

Minutes of the Meeting of the Lydiard Millicent Parish Council held at the Lydiard Millicent Village Hall, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon SN5 3LS on Thursday 6th February 2014 commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Tim Blackmore (Chair), John Bennett, Simon Burley, Dean Cobb, Mollie Groom, Andrew Harris, Steve Mowbray, Alan Pflieger and David Rees.

42. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Alison McLean-Crawford and Tom Pepperall.

43. SAFETY BRIEFING

A safety briefing was given to 11 members of the public and the 9 Councillors present.

44. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

45. MINUTES

It was **REOLVED** that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

46. MATTERS ARISING

The following Matters Arising were considered:

- (a) **Minutes 29(a) Rocker Spring** –Three quotations had now been received to replace the Rocker Spring but a copy of the quotation received from SCS was not available for comparison. It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the next meeting.
- (b) **Minute 29(b) Area Board Meeting** –Cllr Cobb provided an update from the Area Board meeting. It had been very successful and support was given to the footpath project.
- (c) **Minute 33(a) Highway Sub-Committee Meeting** –Cllr Bennett updated Council regarding the Ridgeway Farm survey that was currently being undertaken. Approximately 160 letters had been delivered and to date 33 replies had been received. There was currently no overwhelming support or objections to the questions raised. A further report would be submitted to Council at its next meeting.

47. POLICE REPORT

The Police had submitted apologies and were not in attendance.

48. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Groom informed Council that Unitary Councillors had received a 1% increase in their allowances although Cabinet Members had received a 22% increase to reflect additional duties and responsibilities.

Further flood signage had been requested and there were to be changes in the byelaws related to flooding.

49. PUBLIC RECESS

The following issues were raised by members of the public:-

- (a) **Footpath Update** –It was confirmed that the footpath extension at Lydiard Green was going to go ahead but as yet there was no timeframe for the project. It was further reported that additional stages of the path west of the post box to Greensend had not yet been considered.
- (b) **Local Flooding** –Concern was expressed regarding the continuous problem of flooding in Green Hill. There was a suggestion that the pipe appeared to be blocked. It was agreed to report the problem to Wiltshire Council for action.
- (c) **The Beeches** –Thanks was extended to Council for all their work helping to address the highway issues in the Beeches. It was noted that the BT box would be updated when fibre optic was installed. It was also suggested that the drain had collapsed in the main road and it was agreed to request Wiltshire Council to carry out a CCTV drain survey.

50. ITEMS OF LATE BUSINESS

The following items of Late Business were considered:-

- (a) **Car Park Upgrade** –An update had been received from the consultants regarding the car park upgrade. Following consideration of the pre-application by the Wiltshire Council Planning Department no objections had been raised by the Conservation or Highways departments and the Planning Department considered the proposal acceptable in principle.

It was agreed to consult potential contractors to discuss types of materials that could be used and develop a cost effective proposal. Any cost saving proposals could then be included in the final planning application. It was also agreed that potential sources of funding should be investigated.

- (b) **Area Board Meeting** –A full update of the Area Board meeting held on 22nd February 2014 was received. It was suggested that an event to walk the boundaries should be considered and developed by Council. It was also suggested that the names of those who gave their lives during World War One from the Parish should be put forward for inclusion in the County commemorations.
- (c) **Overhanging Trees** –Concern was expressed regarding the overhanging trees in the Beeches. Following discussion it was agreed to contact the residents of the relevant property and ask them to cut back the trees.

- (d) **Articulated Lorry** –Council was informed that an articulated lorry became stuck on Green Hill on 28th January 2014. It was agreed to obtain as much information as possible regarding the vehicle and inform the Police and the Highways Department of the incident.

51. PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

Council received the following report from Cllr Bennett regarding the Parish Hall Committee:-

- (a) **Agreement Relating to the Car Park** –Council noted that the Agreement had been signed by the Parish Hall Committee to transit the Parish Hall north car park to reach the proposed car park in the Community Field. The Parish Hall Committee also wished to thank the Parish Council for the excellent tree and lights which brightened the parish over the Christmas holidays.
- (b) **Hall Floor** –Council noted that the hall floor had recently been sanded and treated and the walls and woodwork had been redecorated. In order to maintain the hall floor in its restored state as long as possible users were reminded that they must not drag chairs and tables across the floor or use any equipment which would mark the floor. If accidental damage was caused it should be reported to a committee member as soon as possible.

52. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

Council **NOTED** that the Playground Inspection Report for February 2014 had been received from Cllr Pepperall. It was agreed that Cllr Pflieger would carry out the inspection in March 2014.

53. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Council considered the following application:

- (a) Application Number: 14/00125/FUL
Proposal: Renewal of Temporary Permission N/09/01814/FUL to extend the period of use for B1 & B8 activities as part of the mixed use live/work single planning unit.
Location: Westhills Lodge, Shaw, Swindon, Wiltshire SN5 5PP
LMPC Comment: Council resolved to object to this planning application for the following reasons:
- **The Parish Council had serious concerns regarding the history of this site and the issues relating to it especially regarding vehicle access and movement;**
 - **The road is not wide enough to allow an emergency vehicle to access the site especially during deliveries;**
 - **The site is considered unsuitable for the activities currently being undertaken.**

Council **NOTED** the following approvals:

Approvals

- (b) Application Number: 13/05934/FUL
Proposal: Extensions & Alteration to Outbuilding (Revision to 13/02156/FUL)
Location: 31 Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon SN5 3LD
Decision: Approve with Conditions: Decision Date: 07/01/2014
- (c) Application Number: 13/06153/TPO
Proposal: Reduce 5 Beech Trees by 25%
Location: 1 The Beeches, Lydiard Millicent, Wiltshire SN5 3LT
Decision: Approve with Conditions: Decision Date: 09/01/2014

Community Infrastructure Levy Update

- (d) **CIL Consultation** –Council **NOTED** that consultation was currently being carried out on the Community Infrastructure Levy structure.

54. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) **Clarence Highways Reporting** –Council **NOTED** the link to report highway issues to Wiltshire Council.
- (b) **Traffic Orders** –Council **NOTED** the latest traffic orders that affected Lydiard Millicent at The Street and Manor Hill.
- (c) **Wiltshire 20mph Policy** –Council noted the information provided regarding the Wiltshire 20mph policy and, following consideration, **RESOLVED** to submit initial suggestions to the Clerk by Tuesday 24th February 2014. These will then be considered by the Highways Working Party and formal recommendations will be presented to Council for consideration and adoption at its next meeting on Thursday 6th March 2014.

55. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There was no further progress to report with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan due to Wiltshire Council failing to pay the contractors in January 2014.

56. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Council was informed that six sites within the Parish had been approved to carry out the Speedwatch initiative although the paperwork was still awaited. Liaison with the three neighbouring parishes would then be pursued to organise access to the speedwatch gun.

57. JCH REPAIRS

Council **NOTED** that the handrail had now been repaired and the guttering had also been cleaned. A downpipe was cracked but this would be repaired once the weather improved. Thanks were extended to Cllrs Pflieger and Cobb for all their efforts

58. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) **Monthly Expenditures** –Council **RESOLVED** to ratify of the following expenditure for January 2014:

PAYEE	ITEM	NET	VAT	TOTAL
R Leckie	Salary	£39.00	£0.00	£39.00
R Leckie	Expenses	£43.52	£0.00	£43.52
Enlan Ltd	Grounds Contract Fee	£420.00	£84.00	£504.00
Mr Haworth	White Lining	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
J Richens	JCH Cleaning Dec 13	£84.00	£0.00	£84.00
Cllr Pflieger	Repairs and bulb replacement	£15.87	£0.00	£15.87
Cllr Bennett	In Touch Services printing	£18.50	£3.70	£22.20
LPC	Planning consultancy	£82.50	£16.50	£99.00
	TOTAL	£798.30	£109.29	£907.89

- (b) **Council Investments** –Council **NOTED** that £25,000 had been reinvested with Lloyds Corporate Markets for a further four months by Cllr Peperall. A special interest rate of 0.8% had been offered if the funds were invested from 6th January to 2nd May 2014.

59. PUBLICATIONS

Council **NOTED** the following publications:

- (a) Our Community
- (b) Wiltshire Parish
- (c) Neighbourhood Planning
- (d) Neighbourhood Planning Briefing PDF link
- (e) Flood Incident
- (f) Rural Services Online
- (g) Council tax freeze/New Homes Bonus
- (h) Police Commissioner Consultation
- (i) Community
- (j) Northern Area Planning
- (k) Rural Housing
- (l) ROWIP –Wiltshire County Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- (m) Neighbourhood Plan Consultation –Malmesbury Town Council.

60. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Thursday 6th March 2014 in the Lydiard Millicent Village Hall, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon SN5 3LS commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Members and the public for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.52pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: