

MINUTES of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council meeting held Thursday, 3 December 2015 at Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall, commencing 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Annamaria Beswick Edwards, Dean Cobb, Roland Dodge, Mollie Groom, Andrew Harris (Chairman), Alison McLean-Crawford, Steve Mowbray, Tom Pepperall, Alan Pflieger (Vice Chairman), Mike Sharp. Mrs Deborah Bourne (Clerk).

Also Present: 26 Members of the public

Public Question Time

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and requested that people keep questions and statements about the car park as concise as possible.

Seventeen people gave views or asked questions, the chairman summarised these to be concerns about finance, other projects will have to be postponed; school, parents and the school should be asked to contribute more to the project as they will benefit the most; start date, the project seems to be moving too fast it should be slowed down.

Questions were also asked about the Parish Council website and Lydiard Green footpath. It was requested that the appendices to Agendas were included on the website so they can be viewed by members of the public.

Youth Report: A report was read out by the Chairman on behalf of the Youth Rep who was unable to attend. Only three people attended the JCH for a newly formed Youth Club, this was disappointing but will be trialled again in the summer with more publicity.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor: Cllr Mollie Groom has attended Task Groups to review Rents, Public Transport and Waste Management. She also attended a Fire Authority meeting.

113/15 Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies for absence.

114/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in items on this agenda.

115/15 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th November 2015 were adopted by the Council and signed by the chairman as a true record of the meeting.

116/15 Results from the Car Park Survey

The Clerk advised that depending upon the way in which the project is structured, it may not be possible to claim back part, or all, of the VAT element of this project as it is deemed to be a business activity and not a part of the Councils Statutory Obligations.

The Clerk presented a report which provided details of the consultation together with financial data to illustrate possible funding options.

There was a 24.5% (147 replies) return rate on the Car park consultation, which revealed 39% (58) in favour of the project, 45% (66) against and 16% (23) undecided. Therefore there was no clear mandate to continue or to stop the project.

Discussion was held taking into account comments from the consultation and residents' opinions at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council approves in principle the provision of a car park on part of the land known as the Community Field, adjoining the Parish Hall. The Parish Council is mindful of the escalated costs of this project and the affects on the Parish ratepayers and other projects needed in the Parish.

It was further RESOLVED that the Parish Council agrees to appoint a small Working Group to further investigate other organisations to approach for contributions prior to any works commencing. The Working Group will consist of Cllrs Andrew Harris, Alan Pflieger, Annamaria Beswick Edwards and Mr Winston Huth-Wallis.

The Chairman thanked Councillors and Public for their contributions to the difficult discussion. It is clear that other alternatives to solving the parking problems in Lydiard Millicent should be explored as well as the car park project.

117/15 Planning Matters

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

15/09770/TCA – Church Farm, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent
Proposal: Fell 2 Leylandii Trees
Decision : No Objection

- b. There have been no Planning Applications sent from Wiltshire Council for consideration this month.

118/15 Reports from Attendees on Outside Bodies

- a. *Wiltshire Council Area Board*
No report was given.

- b. *NEW-V Neighbourhood Planning Group*
An update was given by Parish Council Representative. The Council will be asked to confirm their approval of the Neighbourhood Plan at the January meeting, prior to the Plan going to statutory six week public consultation early next year.

119/15 Highways and Road Safety Working Group

There has been no meeting of this Working Group in the last month. The Council was advised that work to complete the Lydiard Green Footpath is now due to commence in February 2016, at the same time alterations to the Church Chicane will take place.

An “issue” has been raised with Wiltshire Council about having Parking Restrictions between The Beeches and Church Place.

120/15 Cemetery and Open Spaces Working Group

There has been no meeting of this Working Group in the last month.

Cllr Pflieger asked that anyone who witnesses lorries through Washpool and Common Platt make a note of the Registration Number, Company Name/telephone number, and time of incident and forward it to him. Community Speed Watch will be in action within the Parish in the next week.

Cllr Pflieger was thanked for his hard work in erecting and lighting the Christmas Tree in front of the Parish Hall.

121/15 Finance and Administration Working Group

The minutes of the Finance and Administration Working Group were noted. The Working Group had been concentrating on compiling a budget for next year.

122/15 Jubilee Club House and Recreation Field Working Group

The minutes of the Jubilee Club House and Recreation Field Working Group were noted.

123/15 Finance

RESOLVED to authorise the following accounts for payment:

Payee	Amount
Westlea Landscaping - November	450.00
LM Parish Hall - November	25.50
Avon Extinguishers	34.92
Avoncrop (white lining fluid)	635.71
In Touch Services	72.00
Alan Pflieger (Christmas Tree)	60.00
Clerk's Salary - November	386.09
Total	£1,664.22

124/15 Annual Estimates of Income and Expenditure

Each year the Parish Council must consider what it wishes to be done in the next Financial Year, in advance of setting its precept which must reach Wiltshire Council by 22 January 2016.

As this procedure is complicated, members will meet informally to better understand the impact this will have on Council Tax payers prior to the Council meeting in January.

125/15 Cleaner at the Jubilee Club House

At its last meeting the Council resolved to use Contract Cleaners rather than employ staff at the Jubilee Club House. At present the Council does not have an agreed specification against which Contractors can give a price but the JCH is in need of cleaning.

RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Clerk to make interim arrangements with contract cleaners until such time as the Council is ready to consider formal contracts for this work.

126/15 Use of Recreation Ground and Jubilee Club House

At a recent meeting, Lydiard Millicent Junior Football Club (LMJFC) requested use of the Recreation Field on a Saturday morning in addition to the usual Sundays from January onwards; this will increase the revenue with no extra outlay. In the past neighbouring residents have complained about noise from the Recreation Field, members will talk to residents and report back to the Council.

RESOLVED in principle that LMJFC use the Recreation Field on Saturday mornings for approximately 90 minutes, subject to the response from consultation by members with residents of Chestnut Springs.

Further RESOLVED that the JCH and Recreation Field should be available to hire on a more regular basis. Timings will be sent to Councillors for their agreement at the next meeting before being publicised.

127/15 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council will take place on Thursday, 7th January 2016 at Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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Cllr Andrew Harris
Chairman