

Present: All ten Councillors were present.

Before the meeting began the Chairman reported on a gathering which took place on the evening of 22nd July of Councillors, ex Councillors and a select few members of the community who were celebrating Tom Pepperalls' 15 years of being Chairman from 1998 to 2013. He was presented with the gavel set he had used for the duration with a plaque attached to commemorate his service. Shirley Pepperall was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers in recognition of all the support she had given to both Tom and the Council. In presenting the gavel set, there was need to replace the same, Councillor Blackmore had commissioned a wood turner to create a new set which has been donated by Councillor and Mrs Blackmore.

Tom thanked the Chairman and the Council for a lovely evening and reported that he had produced an article for the September Magazine.

1. Apologies for absence – None.
2. Safety Briefing was given to 7 members of the parish and 10 councillors.
3. Declarations of Interest - None
4. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th July 2013 - Cllr Pflieger proposed and Cllr Rees seconded, there were no objections or alterations. Minutes were duly signed as a true record.
5. Matters arising from the minutes and not scheduled on the agenda

06.06.13 item 12 – The Chairman welcomed Roland Dodge who had agreed to take over the management and development of the Council website from Justin Holloway. Thanks were again recorded to Justin for his services to the Council.

04.07.13 item 8 – The Chairman reported that a letter had been sent to Midgehall Nurseries. He also reported that he had personally cleared five sacks of nettles from the pathway behind the iron railings at the start of The Butts, and that Mr Coleman had responded immediately to our request for removal of the fallen log outside his property.

04.07.13 item 9a – The bus shelters at Chestnut Springs and Holborn had been cleaned by Councillors Pflieger and Blackmore. The Chairman thanked Parishioner Julie Willies who had painted the bus shelter opposite the church. Reimbursement for the cost of the paint will be added to September agenda. It was further noted that a new bus timetable was shortly to be placed in the Holborn bus stop.

04.07.13 item 9c – Councillor Bennett had reported the problems with the call boxes in Greatfield and Common Platt.

04.07.13 item 12 – Cllr Pepperall reported that a Westlea official has agreed the same lease term as the farmer and was shortly to be debated by a Westlea Committee.

04.07.13 item 13 – Councillor Pflieger received quotation from Michaels Workwear for 8 Hi-visibility tabards printed with Lydiard Millicent Parish Council for £5 each. Quotation agreed. ACTION; Cllr Pflieger to order.

04.07.13 item 14 – Councillor Pepperall reported that the contractor had inspected the playground and will supply an estimate for replacement of the base for the Spring horse.

04.07.13 item 16 – The Chairman apologised that following Recreation field sub-committee meeting on 26th July that he had omitted to circulate the latest draft agreement which will substantially improve the current situation, and give more control back to the Council over the field and the clubhouse. This had now been circulated but was too late to be discussed at the present meeting. ACTION; Councillors were to send Chairman their observations by email as soon as possible prior to ratification at the next meeting.

Councillor Harris offered his thanks to the Chairman for the various voluntary clearing up tasks he had undertaken during the month.

04.07.13 item 17 - The Chairman reported that there had been some activity on the Ridgeway Farm development including a briefing note from Wiltshire Council which was clear and concise on what was or was not negotiable. Expressions of willingness to attend a meeting by both the local MPs - James Gray and Robert Buckland had occurred during the month and the Council indicated that they would still like to have such a meeting with WC in particular. Councillor Groom was still trying to get more information from the WC

Road Designer. It was clear that only new additional road closures and extra traffic control would be considered by WC. ACTION; The Highways sub-committee to put together a proposal ready for the September Agenda.

04.07.13 item 19 – Councillor Mowbray has been in contact with Steve Hinds of WC.

6. Police Report - None

7. Wiltshire Council Report

Councillor Groom had attended various events during the month in her capacity of Unitary Councillor.

She had attended an interview event at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy along with local companies, to increase student awareness of how to prepare for interviews.

A Junior Good Citizen event which was well attended and very successful.

The Fire Authority Safe Drive Stay Alive campaign, which shows films of very real accidents on the road, and the implications to all the survivors, and the families.

And The Wiltshire Assembly meeting where a lot of work was being done to help underachieving youngsters.

She reported that the Fire Authority was continuing to make financial efficiencies with the installation of solar panels.

8. Parishioners' Question time to include any items arising later on the agenda

Mr Tapscott asked that something be done about the crumbling wall and overhanging growth between Manor Farm and the field before The Beeches. ACTION; Mr Hoare to be asked to attend to the situation.

It was asked if the Council was aware of the theft from Mrs Rapson's garage. It was concluded that the only action the Council could take would be to use the Website and Facebook page to remind residents to lock up carefully in the summer evenings. ACTION. Clerk. The Lydiard Magazine may run an article on keeping safe.

9. a. Urgent matters arising and any correspondence since the publication of the agenda

Councillor Pflieger reported bad driving by a WC dust cart driver. Councillor Groom said she had already chased this up with the correct department and was awaiting a report.

b. Councillor Harris reported growth of Ragwort in a field adjoining his property.

ACTION; Councillor Harris to identify the landowner and the Clerk to report to WC.

10. To consider proposals from Cllr Burley and the Chairman in respect of the plumbing arrangements at the JCH.

Councillors Burley and Blackmore had further investigated the plumbing at the JCH and in consultation with the company WCS had agreed that three actions were necessary: The removal of the thermostats to a correct distance from the showers, the re-plumbing of the 'dead leg' beside the players entrance, replace tap to assist with the regular draining of the system. In addition 'Non drinking water' signs need to be displayed above taps not directly connected to the mains water system.

ACTION: Council agreed that Councillors Burley and Blackmore should commission the necessary work in accordance with the estimates provided.

11. To receive report from Cllr J Bennett on the Cemetery, Public Places and Car Park and to approve funding for the clearing of the Forge Fields footpath.

Councillor Bennett requested approval for Enlan's contract to be extended to include the regular clearing of Forge Fields footpath at the back of Park View Drive – He had received a quote of £45 and then monthly tidy up of £20. It was thought that all footpaths should be maintained or none. Review with the annual precept, and consider adding it to the new contract after it has gone out to tender later in the year.

It was further agreed that a voluntary party will work on the footpath. ACTION; Councillor Pflieger to coordinate.

With regard to the community field car park project.

Councillor Bennett had sought the professional view of Enlan our current Grounds contractors. Their opinion was that although Netpave would be suitable for the actual parking bays they considered that the central route through the carpark would need to be of a harder surface such as crushed stone.

They further considered that a tarmac entrance ramp and road behind the rear of the Parish Hall would be needed. They were concerned that the plan showed no levels or drainage. ACTION; Councillor Bennett to call a meeting of the Public Spaces sub committee and invite the consultant to attend to consider a modified proposal incorporating a hard surface central route.

At the last Parish Council meeting a parishioner raised the hazards faced by parents walking their children to school as they passed the chicane at the Butts End. He had sent Councillor Bennett a copy of a letter sent to the Parish Council June 2012 requesting that a path be constructed through the Community Field behind the wall. Councillor Bennett concluded that he would prefer to see modifications to the current chicane structure with barriers or bollards to protect the footpath. A discussion then followed with many differing opinions as to what if any modifications were needed.

Councillor Bennett had attended his first meeting of the Parish Hall Committee where observations and discussions took place over which way the traffic should flow into the proposed new car park.

A discussion took place over whether or not the Council are in a position to try for planning permission on the Parish Field.

12. Discuss need for a planning sub-committee meeting regarding Neighbourhood Plan development proposals. Councillor Burley agreed to call a meeting of the Planning Committee.

13. To receive report from Cllr Pepperall on latest meeting of the Recreation Field sub-committee. The Salt level in the water softener unit at the JCH was confirmed low/empty. ACTION; Councillor Pepperall

Weed and feed will be carried out on the field when conditions are most suitable.

Football will begin on September 8th with the club playing three sets of two matches each, on Sundays.

Kenley Thomas had arranged for 3 or 4 members of the Purton Cricket club to meet members of the sub-committee on Friday 2nd at 5p.m to discuss future Cricket on the field.

14. Consider request to have Washpool Bridge painted white. Councillor Harris requested that the main metal railings of Washpool Bridge be repainted white by the Parish Steward. Discussion took place over the fact that the bridge is due to be repaired in the near future. Safety of drivers was considered over possible waste of Stewards time. ACTION; It was agreed that the painting be requested by the Clerk.

15. Playground inspection report by Cllr Pepperall. The Wood Chippings at the Swings end of the Play area needs topping up from the supplies in the Store shed. ACTION; Councillor Pflieger to arrange volunteers to carry out the work.

16. Receive Parish Steward tasks. It was requested that Holborn Hedge was in need of another cut. ACTION; All Councillors to send the Clerk details of tasks as they notice them throughout the month.

17. To confirm acceptance of latest NALC salary awards for part time clerks. The Chairman advised the Council that the latest National Association of Local Councils agreement on Parish Clerk salary scales required the Council to award an increase. This will amount to an extra £3.50 per month back paid from 1st April 2013. ACTION; Council agreed to adoption of the relevant scale.

18. To confirm details of advertisement for new Clerks position. Following our Clerk's wish to give up her current role, the latest draft of an advert for recruitment of a replacement has been circulated to Councillors, and provided no further alterations are requested within the next few days, the Chairman would place the ads. ACTION; Councillor Blackmore

19. To approve the following expenditure.

	Expenditure	Net £'s	Cheque amount
R Leckie	Salary	351.35	351.35
R Leckie	Back payment	14.00	14.00
R Leckie	Expenses - Tel, Stationery, Mileage, etc		45.30
LMPHall	Hire of P/Hall x 2	49.00	49.00
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	420.00	504.00
Enlan Ltd	Cemetery Stones	255.00	306.00
JME Conservation	Statement of Significance re Parish Field	563.50	563.50
Avon Extinguishers	Annual service of equipment	61.73	74.08
Jaden Richens	JCH Cleaning		14.00

The above payments were proposed by Councillor Pflieger and seconded by Councillor Harris, and approved. The cheques were signed accordingly.

20. To consider the following Planning Applications: Nil planning.
21. Date of next meeting: Thursday 5th September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.04.