

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council held at the Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon SN5 3LS on Thursday 4th September 2014 commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Tim Blackmore (Chair), Alan Pflieger (Vice Chair), John Bennett, Mollie Groom and Steve Mowbray.

PUBLIC PRESENT: There were eight members of the public present.

OFFICERS PRESENT: The Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer.

78. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Simon Burley (holiday), Dean Cobb (family), Andrew Harris (funeral), Alison McLean-Crawford (work), Tom Pepperall (holiday) and David Rees (family).

79. SAFETY BRIEFING

A safety briefing was given to the 8 members of the public and the 5 Councillors present.

80. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

81. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 7th August 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

82. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters arising were considered:

The Chair informed members that he had submitted a nominating to the Community First Volunteer Award scheme. The nomination had been proposed by members of the community and he would update Council on progress in due course.

An expression of interest had been submitted for a grant towards the new car park extension to the rear of the Parish Hall. The grant scheme was heavily subscribed and the expectation of success was low.

A repair had now been carried out to the damaged log identified in the play area. The log had been inverted and was now safe.

An expression of interest had been submitted to CATG regarding the proposal to construct a roundabout in Stone Lane.

The Chair had received a visit from the Rural Payments Agency regarding Lydiard Plain. He had been informed that the grant would be reduced this year as the site had not been maintained to an appropriate standard.

83. POLICE REPORT

There was no Police report presented.

84. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Mrs Groom had attended a ceremony recently to commemorate those who were involved in the Russian convoys during World War II. She had attended with a local resident and had had a wonderful time.

Two parish task groups were being set up by Wiltshire Councils and representatives from local parish councils would be invited to sit on the groups in due course.

Wiltshire Council was currently undertaking a consultation regarding an increase in bus fares for the over sixteen's.

Concern had been expressed regarding the playing pitches at Wootton Bassett school which were in a very poor state and unplayable.

85. PUBLIC RECESS

There were 8 members of the public present. The following matters were raised:

- (a) **Tesco Development** – Council was asked what its position was in relation to the proposed Tesco development in the parish of Lydiard Tregoze. There was concern regarding the future viability of the smaller local shops and the fact that the proposed development conflicted with the Core Strategy.

Council **RESOLVED** that it would submit objections to the site at Marsh Farm.

- (b) **Highways Works** – It was noted that the quality of work undertaken by Wiltshire Council's contractors, Balfour Beatty, had been of a very high standard. The work had been carried out efficiently and the contractors had co-operated with local residents.

It was **RESOLVED** to send a letter of thanks to Wiltshire Council on behalf of the Parish.

- (c) **Speeding Traffic** – It was noted that one of the issues as a result of the recent highways work was that traffic had sped up. Three further volunteers had been identified to help deliver the speed watch scheme and it was having a deterrent effect on motorists. However there were no plans to provide additional traffic calming due to a shortage of funds. Any future traffic calming would have to be funded by the Parish Council.

- (d) **Blocked Drains** – It was noted that the drains were still blocked at Smiths Farm. The matter was being pursued and an update would be provided in due course. The drains were also blocked at The Butts and needed addressing.

- (e) **Bagbury Business Park** – Concern was expressed regarding drainage in this area. A date was awaited to organise a meeting to discuss the possibility of the local businesses possibly contributing to the remedial work required.
- (f) **Drain Covers** – It was noted that a number of drain covers were still loose following the highways works and these were being addressed.

86. ITEMS OF LATE BUSINESS

The following items of late business were discussed:

- (a) **Highway Works** – Council agreed to send a vote of thanks to the Highway contractors, Balfour Beatty.

87. PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

There was nothing to report from the Parish Hall Committee.

88. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

Council **NOTED** that the issue regarding the split log had now been resolved following action from Cllrs Blackmore and Pflieger.

The Playground Inspection Report for September 2014 was not available as Cllr Cobb had been unable to attend the meeting.

Concern was expressed that dog mess had been found round the goalposts. A Bag It and Flag It campaign was currently being delivered and it was agreed to find out whether the initiative would help provide bag dispensers and free bags. This would be provided at the entrance of the playing field. Further signage would also be requested.

89. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) **Planning Applications** – The following planning applications were considered by Council and commented upon as follows:.

Application: 14/07487/FUL
Site Location: 4 The Close, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, SN5 3NJ
Proposal: Two Storey Front & Side Extension (Resubmission of 14/05083/FUL)
Comment: **No objection**

Application: 14/08048/TCA
Site Location: 4 The Street, Lydiard Millicent, Wiltshire SN5 3LU
Proposal: Fell 1 Leylandii
Comment: **No objection**

- (b) **GRANTS** – The following grants received were **NOTED:**

Application: 14/05915/FUL
Site Location: 24 The Beeches Lydiard Millicent, Swindon SN5 3LT
Proposal: Single Storey Rear Extension
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Application: 14/06196/FUL
Site Location: Kelowna, The Street, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon Wiltshire SN5 3LU
Proposal: Replace Existing Garage with New Garage with Pitched Roof
Decision: Approve with Conditions

90. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) **Miscellaneous Highway Matters** – The Committee had recently met and discussed various highway issues including the request to provide a mini roundabout in Stone Lane. A complaint had also been received regarding a dangerous crossing in Stone Lane but it was unlikely that an official crossing would be provided due to the high costs. It was agreed to bring the matter up at the next CATG meeting.

91. OPEN SPACES

- (a) **Lydiard Millicent Football Club** – The following update regarding the new football season was **NOTED**:

- That the Club had agreed the two tier pitch charges of £35 and £30 for youth and junior football;
- The new season would commence on Sunday 7th September for 11v11 and 9v9 youth teams and on Sunday 14th September for the 5v5 and 7v7 junior teams;
- The Club had agreed to mark the pitches out at a cost of £100 per month for a minimum of seven months and a maximum of eight months;
- That Mr Haworth, the previous line marker, had now been cancelled;
- That one of the pitches would be reduced in size to accommodate 9x9 rather than 11x11 games.

Council **RESOLVED** to sign the new agreement as amended with Lydiard Millicent Football Club.

- (b) **Purton Cricket Club** – The Club had indicated that it wished to continue using the cricket field for the 2015/16 season. A meeting was to be arranged in the near future.
- (c) **Lydiard Plain** – There was no further update apart from the recent visit the Chair had received from the Rural Payments Agency.
- (d) **Miscellaneous Open Spaces Matters** – Consideration was being given to the possible replacement of the Spring Animal in the next few months. Weed killing was required at the Boules area. An expression of interest had been received regarding the hire of the Boules facility. Contact was to be made with Wiltshire Council regarding the removal of the bench at the Mews play area.

There had also been some progress regarding the commencement of work at Holborn path. Cllr Bennett would liaise with the contractors and report back to Council.

92. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Council noted that the revised Plan would be uploaded onto the website for public consultation and publicised in the Newsletter. Cllr Bennett would be the contact and the article would remain on the website for four weeks.

93. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Three new volunteers had been identified and would be trained up in November. Offenders were being identified and reported to the Police and subsequently receiving letters and the occasional visit. A full update would be provided at the next meeting.

The replacement of the Washpool culvert would commence on Monday 14th October 2014 and would last for six weeks.

94. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) **Monthly Expenditures** – Council **RATIFIED** the following expenditure:

PAYEE	ITEM	NET	VAT	TOTAL
R Leckie	Salary	£39.00	£0.00	£39.00
R Leckie	Postage/stationery	£28.82	£2.99	£31.81
P Russell	Salary	£210.95	£0.00	£210.95
HMRC	NI/PAYE	£140.40	£0.00	£140.40
LMP Hall	Hire of Hall Sept 14	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Enlan Ltd	Grounds Contract Fee	£420.00	£84.00	£504.00
Miss Richens	Sept 14 Cleaning	£84.00	£0.00	£84.00
Grant Thornton	External Audit Fees	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
SCS	Grass Cutting	£387.10	£77.42	£464.52
	TOTAL	£1,535.27	£204.41	£1,739.68

95. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday 2nd October 2014 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: