

Minutes of the Meeting of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council held at the Jubilee Clubhouse, Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3NH on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 commencing at 7:30pm.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Tim Blackmore (Chair), John Bennett, Simon Burley, Dean Cobb, Alison McLean-Crawford, Steve Mowbray (7.55pm), Alan Pflieger and David Rees.

**25. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mollie Groom, Andrew Harris and Tom Pepperall.

**26. SAFETY BRIEFING**

A safety briefing was given to 10 members of the public and the 8 Councillors present.

**27. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests made.

**28. MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**29. MATTERS ARISING**

The following Matters Arising were considered:

- (a) **Rocker Spring** –A quotation for the replacement spring was still awaited.
- (b) **Footpath Survey** –Council received an update from the Chair following the consultation carried out with residents regarding the proposed Lydiard Green footpath extension. 25 of the 26 residents were contacted of which 4 were opposed to the proposal, 2 had no views and 19 were supportive. This information had been submitted to the Area Board for information. Thanks were extended to Cllrs Blackmore, Cobb, Pflieger and Rees for their input enabling this survey to be successfully completed.

**30. POLICE REPORT**

No report was available.

**31. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT**

No report was available. Cllr Groom had given her apologies.

**32. PUBLIC RECESS**

10 members of the public were present and the following issues were raised:

- (a) **Highway Matters, The Beeches** –Concern was expressed at the poor state of the road surface and the number of potholes, some of which were dangerous, in this part of the Parish. There were also issues reported of the drains not operating properly.

The matter had been reported to Wiltshire Council Highways Department by both residents and Councillors. It was agreed to provide a link on the website to enable residents to report highway issues directly to Wiltshire Council and the Highways Maintenance number, 0800 232323, would be publicised.

- (b) **Empty Properties** –Concern was raised that a bungalow belonging to Westlea Housing Association had apparently been empty for at least six months. It was agreed to ask Cllr Pepperall if he would bring the matter up with the Housing Association when he was next in contact with them.
- (c) **Neighbourhood Plan** –It was confirmed that all residents within the Parish would be given the opportunity to comment and feed back on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

### 33. ITEMS OF LATE BUSINESS

The following items of late business were considered:

- (a) **Highway Sub Committee Meeting** –Members were provided an update regarding the draft letter that was to be sent out to local residents regarding the Ridgeway development. It was **AGREED** that 200 A4 leaflets be produced at a cost of £18.50.
- (b) **Stone Lane** –Concern was expressed that there appeared to be no plans to address the highway issues along this Lane. It was confirmed that this Lane remained a high priority of the Council for action to improve highway safety.

### 34. PARISH PRECEPT 2014/15

Council considered the proposed draft budget for 2014/15 and precept options based on the projects identified for the forthcoming year.

Following detailed discussions Council unanimously **RESOLVED** that a Parish Precept of £19,905 be levied for 2014/2015. It was expected this would result in a Band D cost of £27.20, an increase of approximately 9 pence per week for a typical Band D property. The draft budget for 2014/15 was also adopted.

### 35. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

Council **RECEIVED** the following Playground Inspection Report for December 2013 presented by Cllr Cobb:

The equipment appeared to be in a good state of repair; The chippings would require topping up in the Spring;  
The Mews area had yet to be inspected but would be addressed as soon as possible;

One of the handrails leading into the football changing rooms required attention. Councillors Pflieger and Cobb agreed to make the repair.

**36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Council considered the following application:

**(a) Application Number: 13/06316/FUL**

**Proposal:** Two storey rear extension and detached garage and tractor store.

**Location:** Honeywood Lodge, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon SN5 3LS

**LMPC Comment:** Council resolved to Support the application.

**37. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICY DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS**

Members were provided with the revised Neighbourhood Plan development options.

Following consideration it was **AGREED:**

That full consideration of the options be deferred until further advice has been obtained from the Council's

That the information regarding the Parish of Lydiard Millicent contained within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment conducted by Wiltshire Council is included in the future consideration of the Neighbourhood Plan policies.

**38. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

Council was informed that a further three training sessions had been organised and a further report on the commencement of the initiative would be provided at the next Council meeting to be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

**39. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Council **RESOLVED** to ratify of the following expenditure for December 2013:

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
R Leckie	Salary	£351.35	£0.00	£351.35
R Leckie	Expenses	£66.79	£9.32	£76.11
LMP Hall	Hire of Hall	£24.50	£0.00	£24.50
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	£64.00	£0.00	£64.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,026.64</b>	<b>£93.32</b>	<b>£1,119.96</b>

**40. GRANT REQUESTS**

Following consideration of the grant request received from Wiltshire Citizens Advice for £200 it was **AGREED** that on this occasion, due to financial restrictions, the Parish Council was not in a position to support the request.

**41. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Members and the public for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9pm.

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**CHAIR:**

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**DATE:**