

MINUTES of the Lydiard Millicent Parish Council meeting held Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Robert Baggs, Roland Dodge, Andrew Harris (Chairman), Andre Kayani, Vernon Montgomery, Mike Sharp. Mrs Deborah Bourne (Clerk)

Also Present: 12 members of the public.

### **Public Question Time**

Written questions were raised from parishioners concerning:

- The Public Telephone Box situated opposite The Sun public house.
- Village maintenance by Wiltshire Council.
- Possible purchase of a Defibrillator
- Use of field next to Parish Hall
- Play Equipment in need of cleaning and a new litter bin
- Proposed development at Meadow Springs.

Answers were given by the Chairman who also thanked residents for their questions.

**Report from Wiltshire Councillor:** WCllr Mollie Groom sent her apologies to this meeting. A written report she had submitted was read out at the meeting.

**Update on North East Wiltshire Villages (NEW-V) Neighbourhood Plan:** Mr Peppercall is now the Community Representative for Lydiard Millicent on this group. He updated members and gave a brief account of the background to this project, and suggested that it would be appropriate to now consider a standalone Neighbourhood Plan rather than continue with NEW-V.

The Chairman thanked Mr Peppercall for his continued support of this project, which will be considered further under item 8 of this agenda.

#### **089/16 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dean Cobb, Jonathan Hearn and Alan Pflieger.

#### **090/16 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest in matters on this agenda.

#### **091/16 Minutes**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 were adopted and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

#### **092/16 Chairman's Communications**

There were no Chairman's communications.

#### **093/16 Attendance at Meetings with Outside Bodies**

Cllr Sharp attended a Neighbourhood Watch meeting at Devizes. This was the Annual meeting where a presentation was given by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

094/16 **Planning Matters**

- a. The following decisions made by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting were noted:

16/01625/FUL – Echo Lodge Farm, Wood Lane, Brinkworth  
Remove existing Porch and Build a Single Storey Extension on North West Elevation. Partially block up doorway and add a window to North West Elevation. Build two storey extension to South West Elevation, Build Glass and Oak Porch and Single Storey Extension to South East Elevation.

*Decision : Approve with Conditions*

16/03107/DDD – Manor House, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent  
50% Crown Reduction to Horse Chestnut Tree

*Decision : DD Decision Letter*

16/03526/VAR – Land to the Rear of Greatfield House, 22 Greatfield  
Variation of Condition 2 of 15/08696/FUL Relating to Site Layout and Repositioning of Garage and Turning Circle for Plot 2

*Decision : Approve with Conditions*

16/03969/OUT – Land off The Mews, Lydiard Millicent  
Outline Planning Application for up to 4 Dwellings (with all matters reserved except access)

*Decision : Refuse*

16/04624/FUL – 8 Meadow Springs, Lydiard Millicent  
Demolition of Existing Conservatory, Erection of a New Single Storey Flat Roofed Side Extension and Alterations to Existing Fenestration.

*Decision : Approve with Conditions*

- b. The Council considered the Planning Working Group comments on the following Planning Applications from Wiltshire Council:

16/05385/FUL – 2 The Butts, Lydiard Millicent  
Erection of One New Dwelling.

This application is close to the school and there are no pavements. Large vehicles manoeuvring in this area could be a safety issue for children going to and from school.

RESOLVED that there is no objection to the application, provided that, as part of the approval, a condition is included that there are to be no vehicle movements, especially deliveries, at the site at either end of the school day.

16/05290/VAR – Acacia Croom House, 29a Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent  
Removal of Condition 4 of Planning Permission N/13/00562/FUL relating to Highway Visibility.

RESOLVED to request this variation is referred to the Highways Department. The Parish Council considers this to be a safety issue and is not qualified to comment.

c. Purton Neighbourhood Plan – Area Designation

Following Purton Parish Councils departure from the NEW-V project an application to designate their parish a Neighbourhood Plan area, to be known as Purton Neighbourhood Area, has been submitted to Wiltshire Council for consultation.

This was noted by the Council and no comments were made on the designated area.

095/16 **Finance**

The following accounts were authorised for payment.

Compost for Flower Beds	20.86
Parish Hall	21.75
Westlea Landscaping	450.00
Internal Auditors	432.00
Clearbright Windows	130.00
D Bourne - Salary June 2016	534.32

096/16 **NEW-V Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Roland Dodge attended a recent NEW-V meeting to convey the Parish Councils sadness at being forced out of this group; he asked for it to be formally recorded that Lydiard Millicent was being forced out of the process and they are not leaving the group voluntarily. It was suggested there may be some Area Board funding available to Lydiard Millicent due to these unusual circumstances.

Discussion held on advantages and disadvantages of completing an individual Neighbourhood Plan or trying to continue with NEW-V group. Extra finance will be needed for an individual plan, as will extra support in completion of the plan.

RESOLVED to continue with work on current chapters written for Lydiard Millicent, making any necessary adjustments; and to contact Wiltshire Council for a definitive view on this Councils future position with NEW-V.

## 097/16 **Working Group (WG) Reports**

- a. *Finance & Admin WG*: A written report was presented by the WG Chairman. RESOLVED to ratify the recommendation that the National Pay Award increase be applied to the Clerks salary.
- b. *Open Spaces WG*: No report received.
- c. *Highways*: Verbal report received.

## 098/16 **Casual Vacancies**

The two vacancies arising due to the resignation of Tom Pepperall and Mollie Groom have been advertised accordingly and there have been no requests to hold an election. The vacancies have been returned to the Parish Council for co-option.

Notices will be placed around the parish and on the website advertising for people to be co-opted onto the Council. The closing date will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

## 099/16 **Payphone opposite The Sun Public House**

The Parish Council contributes £300 annually towards the upkeep of the public payphone in Lydiard Millicent. During the last 12 months the phone has been used on two occasions (0.18mins October, 3.38mins April) to a Freephone number.

RESOLVED that this contribution should cease as it does not represent good use of public money. It was further RESOLVED to purchase this red telephone box and the one situated at the junction of Stone Lane in Common Platt from British Telecom; they will be renovated and put to another use. Other uses will be discussed at a later date.

## 100/16 **Assets of Community Value – Lydiard Park and House**

It was noted that Swindon Borough Council, as owner of Lydiard House and Park, intend to make a relevant disposal of this property for the purposes of the Localism Act s95(2). Bids are currently being sought to take on the running of the asset and for consideration to include lease agreements of more than 25 years.

The Council made no comment as to what affects, if any, this would have within the Parish.

## 101/16 **Use of Recreation Field and Jubilee Club House**

Consideration was given to the opening times for the Jubilee Club House and Recreation Field in Chestnut Springs. A further discussion was held on whether the gate to the Recreation Field should be opened during daytime hours to allow for more casual use by residents.

RESOLVED to allow bookings to be taken for the facility from 8.00am to 8.00pm Monday to Sunday, and for the gate to be opened from 8.00am to 6.00pm for access by residents, a rota will be set up to facilitate this and be reviewed after three months.

102/16 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council will be held on Thursday,  
4<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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Cllr Andrew Harris  
Chairman

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