	
	21/06/2023	0935	A37	587	19	48	
	28/06/2023	0820	A37 L/b	691	14	56	
	30/06/2023	1145	B3153	361	8		49
	05/07/2023	0830	B3153	295	5	43	
	07/07/2023	1500	B3153	410	6	54	
	11/07/2023	1140	B3153	251	9	50	
	13/07/2023	0815	A37	766	8	40	
	17/07/2023	1015	B3153	203	8	45	
	19/07/2023	0825	B3153 West	287	10	48	
<b>Total</b>			<b>29 sessions</b>		<b>325</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>