

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

PRESENT : Cllrs Dean Cobb, Roland Dodge, Andrew Harris (Chairman), Alison McLean-Crawford, Tom Pepperall, Alan Pflieger, Mike Sharpe. Mrs Deborah Bourne (Clerk).

Also Present : 14 members of the public.

### **Public Question Time**

Residents' comments included:

- Concern over white lining on road being worn away, especially in the Washpool / Tewkesbury Way area
- The Parish element of the Council Tax rising by 60%?
- Private Session items at the end of some Parish Council meetings
- Resignation of 3 Councillors since December.

Chairman and Councillors answered each point in turn:

- Road markings will be brought to the attention of Wiltshire Council at the next CATG meeting. Residents were encouraged to report issues like these to Wiltshire Council directly via their website.
- Budget for 2016/17 included extra for staff costs, highways maintenance and JCH maintenance. A copy of the Budget will be placed on the Lydiard Millicent website.
- Private Session items had been necessary to discuss Personnel issues with the new Clerk.
- Councillors have resigned for a number of reasons. Chairman asked all residents present to consider applying to be co-opted on to the Parish Council. It is important that the Parish Council has dedicated Councillors now that the Parish Council has to become more professional and take on more responsibility from Wiltshire Council.

*Neighbourhood Watch* : A report from the Neighbourhood Policing Team had been received, detailing activity in the last month. A reminder to keep doors and windows locked, and be vigilant was given by the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

*Community Speed Watch* : This has become more active with the better weather. More volunteers are needed, anyone interested in volunteering should contact Cllr Pflieger.

### **Report from Wiltshire Councillor**

There was no report; Cllr Mollie Groom sent her apologies.

#### **049/16 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for this meeting; Cllr Pflieger gave his apologies in advance for the next meeting.

#### **050/16 Declarations of Interest**

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

#### **051/16 Minutes**

RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the meeting held Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 as a true record; they were duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **052/16 Attendance at Meetings with Outside Bodies**

Discussions are on-going as to when the footpath at Lydiard Green, and improvements to the Church chicanes, will be completed.

Councillors had also met informally to discuss a way forward for the Car Park. Councillors have requested that the field next to the Parish Hall be referred to as “The Community Field” rather than the Car Park. This will better reflect the fields full potential.

053/16 **Planning Matters**

- a. The Council noted the following decisions made by Wiltshire Council Planning Department since the last meeting.
- 15/12765/FUL – Hilldrop Farm, Greenhill  
Erection of an Agricultural Workers Dwelling and New Vehicular Access  
*Decision : Approve with Conditions*
  - 15/12575/REM – Lydiard Millicent Stud, The Street, Lydiard Millicent  
Reserved Matters Application 14/04465/OUT Construction of Key Workers Dwelling  
*Decision : Approve with Conditions*
- b. The Council RESOLVED to send No Objections to Wiltshire Council Planning Department for the following applications.
- 16/01814/FUL – 6 The Beeches, Lydiard Millicent  
Revision to planning permission 15/00169/FUL – Two storey side extension and ground floor rear extension, new garage and retrospective application for ground floor side and rear extension.
  - 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.

054/16 **Finance**

RESOLVED to authorise the following payments to be made:

Payee	Amount
34SP.com Website Hosting to March 2017	59.40
Clerks Salary Feb 2016	418.27
Parish Hall Hire Feb & March	51.50
Westlea Landscaping Feb & March	900.00
SLCC Membership for one year	118.00
Lydiards Magazine subscription	6.00
T Pepperall – Expenses Key Cutting	18.00
Clerk Salary March 2016	534.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,105.49</b>

**055/16 Grass Cutting Contract – Recreation Field**

Two tenders were received for the contract to cut the Recreation Field, as stated at 039/16. After discussion with the contractors company B submitted the lowest tender and they had maintained the field adequately last year.

RESOLVED to continue with contract from company B, Swindon Borough Council, until April 2017. The cost for the year will be £595.81 +VAT.

**056/16 NEW-V Neighbourhood Plan**

It was reported that Cllr Pepperall and a Wiltshire Council Officer had attended a Lydiard Tregoz Parish Council meeting to discuss the NEW-V Plan.

The possible reasons for Purton and Lyneham & Bradenstoke leaving the group were discussed, Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett had left the project some time ago; all of whom are much larger parishes than the five (Broad Town, Clyffe Pypard, Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoz, Tockenham) continuing with the project.

Members also asked what the timescale would be for completing this Plan. Cllr Pepperall responded that it should be completed within the next 12 months.

RESOLVED that:

“Lydiard Millicent Parish Council, as a qualifying body within the NEW-V Neighbourhood Plan area, has considered Purton Parish Council’s and Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council’s application to leave the NEW-V Neighbourhood area, and have no objections to these changes.

Lydiard Millicent Parish Council consider that the residual NEW-V Neighbourhood Plan area continues to be a valid planning unit, and this change will enable a more detailed plan to be developed that focuses on the rural issues faced by the smaller Parishes in North East Wiltshire.”

**057/16 Community Field**

Members of All Saints Church requested use of the Community Field, situated opposite the Church, for its Annual Show. This will be the third Annual Show and is due to take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

RESOLVED that the Community Field can be used for the Annual Show. The Show Committee will be responsible for insuring the event and for the Health and Safety of spectators or anyone involved in putting the Show together.

**058/16 Parish Council Vacancies**

There are currently four vacant seats on the Parish Council.

Two vacancies have been returned to the Parish Council to fill by co-option. Notices have been placed on Noticeboards and the website inviting people to apply.

The Electorate of Lydiard Millicent is currently being consulted as to whether they wish an Election to be called to fill the casual vacancies caused by the resignations of Steve Mowbray and Mollie Groom.

The Council noted the above, and the Chairman encouraged everyone present to seek out dedicated people to stand as Councillors.

059/16 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council will be its Annual Meeting, and will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm. This meeting is one week later than usual due to the Elections taking place for the Police and Crime Commissioner.

It was also noted that the Annual Parish meeting will take place on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016. At this meeting it is anticipated that local groups and organisations will attend, allowing residents to discover what is available within the parish.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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Cllr Andrew Harris  
Chairman

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