



**Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on
Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 1830 hrs in the Parish Hall, West Lydford.**

**Present: Parish Cllrs. Fielding, Persson, & Seehra, and the Clerk
And x8 members of the public**

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June Minutes

- 103/23 **Public Participation Session.**
Various members of the public spoke regarding some of the new planning applications. These comments are recorded in the planning section of the minutes.
- 104/23 **Policing/Neighbourhood Watch.**
Lynne Mitchell was unable to attend tonight's meeting but left some SCAM booklets to be distributed amongst the councillors and members of the public.
- 105/23 **Community Speedwatch.**
Ken Emsley informed the council that one of the two recent Speedwatch recruits has been fully trained, and another volunteer has come forward, bringing the total number of the team to seven. This may allow two Speedwatch teams on the same stretch of highway in time. The Lydford team have logged around 200 sessions so far. Ken Emsley reminded us that only speeders who reside in the Mendip area will receive a warning letter from the police. The latest figures are attached in the appendix.
- 106/23 **Council session**
Report from Somerset County Councillors.
County Councillors were not in attendance this evening and no report was sent.
- 107/23 **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies received from Cllrs. Bartlett & Purcell.
- 108/23 **Declaration of Member's Interests.**
Cllr. Fielding declared an interest in the Rubbery Farm Planning Application 2023/0806/FUL as she is a neighbour.
- 109/23 **Minutes of previous meeting.**
Minutes from the 17th May Parish Council Meeting were signed and approved by the chair.
- 110/23 **Matters arising from previous minutes.**

None.

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Planning matters.

New Planning applications: (3)

[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 12th October 2020.

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

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The councillors decision was unanimously NOT in favour of supporting this application. The main objections for this decision were as follows:

- the creation of a willow sewage bed system was deemed inappropriate for the size of land available and has an unproven performance track record.
- The proximity of the driveway to the main highway was deemed potentially hazardous. It was noted that this site has been turned down twice already by the Highways department.
- Objections from nearby neighbours were also taken into consideration

Comments were submitted to Somerset Planning East by 15th 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)

The councillors voted unanimously in favour of supporting this application, as a larger dwelling house had previously been approved by the PC. The phosphate issue has been mitigated and incorporated into the application.

Comments were submitted to Somerset Planning East by 15th 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

The councillors voted in favour of the application as a previous conversion has been approved by the PC.

Comments were submitted to Somerset Planning East by 15th June 2023.

Applications Decided: (4)

[2023/0208/HSE \(Case Officer Kirsty Black\)](#)

Erection of double garage to side of existing dwelling with extension to rear.

Little Dormers, High Street, West Lydford.

Deadline for comments: 9th March 2022.

Revised Plans submitted, re-consultation deadline: 31st May 2023.

Approved 7th June 2023.

[2023/0328/HSE \(Case Officer Kirsty Black\)](#)

Erection of first floor and single storey side extension.

Fosse House Farm, Fosse Way, West Lydford.

Approved 14th April 2023.

[2023/0309/HSE \(Case Officer Kirsty Black\)](#)

Erection of child's recreational tree house.

Willow Cottage, High Street, West Lydford.

Approved 21st April 2023.

[2022/2183/LBC](#)

Emergency repairs & demolition of internal stone walls
Perrotts, Castle Cary Road, Lydford On Fosse
Approved 18th May 2023.

Applications awaiting Decision: (6)
[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: 6th March 2023.

[2022/2186/LBC](#)
Emergency repairs & demolition of internal stone walls
Perrotts, Castle Cary Road, Lydford On Fosse
Deadline for comments: 30th November 2022.

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[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: 11th 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 20th 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 26th 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 3rd June 2020

Planning Enforcements: (1)
[ENF/2022/0014](#)
Ash View Farm Fosse Way Lydford On Fosse

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Finance:
Payments Due
The following payments were approved.

Name of Payee	Description of Payment	Amount
Additional payments made since the last notification of the Agenda:		
Zurich	PC Insurance	£363.00
Ralph Berry	Memorial plants/compost	£49.99

The following payments are due:		
J. Nicol	Clerk's Salary for June '23	£293.40
Ralph Berry	Kings Coronation Expenses	£483.74
Shepton Mallet Landscape Ltd	Cricket Grounds maintenance May	£264.00

/2 To agree accounts for May '23
The accounts were sent electronically to the chair and the other councillors, then approved and signed in the meeting.

/3 To agree the bank reconciliation for May '23
The bank reconciliation was sent electronically to the chair and the other councillors, then approved and signed in the meeting.

/4 PC Debit/Credit card/new bank account
A Lloyds Treasurers Account has been set up which will give the PC a debit card. Clerk awaiting paperwork before the account is opened.

/5 June Budget Sheet/Budget Allocation
Attached in the appendix.

113/23 To receive reports on the following Posts of Responsibilities:

/1 Highways, Pavements & Signage

- Highways have not approved further signage under the railway bridge on the Babcarry Road, despite ongoing problems with large lorries getting stuck.
- Mini Matrix has been delivered and we are awaiting a date for its erection.
- Chris Rood is waiting for confirmation of a date for his Chapter 8 training.

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/2 Footpaths & Bridleways

- The Mardis Lane bridleway is being overhauled this week, with joint financing from Somerset CC and the Mendip Bridleways.
- Cllr. Fielding reports a lack of gates to continue her stile replacement program.

/3 Marketing/Website

- Cllr. Seehra has added the Big Help Out tab to the website following on from the Kings Coronation weekend. Ann Emsley is co-ordinating any volunteers with those that require assistance.
- Cllr. Seehra has agreed to manage more of the website to help the clerk.

/4 Bus Partnership

- £2.50 flat fare rate extended to end of year.
- Council has approved discounted fares for the 18-25s.
- Investment in the Taunton area has increased passengers by 25%.
- Current passenger numbers are at 85% of the pre-Covid period.
- Next meeting scheduled for 26th June.

114/23 Clerk's Salary
The clerk has been logging her hours, as requested. It was noted that she had already logged x20 hrs and was only half way through the month. Statutory pay rises will probably be decided in September and be back dated to April. It is expected that the increase will be £1 per hour, according to SALC. The councillors are mindful of the clerk's workload and will endeavour to carry more themselves, now that there is a full compliment of councillors.

115/23 Councillor Co-option discussion

- Richard Stocking was proposed by Cllr. Bartlett and seconded by Cllr. Fielding. He was unanimously co-opted to the council. Richard Stocking signed his Declaration of Acceptance form and was witnessed by the clerk.
- Jim Frampton was proposed by Cllr. Purcell and seconded by Cllr. Seehra. He was unanimously

co-opted to the council. A motion was passed to allow Jim Frampton to sign his Declaration of Acceptance form in the next PC meeting.

116/23 War Memorial Updates

- Committee in ongoing conversations with Historic England
- Jane Boldy (Conservation officer, Somerset CC) has suggested a pre-application to move the memorial. This obviously has a cost implication.
- Cllr. Stocking has agreed to advise the committee, as this is his area of expertise.
- Clerk to try to find the 1920/21 minutes when the memorial was first commissioned.

117/23 Kings Coronation - final spend

The committee had its final meeting, and the final spend was approved (see item 112/23). The PC would like to offer its thanks to everyone that was involved in the very successful weekend.

118/23 Memorial for Nigel Woollcombe-Adams

Cllr. Fielding is waiting for the Mardis Lane bridleway to be overhauled before continuing with the memorial walk.

119/23 Defibrillator

- Clerk is awaiting reply from the Lydford Cricket Club treasurer regarding spend/maintenance etc.
- Tom Ireland informed us that Keinton Mandeville used a Chew Valley company. It was also noted that the defib would need a power supply and a lit up keypad.

120/23 Church Car Park interactive sign

The councillors agreed this might be a good idea. Cllr. Bartlett to investigate costings. The clerk is trying to set up a meeting with the police to discuss the problem of wild swimming.

121/23 Thank you to Cllr. Chris Rood

Clerk to check protocol with SALC regarding the use of public funds for gifts.

122/23 Thank you gift for Internal Auditor

For further discussion (see above).

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123/23 Agenda items for next meeting

- Gifts
- Councillor roles and responsibilities
- Chair & vice chair discussions
- Future meeting dates
- Clerks salary

124/23 To confirm the date of the next meeting.

Friday 28th July, 1830 hrs, was confirmed.

Meeting finished at 1958 hrs
Minutes prepared by Julie Nicol

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APPENDIX

- June Budget Sheet

MONTHLY BUDGET SHEET

	AS AT	CURRENT A/C	SAVINGS A/C	TOTAL	APPE EX
APRIL	12/04/2023	£167.03	£11,314.38	£11,481.41	
MAY	17/05/2023	£580.64	£22,314.38	£22,895.02	
JUNE	14/06/2023	£2,167.65	£20,314.38	£22,482.03	
JULY					
AUGUST					
SEPTEMBER					
OCTOBER					
NOVEMBER					
DECEMBER					
JANUARY					
FEBRUARY					
MARCH					

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

- Latest Speedwatch Figures

**Speedwatch
Summary**

1st February to 30th May 2023

Date	Time	Location	Movements	Speeders	Fastest mph 30	Fastest mph 40
01/02/2023	1055	B3153	191	7	44	
03/02/2023	1205	A37	513	4	45	
07/02/2023	1340	B3153	206	6	46	
11/02/2023	0915	B3153	235	5	38	47
14/02/2023	1010	A37	673	18	45	
15/02/2023	1345	B3153	234	5	42	
20/02/2023	1140	B3153	230	7	43	
22/02/2023	1400	B3153	262	6	40	
27/02/2023	0855	A37L/b	574	1		49
03/03/2023	1400	B3153	254	2	47	47
16/03/2023	1050	B3153	206	10	42	
17/03/2023	0900	B3153	213	2	41	
22/03/2023	1400	A37	519	11	53	
27/03/2023	1400	B3153	213	5	41	
30/03/2023	0815	B3153	288	5	43	
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	