

Before the meeting began officially, The Chairman wished to congratulate the residents of Greenhill who had held a produce fair on the 14<sup>th</sup> September, raising £300 for the Prospect Hospice.

The Chairman also wanted to publicly thank the 4 or 5 residents of The Mews who helped to do the repair on their stile and thanked the Council for our prompt action. He commented that it was really encouraging to receive such feedback.

Present: Councillors T Blackmore (Chair), J Bennett, D Cobb, M Groom, A Harris, S Mowbray, T Pepperall, A Pflieger, D Rees.

1. Apologies for absence, S Burley – who had worked all morning for the Parish Council with the plumber to keep costs down at the JCH.
2. Safety Briefing was given to 14 members of public and 9 Councillors.
3. Declarations of Interest – None.
4. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 – were signed as a true record.
5. Matters arising from the minutes and not scheduled on the agenda.

Update requested on item 14 of August meeting regarding Painting of Washpool Bridge – The Clerk had not even received an acknowledgement of the request to paint the bridge railings.

05.09.13 item 9 - Councillor Groom had been chasing officers of Wiltshire Council regarding the state of the road signage.

05.09.13 item 9 - Holborn footpath, 'Greenspaces' (Westlea Housing) as they are now called were holding out for a fee. Cllr Pepperall had negotiated down and in agreement with several other Councillors had settled on £150, we are waiting to receive agreements from the Solicitors.

05.09.13 item 9 – Councillor Cobb had chased Taylor Wimpey twice to establish whether the 'treasure hunters' were legitimate and will visit their office if necessary. The incident had also been reported to PC Andy Singfield who was grateful for the information and said they would watch the area more frequently.

05.09.13 item 11 - Repair of raised flower beds, had been undertaken with the leadership of Councillor Simon Burley, on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August and today they had been topped up with compost. The beds were ready for planting up. The Chairman offered his thanks for all the volunteers and to Mrs Redford and Mrs Willies for their continued maintenance of the beds.

01.08.13 item 10 - Action on the two most significant points raised regarding the JCH plumbing had now been completed. The Plumber had re-sited the thermostats to correct distance from shower, and resolved the issue of the 'dead leg' beside the players entrance. A new outside tap had also been installed.

#### **6. Police Report**

A Written report had been sent that covered the entire RWB area over the past 3 months as our PC was not going to be able to attend meetings in October.

The report stated that there had been 12 burglaries, mainly from non-dwelling buildings, sheds, garages etc. 5 charges of criminal damages, 10 charges of theft and handling stolen goods, including shoplifting.

3 drink drivers charged and 8 vehicles seized for not having insurance.

A cannabis factory in the Lyneham area had been closed and 2 people were helping with ongoing enquiries. Priorities for the next 3 months would be to keep anti-social behaviour as low as the area has come to expect.

Members of the public noted that cars, which had not been locked had been broken into around Forge Fields recently. With the change of season and the onset of dark evenings vigilance is again urged with locking up early in the evening.

#### **7. Wiltshire Council Report**

It was reported that at the most recent attempt by Swindon regarding Junction 16, a small victory was gained by those many people opposing the new proposed layout. Councillor Groom is still pressing hard against this application and had sent in several legal notes to the relevant Officers dealing with the application.

A local economic partnership report has been commissioned to seek the most economical beneficial route to solving the transport issues raised by the J16 application.

Councillor Groom reported that the Fire Authority had come out near the top in a national audit.

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

a. Mrs Reed – said she had not received a report from Ellen Blacker for the magazine. – ACTION: Clerk offered to use the material that she had been left to put one together.

b. The Drains in The Butts were reported as being full – ACTION: Clerk to report to Wiltshire Council.

c. The Raised Beds were reported as needing some tweaking in their design. – ACTION: Mrs Redford to talk with Chairman after the meeting.

d. Mr Wicks reported that a sludge tanker had been to the bottom of Greenhill, drawn off the water in the turning area, but had not worked on the drains under the road.

The usual request was made to remind Wiltshire Council that unless work began soon on the ditches and drains then the road surface would become broken down in a couple of years. Mr Wicks was reminded that only Wiltshire Council can authorise compulsory work on ditches. It was agreed that some grips might help water flow into existing ditches but it was work well beyond LMPC's resources.

e. It was reported that some confusion had occurred over the proposed Lydiard Green footpath scheme.

The Chairman reported that a plan had been produced which was not suitable for all the residents. Mr Hind an Officer of Wiltshire Council was in the process of producing a different plan which had not yet been seen. The plan need not necessarily include traffic calming.

When it is available a public meeting would be called to enable a consensus of opinion. It would seem though that this is not a new idea, and that documents from as far back as the 1970 show discussions regarding footpath requirement in Lydiard Green. Wiltshire Council have committed to looking again at the situation. ACTION: call a public meeting when plan has been produced.

f. Mr Ellison asked if some information could be sought on what the minimum width of road should be between pavements. He used the corner by the chapel as an example, would there even be room at that point for a pavement. Could there be a white painted footpath line with textured surface to show the danger?

g. It was also questioned why the Parish Council would continue to pursue this project with so many residents against it. Would it be installed regardless of local opinions? The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Plan does indicate a public need for a footpath in the area and that compromise will be needed on all sides.

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

a. Councillors T Blackmore, A Pflieger, J Bennett and T Pepperall were formally recognised as the committee dealing with the application process for the new Clerk and were given delegated powers to reach a decision. This would leave an even number of Councillors not involved in the process, which was recommended in a legal topic note on the subject of hiring a Clerk.

b. A tree had been reported as dangerous across the footpath between Meadow Springs and Washpool. It is thought to be on the property of Coopers Estates. ACTION: Clerk to ask them to employ a tree surgeon to remove the danger.

c. The Council had been asked to offer a donation raffle prize to the Christmas Coffee morning. The Chairman said that the Parish Council were unable to use parishioners money in such a way. He did offer to personally donate an item for the raffle, and urged others to participate as they could by donation or attendance of the event to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November at the Parish Hall.

d. It was reported that some of the residents on the Swindon side of Holborn, had been approached by Swindon Council asking opinions about the state of the bridge. The Clerk has seen an official looking man wearing a hi-vis the week previous talking with a resident nearest the bridge. ACTION: Councillor Harris offered to try and find more information from the local residents, in particular the name of the Officer from Swindon Council initiating the research.

e. The padlocked gate to the field from the car park at the Parish Hall had been forced against its hinges. There appeared to be no immediate concern that the horses could escape. ACTION: Cllr Pepperall to ask the tenant for information, and to ask Parish Hall caretaker who the padlock belonged to, in order to get it repaired.

f. A vehicle belonging to Interlink Parcels had been reported in the village using Manor Hill as a short cut. Cllr Pflieger had visited their depot and after speaking to the manager the driver in question was banned for driving for the company for life.

**10. Report on Planning committee meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September – J Bennett**

The sub-committee meeting met to discuss development proposals received since the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. They found two proposals which met the current criteria and that would meet needs identified in the recent Rural Housing survey. There will be a public consultation on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**11. Report on Community Speed watch briefing held on 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

Written report was received by Officer Penny Bell Area Board. 2 new members of staff had been recruited, and 15 new speed detection devices had been funded.

Training dates for volunteers had been arranged and the process for recording and processing information had been updated.

**12. Report on Highways Sub Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, to include Lydiard Green Footpath proposal – D Cobb**

- a. A regular article will be produced for Lydiards Magazine regarding Lorry Watch by A Pflieger.
- b. The two speed humps in The Street, have again been reported to Wiltshire Council for re-instatement. It was noted at the meeting that Derry Hill have recently had a new one installed, proving there are companies able to do the work.
- c. Hi-visibility jackets had been purchased for the Speed Watch programme.
- d. The Beeches spring – Councillor Cobb is chasing Officer Malcom Beavan at WC.
- e. A Map will be produced of the Parish Boundaries for the Website.
- f. A Pothole register is to be produced. Each of the four committee members to be responsible for a section of the parish.
- g. A similar register will be produced for defective road markings and signage.
- h. Future substantial schemes for the Parish. – Files will be began and worked on regarding large schemes requested by the Parishioners. When future funding is available these schemes would then stand a better chance.
- i. Ridgeway Farm issues – A separate sub-committee meeting would be called mid/end October.
- j. It was agreed that they would meet quarterly. The next two meetings were scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
- k. It was hoped that the sub-committee would be able to share and access new technologies in Highway management with other authorities and possible attend trade shows in the future.

**13. Report on Neighbourhood Plan meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> September – J Bennett**

On-line consultation and leafleted consultation had unfortunately received a poor response.

The meeting discussed the findings of the Planning sub-committee item 10 above.

They considered the draft guidance from the Department of Local Government regarding the protection of Green Spaces. – Outcome the Parish needs to identify the important green spaces and views with an aim to protect them for future generations.

**14. Report on Area Board meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> September – T Blackmore**

Councillor Blackmore attended on his own, due to lack of volunteers willing to attend.

The meeting heard from Captain Bob Rusbridger project manager for the redevelopment of Lyneham airfield. Sean Cooper from the Police Commissioners Office presented a survey of satisfaction levels from the public.

A report was received from Fire and Rescue service on how they coped during recent strikes.

Two requests for funding were approved. £1,409 towards a playgroup and £489 for a seat on canal towpath.

The Dog fouling task group offered too many recommendations. None were approved.

The Area Board Chairman proposed simplification of future meetings with three meetings each for Grant awarding, project specific meetings and CATG meetings.

Next meeting will be 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**15. Report on Local Transport Board meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Councillor Cobb offered his apologies as he had not attended this meeting.**

**16. To consider Donation request by Cruise Bereavement Care. – No donation was agreed.**

**17. What Matters to You Survey – Reminder was issued to Cllrs and Public to add their voice to survey.**

**18. Consider request for repairs to Stile at the Triangle Lydiard Green. – More information required.**

19. Consider Grit requirements for the Parish.

Parishioners and Councillors were asked to check on their local grit bin and report to the Clerk if it needed topping up prior to winter.

The free grit spreader from Wiltshire Council last year was un-usable. It was agreed to order a new one.

19a. Consideration for a new bin in the playground.- missed from the agenda.

It was agreed to purchase a bin made of recycled material as it was much cheaper than replacing like for like.

19b. Councillor Pflieger had done the Play area check, which was missed off the agenda.

AP had done the play area check, - missed off the agenda.

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

13/03666/FUL Purdys Farm, Wood Lane. Erection of shower building. – No planning reasons to object.

13/03647/FUL The Old Chapel, Lydiard Green. Change of use of office to residential dwelling.

There were concerns for the loss of local employment otherwise no objections were raised.

**Late Planning for consideration.**

13/02366/FUL 9 The Crescent, Detached garage & boundary wall. (revised plans). Parish Council agreed.

13/04342/CLE Rukia Gardens, Brinkworth. Certificate of existing lawfulness for use of land as residential curtilage. Parish Council were unable to object – another covert application carefully staged.

13/04343/FUL Rukia Gardens, Brinkworth. Two storey extension, replacement garage, entrance gates and retention of pond (part retrospective). Parish Council Agreed to this application.

Wiltshire Council **Planning Approvals**

13/02148/FUL 5 Greatfield. Conservatory

21. Wiltshire Council survey on Precept Adjustments – The Parish Council were agreed, that full grant should be pursued.

22. To update bank mandate signatories. – Clerk completed paperwork with necessary members.

23. To approve the following expenditure.

	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Net £'s</b>	<b>Cheque amount</b>
R Leckie	Salary	351.35	351.35
R Leckie	Expenses - Tel, Stationery, Mileage, etc		46.24
LMPHall	Hire of P/Hall	24.50	24.50
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	420.00	504.00
Enlan Ltd	Removal of fly tipping		20.00
Enlan Ltd	Cemetery maintenance	72.00	60.00
Mr Haworth	White Lining	100.00	100.00
T Blackmore	Repair of Stile behind The Moors	9.90	11.88
Avoncrop	AA Pitchline 28 x 12.5lt	512.40	614.88
T Pepperall	BWT – Salt for JCH	25.05	30.06
J Richens	JCH Cleaning for September (3x21)	63.00	63.00
John Toomer	4 x Multipurpose compost for raised beds	40.00	40.00
A Pflieger	Hi Vis Vests		43.20

The above payments were proposed by Cllr Groom and seconded by Cllr Cobb, and approved by the Council.

Explanation of the fly tipping. – A large pile of Buddleia cuttings had been dumped. Agreement by Cllr Bennett and confirmed by Chairman and Clerk was given to Enlan to remove on our behalf.

**Receipts.**

Southern Electric	Refund of	£146.19
Scottish Southern Energy Group	Wayleave payment of	£12.00
Wiltshire Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of Precept for 2013/14	£8,399.99

24. Date of next meeting: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.