

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council which will be held at the Jubilee Clubhouse, Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3NH on **Wednesday 8th January 2014 commencing at 7:30pm** at which your attendance is required.

Thursday 2nd January 2014

TO ALL MEMBERS OF LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL:

Councillors Tim Blackmore (Chair), John Bennett, Simon Burley, Dean Cobb, Mollie Groom, Andrew Harris, Alison McLean-Crawford, Steve Mowbray, Tom Pepperall, Alan Pflieger, David Rees.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **SAFETY BRIEFING**
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.
4. **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 5th December 2013 need to be agreed and signed as a correct record (Appendix One)
5. **MATTERS ARISING**
To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th December 2013, which do not appear on the agenda.
6. **POLICE REPORT**
To receive a Police Report, if available.
7. **WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT**
To receive a Wiltshire Council Report, if available.
8. **PUBLIC RECESS**
Members of the public are invited to make representations to the Lydiard Millicent Parish Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern. (Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960)

9. ITEMS OF LATE BUSINESS

To consider any items of late business which need to be moved, seconded and approved, the special circumstances being that it would be unreasonable to delay any decision by the Parish Council until its next ordinary meeting on Thursday 6th February 2014.

10. PARISH PRECEPT 2014/15

To consider the Parish Precept for 2014/15. The draft budget is included in Appendix Two.

11. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

To receive the Playground Inspection Report for December 2013 from Cllr Cobb.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider the latest Planning Applications. Please see Appendix Three.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICY DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

To consider the approval of the NEW-V options for Lydiard Millicent. Please see Appendix Four.

14. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

To receive an update on the Speedwatch Initiative, if available.

15. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To consider ratification of the following expenditure:

PAYEE	ITEM	NET	VAT	TOTAL
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	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	TOTAL	£962.64	£93.32	£1,055.96

16. GRANT REQUESTS

A grant request has been received from Wiltshire Citizens Advice for £200 to help support face to face services and the dedicated telephone service which operates 5 days a week.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6th February 2014 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Paul Russell
Clerk to the Council

Lydiard Millicent Parish Council

Minutes of 5th December 2013

Present: Councillors T Blackmore (Chair), A Pflieger, J Bennett, M Groom, A Harris, A Mclean, S Mowbray, T Pepperall, D Rees and D Cobb arrived later during item 14.

1. Apologies for absence. Councillor S Burley.
2. Safety Briefing was given to 10 members of public and 9 Councillors.
3. Declarations of Interest. – There were none.
4. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2013. Were signed as a true record.
5. Matters arising from the minutes and not scheduled on the agenda.

Washpool Bridge and Ridgeway farm were being dealt with by our Highway committee who are in weekly contact with Wiltshire Council.

7.11.13 item 8 The Chairman had met with and had a useful conversation with Mr Baker regarding the way forward with the War Memorial Fund. It has been ascertained that if the fund was registered with hmrc as a charitable fund it would not be liable for tax and could receive Gift Aid. The fund would have at least 3 members responsible for it, one of which may be Mrs R Leckie as the Council's Responsible Financial Officer.

7.11.13 item 9 The PAT testing had been carried on both the Jubilee Clubhouse and on the Christmas tree lights where necessary. All items tested were logged in the ledger kept at the Jubilee Clubhouse. The relevant entries for the Christmas tree will be photocopied and forwarded to the Parish Hall Committee for their records. Thanks were recorded to Alan Pflieger and his team of volunteers for a lovely looking tree again this year.

6. Police Report. The Officer had sent an apology, and emailed that there was not much to report.
7. Wiltshire Council Report. Councillor Groom reported that Wiltshire Council was intending to clamp down on residents who do not keep their ditches clear. After receiving warnings they may be fined.
8. Parishioners' Question time to include any items arising later on the agenda. Mrs Redford had requested her cheque for the Bedding plants. The Clerk apologised for the delay, and handed Mrs Willies the cheque for Mrs Redford.

A Resident of Lydiard Green asked the Chairman and the Council if an apology would be given regarding the way that the Lydiard Green footpath and traffic calming issues had been handled. The Chairman said that he would not be apologising for anything he had done, and felt that fellow Councillors would have to respond for themselves. – No other Councillors responded.

A resident of Lydiard Green asked for confirmation that a letter would be sent to residents as per item 'E' in minutes of 3rd October as soon as the new plans for Lydiard Green are available. The Chairman agreed that plans would be made available, but instead of a letter, in the light of issues around the proposed plans, he stated that each home would receive a personal meeting with the Parish Council representatives. Reason - this will enable all opinions to be heard.

The Parish Council were requested to establish what Wiltshire Council's strategy was regarding the state of Lydiard Green highway, because it is now well passed the need just to repair potholes and required remaking as soon as possible. It is believed that Malcolm Beavan and Matt Perott are well aware of the state of the road and that other villages are also complaining about the new contractors, who are well past any transition period.

Mr Tapscott publically acknowledged that it was the Clerk's final meeting and gave thanks to Rosemary Leckie for her service to the Council. The Chairman said he had intended to thank the Clerk at the end of the evening, and then took the moment to welcome her successor, Paul Russell.

9. Urgent matters arising including any Councillor reports and any correspondence since the publication of the agenda. There were none.
10. Councillor Playground Inspection report was completed by Councillor Blackmore no action required.
11. Actions taken on the ROSPA Playground report. The D shackle had been replaced in the Play area, which was the most urgent recommendation from the ROSPA report. No further work was necessary at the present time. Councillor

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Pepperall has arranged a meeting with a representative of Swindon Commercial Services regarding a quotation for the installation of the Spring Animal.

12. Speedwatch update. Councillor Pflieger reported that although training had taken place they were still waiting for the programme to start.

13. Receive report on NEW-V Neighbourhood Plan meeting November 9th. – Councillor Bennett reported that the sessions had been well attended by over 50 members of public who were brought up to date with where the Neighbourhood Plan had reached so far. The consultation period produced a number of issues which now need to be refined into specific Options by Parishioners and Councillors. The final Options will then be put to Parishioners in a Parish wide poll and the results presented to the Parish Council for acceptance.

14. Receive report on CAT-G Meeting held on 21st November. Council to consider co-funding first stages of Lydiard Green footpath.

Councillor Cobb arrived during this item. Councillor Blackmore reported the outcome of what had happened at the CAT-G meeting at which he was an observer:

The CATG agreed to recommend to the Area Board that the sum of £10,964 already allocated to this project from last year, along with the sum of up to £3,536 from this year's budget should be allocated to this project, resulting in a total CATG contribution of up to £14,500. This was on the basis that:

1. Phases 1 , 2 and 3 of the project would be delivered as a minimum
2. The Parish Council will contribute the remaining funds to enable phases 1, 2 and 3 to be completed – being a sum of at least £3,000. If the Parish Council could contribute a higher amount then it might be possible to deliver phase 4 too.
3. The Parish Council would approach the industrial units at Bagbury Lane to explore whether any financial contributions towards the project could be secured

Item 17 brought forward. Receive report on Area Board meeting held on 27th November, to include update on Lydiard Green footpath. The Chairman reported the outcome from the Area Board: Following representations by three LG residents, the Area Board deferred ratification of the allocation until their January meeting. This was on the grounds that the proposed scheme was effectively a new proposal and required a further survey of the level of support. The Chairman agreed to put this proposal to LMPC.

Councillor Blackmore also read from a progressive timeline of notes he had prepared from Council minutes, Highway Committee Minutes, Community Area Transport Group and Area Board minutes showing the path of consultation and decisions made.

Councillor McLean questioned the Chairman's interpretation of the timeline and asked why the Council were continuing to ask for funding on a plan that had been abandoned by the Parish Council.

The Chairman replied that he had not considered that by taking just the first 3 or 4 phases of the original plan that it would be viewed by the Area Board as a new plan. He had taken the first phases to Area Board to ascertain if it was viable enough to re-survey the parishioners with.

Questions were raised on where the £3,000 would be coming from. – Response was that if local businesses were not prepared to contribute then it would come from Parish Council reserves.

Questions were raised as to whether or not it was possible to put forward the plan for phases 1-3 to the residents before the next Area Board in January. – In response the Chairman felt it was possible to speak to all those affected within the limited time frame. It was agreed that a minimum of 3 members of the Council would take part in the data collection.

Questions were raised as to the purpose of the footpaths being proposed – Response, to increase the infrastructure of the Parish and to allow members of the public, especially the elderly and vulnerable to walk safely.

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A motion was put forward by Councillor Bennett that a face to face survey be conducted of the 21 households on the western end of Lydiard Green. Vote showed that 7 were in favour and 1 against. Motion was carried. It was further agreed that the Council were committed to putting forward the results of the planned survey on phases 1-3/4 at the next Area Board .

Questions were raised as to how the figure of £3,000 had been reached. – Response, the CATG board were asking for 20% of the projects. This is set for the coming year, however, it was hoped that in future years a per Capita basis will be used.

A vote was taken as to whether or not the Council would be prepared to fund the £3,000 from reserves if the CATG funding was agreed. Result 9 in favour and 1 against. Councillor Groom proposed and Councillor Pflieger seconded that this be funded from reserves. Vote carried and approved

The Council were asked to consider surveying Parishioners as to how many people would want to walk the proposed footpaths, as very few people are ever seen walking along Lydiard Green. This was declined as being an unrealistic task.

15. To receive Councillors responses to Highways committee recommendations, and to consider potential changes to the status of Manor Hill. Following up from item 14 from Parish Council meeting 7th November. The Committee had not settled their list by priority. Deferred until January 2014.

16. To receive feedback from Councillor Bennett in respect of the letter to the Parish Hall Committee. Also to receive feedback from Councillor Pepperall in respect of Mr and Mrs Warrens boundary. Councillor Bennett reported that although agreement on direction of travel was deferred, there would be transit rights to reach the new car park. The letter to Parish Hall officially asking them to agree in principle these rights, had been drafted for the Parish Council to sign and would be delivered as soon as possible.

Councillor Pepperall reported that his communications with the Warrens went well and various means of widening the entrance splay of the car park had been considered. They are happy to co-operate and will donate the necessary land to alleviate parking issues they have at the entrance to their driveway. A licence agreement for use of the land in perpetuity would need to be drawn up. Thanks to the Warrens were recorded.

Further consultations will take place now in the New Year.

17. Receive report on Area Board meeting held on 27th November, to include update on Lydiard Green footpath. See item 14 above.

18. Receive report on Swindon Borough Council Licensing Application for Christmas Parties in Lydiard Park from 19:00 to 01:00 16 times between 19 November and 22 December annually. Unfortunately although several parishioners had personally objected to this application it had been agreed and the first event was currently taking place. The conditions stated that the first 3 nights will be monitored by the environmental agency, which was being performed in Forge Fields. If after the first 3 nights the noise levels rise then telephone numbers were available to report the nuisance.

19. To consider the following **Planning Applications:**

13/05388/FUL 30 Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent. (extension of consultation agreed by WC for LMPC)
Conversion and adaption of existing barn to provide self-contained new dwelling.
Objection on the basis of lack of ostensible use as a stable, but if permitted, the new dwelling to be treated as an ancillary dwelling, not to be saleable separate from the main house.
Also concerns regarding the increase in traffic from stable to 5 bedroomed house on a very busy and dangerous road. The Parish Council will be asking our Wiltshire Councillor to call this application in for the full committee to consider. After a vote where there were 3 objections and 8 abstentions it was agreed to call this application in to be looked at by the Wiltshire Council Planning Committee in full.

13/05292/FUL & 13/05621/LBC The Old Rectory, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent
Conversion of coach house into ancillary domestic accommodation, erection of detached garage and minor works to listed house. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

13/06153/TPO 1 The Beeches, Lydiard Millicent – reduce 5 Beech trees by 25% - supported.

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13/05989/FUL Land opposite 21 Greenhill, Wootton Bassett.

The Parish Council would like to support this application subject to conditions. The Council would wish to see the applicant placing drainage adjacent to the road either ditched or piped. There were concerns over the boundaries of the property and how the land not owned by applicant was to be managed. The overall opinion was that the removal of the current eyesore would be welcomed.

13/05934/FUL 31 Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent.

Extensions and alteration to outbuilding (revision to 13/02156/FUL)

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

13/05817/FUL Rukia Gardens, Wood Lane, Brinkworth. Retention of existing wildlife pond (retrospective)

The Parish Council approved this application.

Concerns were raised regarding the new build at 38 Stone Lane, and it was asked if the Council could work with Wiltshire Council to ensure that all verges and hedges that had been affected by the heavy construction traffic be re-instated. Councillor Groom offered to write to the senior enforcement officer for assistance.

20. To confirm and minute the new bank signatories. Unfortunately the Bank had not received the document. A further document to be sent.

21. To confirm that Lydiard Millicent Cricket Contract has been signed. Cricket agreement had been signed.

22. To seek views from public and councillors on our 2014/2015 budget. Already proposed by Councillors are:- Neighbourhood Watch Signs, consideration for more wooden planters – suggested sites Lydiard Green, Tewksbury Way and replacement of telegraph pole beds opposite Parish Hall, allowance for extra on Groundsman contract. Councillors and Parishioners were urged to put forward possible spending requests as soon as possible.

23. To approve the following expenditure.

	Expenditure	Net £'s	Cheque amount
R Leckie	Salary	351.35	351.35
R Leckie	Expenses - Tel, Stationery, Mileage, etc		49.43
LMPHall	Hire of P/Hall – includes hire for NEW-V	59.30	59.30
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	420.00	504.00
Mr Haworth	White Lining	100.00	100.00
J Richens	JCH Cleaning for November 5 x £21	125.00	125.00
T Pepperall	JCH signage	25.00	30.00
Active Plumbing Supplies Ltd	Plumbing supplies for JCH works.	111.08	133.30
A Pflieger	Christmas tree and lights	88.95	98.74

The above payments were proposed by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Councillor Groom, and approved.

Approval was given by the Council that Councillors Blackmore, and Pepperall, together with Mrs Leckie and Mr Russell to prepare a draft precept budget to be presented at the January 2014 meeting.

24. Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

CHAIR

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	31/12/2013			
	Actual Year	Current	Variance	Budget
	To Date	Annual Bud	Annual Total	2014/15
<u>General Administration</u>				
Clerk - Salary	£2,814	£3,750	£936	£5,000
Clerk - Mileage	£104	£300	£196	£150
Telephone	£72	£100	£28	£280
	£146	£180	£34	£0
	£0	£20	£20	£0
Clerk - Postage	£44	£50	£6	£50
Training	£206	£0	-£206	£400
Chairman Allowance	£50	£0	-£50	£250
Chairman - Mileage	£0	£20	£20	£0
Chairman - Broadband	£43	£150	£107	£0
Chairman - Telephone	£0	£90	£90	£0
Community Engagement	£0	£0	£0	£100
Hire of Room for PC	£221	£350	£129	£450
Stationery	£44	£300	£256	£300
Audit Fees	£690	£600	-£90	£700
Insurance	£720	£700	-£20	£750
IT	£0	£15	£15	£300
Bank Charges	£15	£15	£0	£15
Printers	£14	£0	-£14	£0
Accounts Package - RBS	£107	£140	£33	£120
Purchase of office furniture	£15	£0	-£15	£0
Subscriptions	£493	£500	£7	£500
Data Protection	£35	£35	£0	£35
Maps and Guides	-£50	£0	£50	£0
Key Cutting	£31	£0	-£31	£0
	£5,814	£7,315	£1,501	£9,400
Precept	£16,800	£14,000	-£2,800	£0
RPA Fund	£0	£3,232	£3,232	£3,500
Wayleave Fees	£12	£0	-£12	£12
Minutes	£10	£50	£40	£0
Interest	£125	£500	£375	£150
	£16,947	£17,782	£835	£3,662
<u>Section 137</u>				
Section 137 Grants	£0	£100	£100	£100
	£0	£100	£100	£100
<u>Cemetery & Public Spaces</u>				
Groundsman - Cemetery	£2,987	£5,400	£2,413	£5,400
Maintenance - Cemetery	£255	£50	-£205	£300
Water - Cemetery	£40	£50	£10	£50
	£3,282	£5,500	£2,218	£5,750
Cemetery - Fees	£885	£2,000	£1,115	£2,000
	£885	£2,000	£1,115	£2,000

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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Budget 2014/15
Public Spaces				
Groundsman - Recreation Field	£280	£750	£470	£750
General Grass Cutting	£0	£200	£200	£200
Maintenance of Recreation field	£1,096	£0	-£1,096	£1,150
White Lining by SFC	£400	£700	£300	£700
	£1,776	£1,650	-£126	£2,800
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Hire Football Pitches	£1,488	£3,475	£1,987	£3,475
Hire Cricket Pitches	£0	£675	£675	£600
	£1,488	£4,150	£2,662	£4,075
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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Budget 2014/15
Jubilee Club House				
Maintenance - JCH	£422	£490	£68	£490
Cleaning - JCH	£314	£0	-£314	£1,092
Water - JCH	£216	£250	£34	£300
Electricity - JC H	£248	£350	£102	£350
Gas - JCH	£183	£120	-£63	£250
Telephone - JCH	£25	£40	£15	£40
	£1,408	£1,250	-£158	£2,522
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Hire of JCH	£0	£200	£200	£200
	£0	£200	£200	£200
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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Budget 2014/15
Play Area				
Maintenance - Play Equipment	£839	£40	-£799	£600
	£839	£40	-£799	£600
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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Budget 2014/15
Highways				
Groundsman - Highways	£280	£750	£470	£750
Christmas Tree	£0	£20	£20	£75
Speedwatch	£36	£0	-£36	£0
Raised Flower Beds	£90	£90	£0	£90
Maintenance - Highways	£128	£250	£122	£250
	£534	£1,110	£576	£1,165
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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Budget 2014/15
Footpaths				
Maintenance - Footpaths	£10	£0	-£10	£100
Lydiard Green Footpath	£0	£0	£0	£3,500
Holborn footpath	£68	£0	-£68	£5,000
	£78	£0	-£78	£8,600
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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Budget 2014/15
Lydiard Plain				
Lydiard Plain Rental	£750	£2,000	£1,250	£2,000
	£750	£2,000	£1,250	£2,000
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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Budget 2014/15
<u>Neighbourhood Plan</u>				
Neighbourhood Plan costs	£111	£0	-£111	£100
	£111	£0	-£111	£100
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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Budget 2014/15
<u>Lydiard Millicent Field</u>				
Lydiard Millicent Field	£861	£0	-£861	£2,500
	£861	£0	-£861	£2,500
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TOTAL expenditure	£14,703	£16,965	£2,262	£32,937
TOTAL income	£20,070	£26,132	£6,062	£10,687
Grant				£140
RESERVES	£0	£0	£0	£0
PRECEPT REQUIRED	£5,367	£9,167	£3,800	£22,110
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Tax Base 2013/14	731.91			
D Band 2013/14	£22.66			
Tax Base 2014/15	731.91	Precept	Deficit	Balances
Original Precept		£16,800	£22,110	-£5,310.00
0% Increase	£22.66	£16,588	£22,110	-£5,522.13
5% Increase	£23.80	£17,417	£22,110	-£4,692.74
10% Increase	£24.93	£18,247	£22,110	-£3,863.34
15% Increase	£26.06	£19,076	£22,110	-£3,033.95
20% Increase	£27.20	£19,905	£22,110	-£2,204.56

AGENDA ITEM 12:

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider new applications and those received since the issuing of the agenda

- (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
- (b) **Application Number:** S/RES/13/1721
 Proposal: Reserved Matters application seeking approval of details for appearance, landscaping and scale of development of 73no dwellings following outline planning permission S/12/1646.
 Location: Land north of Hook Street, Hook Street, Grange Park, Swindon.

Lydiard Millicent Neighbourhood Plan Policy Development Options

Facilities, Schools, Shops and Pubs

Option	Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats	Notes/information
Policy to support the development of a shop/Post Office in the centre of the village.	Popular demand	No suitable premises readily available in the centre of the village. Post offices and convenience stores in Purton (1½ miles) and Shaw (2 miles).	Limited convenience shop facilities in the Sun Inn including purchase of stamps.	Royal Mail will not support the opening of a Post Office in the village. They withdrew support from a re-opened Post Office in Toomer's Garden Centre on Stone Lane.	Attempts to launch a village shop have not been successful and the Parish Plan Steering Group sees no point in pursuing this matter.
Policy to support farm shops linked to agricultural enterprise.	Perrin's Farm Shop on Stone Lane sells fruit and vegetables, some locally grown.	Distance from the village centre with no linking footpath and closure of the Post Office in nearby Toomer's Garden Centre reduced justification for a footpath.	Parish Plan called for path along Stone Lane.	Cost of a paths.	

Policy to support the Sun Inn and permit expansion to facilitate a year round viable business, and resist its closure or conversion to other uses.	There is ample space in the grounds of the Sun Inn to construct facilities to enable catering to be expanded and provide an all year round income. Popular demand.	Any expansion of the Sun Inn would have to be in keeping with the Conservation Area in which the pub is located.	Present tenant of the Sun Inn is enthusiastic and keen to build his business.	Owners of the Sun Inn (Enterprise Inns) may not support expansion, could change tenant manager or try to get pub and land converted to housing.	The other two pubs in the village have changed use; one has become an Italian Restaurant and the other a specialist live music venue.
Provision of facilities for older children and teenagers, e.g. multi-sport, all weather facility.	Some space (the rarely used boules piste) exists with CCTV monitoring from the adjacent Club House		Income from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from any housing development in the village used to fund the facility.	Residents of adjacent properties may object.	Community Area funding could be sought to add to any CIL income.
Ensure that the village Primary School remains viable by encouraging housing developments that are both suitable for families with young children and affordable and to permit downsizing from large properties.	Popular school with Outstanding OFSTED reports in a brand new building.	Lack of car parking for parents taking and collecting children to and from the school.	Provision of a car park in the Community Field adjacent to the Parish Hall.	The opening of a school in the Ridgeway Farm Development could lead to a falling School Roll in our village.	Parish Council is preparing a Planning Application for the proposed car park; however, it may not succeed as the area is part of the village conservation area.

Design, Development and Housing

Option	Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats	Notes/information
Provide housing in accordance with the WC Core Strategy for Small Villages, in line with the Wiltshire Council Housing Needs Survey and Lydiard Millicent Parish Council Development Questionnaire (see Issues Report for details).	<p>Responds to local needs expressed in documented evidence for limited housing development of between 11 and 20 new homes for purchase in the parish. Additionally, WC found a need for 7 low cost or subsidised homes and sheltered housing.</p> <p>Contributes to the vitality of the community and consolidates the core of the village.</p>	Development sites that do not preserve the “village character”.	Suitable infill sites of sufficient capacity to meet the identified needs, with good access to facilities and public transport, are available in the parish.	Large building firms have expressed interest (see SHLA in Issues Report) to develop housing in areas of the village that would threaten open views to Lydiard Park and could lead to coalescence with Swindon.	Site layouts should ensure that smaller dwellings cannot be extended thus ensuring their availability to small family units in perpetuity.
A design policy to guide development in the village, describing local character and promoting distinctiveness.	Will help to promote good quality development.		To enhance the overall appearance of the village particularly adjacent to the conservation areas.	Inferior developments out of character with their surroundings.	Exteriors in any development of the village core or in Lydiard Green (including Smith’s Farm) must reflect the character of those areas.

Employment

Option	Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats	Notes/information
Encourage small businesses/home working in Lydiard Millicent.	Many small enterprises are already established in the village including vehicle servicing and repairs and service businesses.	Very low Internet Broadband speeds.	BT High Speed Broadband to be installed in the parish by 2014.	Loss of small business sites.	
Agricultural policy.	There are a number of well established farms in the parish which maintain their land well and are enormously valued by residents. They contribute to the rural landscape which characterises the parish.	Absentee or uncaring landlords who do not look after their land.	Parish Council to support farmers when possible.	Failure of Government to help sustain agriculture in the UK. Pressure for development.	

Traffic, Transport, Roads, Pavements and Paths

Option	Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats	Notes/information
Support the development of car parking capacity in the centre of the village (in line with Wiltshire Council's Parking Standards)	Limited parking is available for most of the time at the Parish Hall.	The existing limited parking capacity is completely exceeded at school times, at major functions in the Parish Hall and for church services (particularly funerals). Cars are parked on the main road and present a significant traffic hazard. Vehicles are also parked on side roads causing annoyance to residents.	The Parish Council has purchased a paddock next to the Parish Hall and is in the process of preparing a Planning Application for a car park on the paddock.	The paddock is in a conservation area and a Planning Application will be submitted.	
Policy to require development to assess the potential traffic/transport implications and take steps to mitigate unwanted negative effects, through improvements to roads and traffic	The Parish Council has strong existing policies and organisations to deal with Road Safety and Traffic Management. Specifically it operates a Lorry Watch scheme with WC Trading	Measurement of traffic shows not only volumes more suited to A roads, rather than our country lanes, but also consistent high speeding. Wiltshire Police patrols are few and far between and	The Parish Council Working, where appropriate through the Community Area Transport Group or through Parish Council projects is seeking to provide footpaths through the village, in	Lack of funds. Land Owners refusal or reluctance to provide land for paths. Increased traffic flow through Common Platt and Washpool consequent upon the construction of	

management.	Standards to prevent HGVs transiting the parish, has formed a Community Speedwatch team and works closely with WC Highways staff and the Area Board on roads and footpath projects.	results of Community Speedwatch in nearby parishes are not encouraging.	particular in Lydiard Green and Holborn. The Parish Council is also seeking traffic calming on the C70 between Common Platt and Washpool. Future paths could include along Stone Lane.	houses at Ridgeway Farm.	
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Open Space/Sense of Place

Option	Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats	Notes/information
Policy to create a “Village Green” area meeting and seating point within the centre of the village.	<p>A small grassed area in front of the Parish Hall is the nearest we have to a village green.</p> <p>The gardens of the Sun Inn enables the landlord to organise outdoor events such as a bonfire and firework display on November the 5th.</p>	Paucity of suitable sites.	Developers of a sites in the core of the village should provide and maintain a fair sized amenity area		
Policy to retain and improve the existing public places such as the Recreation Field, the children’s play areas, flower beds and the cemetery.	Volunteer “parish gardeners” and a local horticultural enterprise maintain the flower beds opposite the Parish Hall.		Organisations within the parish have indicated that they would sponsor flower beds/planting around the parish. Creation of a “Lydiard in Bloom” club.	Ageing community volunteers.	
Support the WC Core Strategy for the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area spatial and context considerations to	The grounds of Lydiard Mansion and its surrounding fields and woods provide a barrier to development on our	The approval of the Ridgeway Farm development before adoption of the WC Core Strategy will cause coalescence	Try to get the land in the parish either side of the brook running from Park Farm through Holborn to Washpool designated	Developers pressing to take up land identified in the SHLA	

protect the distinct character and identity of our village particularly parts which adjoin Swindon. The open countryside should be maintained to protect the character and identity of the area in accordance with WC Core Strategy Core Policy 51.	south eastern boundary.	between Lydiard Millicent and Purton Parishes at Common Platt contrary to existing WC policy.	as an area of Natural/ Scientific Significance.		
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