

MINUTES of the Lydiard Millicent Parish Council meeting held Thursday, 3 March 2016 at Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: Roland Dodge, Mollie Groom, Andrew Harris (Chairman), Steve Mowbray, Tom Pepperall, Alan Pflieger, Mike Sharp. Mrs Deborah Bourne (Clerk)

Also Present: 12 Members of the Public

Public Question Time

Residents' comments included:

- Thanks for getting website up to date, although there is more work to be done
- Questions on progress of car park
- Objections to Planning Application 16/00887/FUL which was due to be discussed by Councillors later in the meeting.

Chairman thanked Residents for their comments, explaining that car park project will be discussed at a meeting later in the year. Clerk advised that residents can view and comment on all Planning Applications via the Wiltshire Council website. It is Wiltshire Council who is the Planning Authority and the Parish Council is consulted as a partner.

Neighbourhood Watch: One burglary and a person acting suspiciously have been reported very recently. Residents are advised to be extra vigilant at this time, calling Police on 101 if they are concerned, and also reporting the incident directly to the Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator, his details can be found on the parish website.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor

Cllr Mollie Groom had previously circulated a report to all Councillors outlining Wiltshire Councils budget for the next financial year. It has not yet been announced where specific cutbacks will be made. Wiltshire Council is negotiating with Government for extra money as one of the Counties where residents are property rich but cash poor.

031/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dean Cobb and Alison McLean-Crawford.

032/16 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mike Sharp declared an interest in item 6 – Planning Application 16/01521/FUL is for a neighbouring property.

033/16 Minutes

RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the meeting held Thursday 4th February 2016 as a true record. They were duly signed by the chairman.

034/16 Attendance at Meetings on behalf of the Council

Cllr Cobb had submitted a report on a meeting with the Highways department, which was read out in his absence.

Members of the public were reminded of the Parish Clean-up which is due to take place on Sunday 13th March 2016 at 9.30am and 2.00pm. This is a whole parish event and everyone is invited to take part.

035/16 Casual Vacancy

It was noted that there are currently two casual vacancies on the Parish Council that are to be filled by co-option.

036/16 Planning Matters

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

15/11991/FUL – 28 Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent
Replacement of Previously Demolished Dwelling & Outbuildings.
Decision : Approve with Conditions

16/00310/FUL – 22 The Close, Lydiard Millicent
Proposed Front Extension
Decision : Approve with Conditions

15/12241/FUL – Bagbury Park, Lydiard Green
Erection of Extension to Existing Unit 2
Decision : Approve with Conditions

- b. In view of added information now received from the Planning Officer the Council reconsidered the following application. The Council's original comments, sent to Wiltshire Council on 8th February 2016, are given below in italic.

15/12765/FUL – Hilddrop Farm, Greenhill
Erection of an Agricultural Workers Dwelling and New Vehicular Access
(The Council is aware an outline Planning Permission already exists at this location [15/06985/OUT]. The Council objects to this application as 2 houses on this site would be over development)

RESOLVED that now the discrepancy about number of houses being erected on this site had been resolved it would send No objections to one Essential Workers Dwelling on this site.

- c. The Council considered the Planning Working Group recommendations on the following Planning Applications from Wiltshire Council:

16/00887/FUL – Greatfield Farm, 6 Greatfield
Erection of a Building for Use for Commercial Works and Storage Purposes
(Part-Retrospective)

It was considered this was not in an industrial area, the site and surrounding land is still agricultural in nature.

It was RESOLVED to object to this application because it would be an intensification of non conforming use in a rural area and it is deleterious to neighbouring properties.

16/00979/FUL – Land to the North of Church Farm House, Purton Road, Lydiard Millicent

Agricultural Building for Use as Hay Store

RESOLVED to send No Objections to this application.

16/01462/FUL – Primrose Cottage, 21 Greenhill

Proposed Single Storey Side Extension & New Windows to Rear

RESOLVED to send No Objections to this application.

16/01521/FUL – 3 The Orchard, Lydiard Millicent

Proposed Two Storey Side & Single Storey Rear Extension

RESOLVED to object as it was considered this was an over development of the site. There may be insufficient parking at the site and potential loss of light to neighbouring property.

037/16 Finance

Payment of routine accounts will take place later, with confirmation being brought to next months meeting.

038/16 White Line Marking

Two tenders had been received to carry out white line marking for the football pitches at the recreation field. Company A quoted £30.00 per week with Company B quoting £35.00 per week. Both companies had carried out the marking previously.

RESOLVED to give the contract for white lining to company A. Clerk will write setting out all necessary details.

039/16 Grass Cutting Contract – Recreation Field

Quotations from two companies have been received for this contract, but it is unclear whether they are tendering to the same specification.

RESOLVED that Clerk should contact both companies and discuss specifications in more detail before a final decision is made for this contract.

040/16 NEW-V Neighbourhood Plan

The Council noted that a meeting will be held next week to discuss the future of Lydiard Millicent in this project. If Lydiard Tregoz decides to take no further part in

this project there will be no contiguous boundary to the remaining parishes and it will become very difficult for Lydiard Millicent to continue.

041/16 Request for a Burial Plot

A request to purchase a burial plot had been received from a past resident. The resident grew up in the Parish, moving out at the age of 25 years. Grandparents, parents and uncles are all buried in Lydiard Millicent Cemetery, with members of the extended family still living in the Parish.

The Council's current policy is that only persons on the electoral register for Lydiard Millicent can purchase a Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial; or that the deceased was resident just before death. This makes allowances for residents who may need specialist care at the end of their life.

RESOLVED that Clerk should write back to the applicant setting out the Council's policy and explaining they do not fit the criteria for purchasing a Grant of Exclusive Right to Burial for Lydiard Millicent Cemetery.

042/16 Highways – Temporary Road Closure

Purton Parish Council has applied to Wiltshire Council for a temporary road closure on the day of their carnival (2nd July 12.00noon to 2.00pm). Wiltshire Council must now consult with neighbouring parishes.

It was RESOLVED to send no comment to Wiltshire Council regarding this temporary road closure.

043/16 Parish Office

The storeroom at the Jubilee Club House has now successfully been transformed into an office for the Parish Council. It was recommended that the office be opened to the public on two occasions during the week. This will allow for parishioners to contact the Parish Council in person if they wish, rather than waiting until a Council meeting.

It was RESOLVED that the office be opened to the public on a Tuesday afternoon, 2.00pm to 4.00pm and Thursday morning 10.00am to 12.00noon; and that the entrance would be via the side door.

It was also RESOLVED that a directional sign be purchased to highlight the office.

044/16 Training and Updating for Councillors

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) provides various training and updating events for Parish Councils.

It was RESOLVED to send two councillors and the Clerk to a full day course entitled “Negotiate a better outcome in Planning” at a cost of £85+vat per person and for the Clerk to arrange training for the whole council in the near future. This event will cost £350+vat and expenses. An invitation will be sent to neighbouring parishes to attend so that some of the cost can be recouped.

045/16 Correspondence

It was noted that CPRE sent an invitation for the Best Kept Village 2016, which was declined on this occasion.

All other correspondence had been previously circulated to members during the month.

046/16 Parish Meeting

It is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1972 schedule 12 s14 that a Parish Meeting be held annually between 1st March and 1st June. At this time electors of the Parish can meet to discuss “Parish Affairs”.

RESOLVED to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 26th May at 7.30pm, when local groups and associations will be invited to give presentations.

047/16 Change of date for Annual Parish Council Meeting

Lydiard Millicent Parish Council meetings are usually scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, with the Annual meeting being held in May. This year, on 5th May 2016, the Parish Hall is not available on this date due to there being an election for the office of Police and Crime Commissioner. It was also noted that the Clerk would be unavailable on that date due to the elections.

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Council meeting should take place on Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7.30pm.

048/16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council will take place on Thursday 7th April 2016 at Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Cllr Andrew Harris
Chairman

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