

Lydiard Millicent Parish Council

Notice of Meeting and Summons to Attend

To : ALL MEMBERS OF LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Councillors Dean Cobb, Andrew Fletcher, Sarah Hill-Wheeler,
Andre Kayani, Vernon Montgomery, Alan Pflieger (chairman),
Richard Selwood, Mike Sharp, Phil Shepherd.

In accordance with schedule 12, para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council will be held on Thursday 24 January 2019 in the **Parish Hall, Lydiard Millicent, commencing at 7.30pm; to which all Lydiard Millicent Parish Councillors are summonsed to attend.**

Deborah Bourne

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Parish Clerk

17 January 2019

Public Question Time: Members of the public are invited to make representations to Lydiard Millicent Parish Council on any matters relating to items on this Agenda (Public Bodies [admission to meetings] Act 1960), before the meeting commences (limited to 10 minutes). Every effort will be made to give accurate answers to all questions, no debate shall take place in this time. In some cases further research may be necessary when an answer will be given by the Chairman or Clerk as soon as possible.

Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group, Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speed Watch representatives will be invited to address the Council at this time.

Report from Wiltshire Council: This is an opportunity to receive information from, and put questions to, the local Unitary Councillor Mollie Groom.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence:** The Council is asked to note any apologies for absence and to accept reasons they consider to be appropriate.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by this Council in July 2012. Members are reminded that it is their personal responsibility to keep entries in the Register of Interests up to date; please contact the clerk, if register needs updating.
3. **Minutes:** To confirm, adopt and sign as a true record, Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6 December 2018.
4. **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman will give a brief update on any items relating to the Parish Council. This item will not require Lydiard Millicent Parish Council to make any formal decisions.

5. **Planning Matters**

a) The Council is asked to note the following decisions made by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting:

- 18/10269/VAR – 87 Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent
Variation of conditions 2 & 4 on 17/03000/FUL to allow for changes to materials and positions of windows on elevations

Decision : Approve with conditions

- 18/10201/FUL – 87 Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent
Proposed Garage

Decision : Approve with conditions

- 18/101117/FUL – 7 Washpool, Swindon
Erection of single storey extension to front and single storey to rear.

Decision : Approve with conditions

- 18/09333/FUL – Plain Farm, Lydiard Plain
Construction of portal framed cattle building

Decision : Approve with conditions

- 18/09197/FUL – 2 Bakery Close, The Street, Lydiard Millicent
Erect detached garage

Decision : Approve with conditions

- 18/05792/FUL – 6 Washpool, Peatmoor, Swindon
Proposed Garden Room

Decision : Approve with conditions

b) The Council is asked to note the following decisions from the Planning Inspectorate with regards to planning applications affecting Lydiard Millicent.

- 17/08735/FUL – Land at Church Place, Lydiard Millicent
Proposed development of new public open space, footpath, play area, nine dwellings and associated infrastructure.

Decision : Appeal is dismissed

c) The Council is asked to confirm the Planning Working Group comments on the following Planning Applications from Wiltshire Council.

- 18/12136/DOC – Casa Paolo, Common Platt, Purton
Discharge of conditions 5, 6 & 7 of planning application 18/05422/FUL (Erection of 2no dwellings and conversion of existing restaurant premises to provide separate self-contained dwelling hours)

- 19/00535/TCA – Honeywood Lodge, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent
Fell 1 dead Yew and 1 dead Field Maple (T1 & T2), reduce 1 Yew by 25% over footpath (T3), crown raise 1 Norway Maple and 4 Sycamore trees to 6 metres above ground level (T4 & T5), pollard 3 Lime trees to 6 metres height (T6), fell 5 small Sycamore trees (T7), 25% crown reduction to Ash tree (T8), remove overhanging limb of Ash tree (T9).

6. **Finance**

Appendix A

- a) The Council is asked to note payments since the last meeting. Accounts have previously been scrutinised and signed by two members. All members are reminded they are accountable for the Councils finances and are invited to make an appointment with the RFO to look at the Council accounts in more detail.

7. **Annual Estimates of Income and Expenditure**

Appendix B

Councillors are advised that the effect of section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 is that if, when considering budgetary items, any Councillor is in arrears for more than two months with his/her Council Tax, he/she must declare that section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies and neither speak nor vote on the matter before Council. Failure to observe this renders the Councillor liable for prosecution by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

At last months meeting the Council set its budget for 2019/20, a copy of which is attached. Following that decision the Council was asked to set a precept which Wiltshire Council will collect from residents on its behalf; no consensus could be reached at that time and so the decision was deferred to this meeting.

At the last meeting the RFO recommendation was £54,490. After discussions with the chairman of finance and chairman of the council the RFO is able to recommend a precept of £52,800 (increase of 2.5%), which equates to an extra £1.67 per year on a Band D house.

The finance working group met on 10 January 2019, recommending a precept of £24,859 (decrease of 51.74%), which equates to a reduction of £34.66 per year on a Band D house. The finance working group notes are attached.

RFO advice for all members regarding finance working group recommendation:

- The finance working group recommended (£24,859) precept is significantly lower than the councils agreed and adopted running costs;
- This significant reduction prevents the council from fulfilling its project aspirations;
- The specified figures fail to respond to Wiltshire Councils stated policy of devolving services down to parish councils.

The Council is asked to consider the options above and to state the amount of tax it will authorise the chairman (or clerk) to demand be collected on its behalf by Wiltshire Council.

8. **Pocket Park**

Appendix C

Cllr Phil Shepherd has put forward the following resolution for consideration at this meeting:

“Background - The Pocket Park Working Group was planning to propose a resolution at the Council meeting of 24th January 2019 in respect of an application to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government’s match-funding scheme for a Pocket Park project. An email was sent to all councillors on 7th January 2019 explaining the plan. This plan is hereby withdrawn. The Council’s plan for a Pocket Park cannot be submitted by the deadline of 25th January 2019 as there are concerns about public access to the site. The Community Field was purchased by this Council for £30,000 on 4th July 2012. The site is therefore unsuitable for a grant application at this time, or indeed for any type of development or use for the public.

I therefore propose that: the Council is to research the issue of gaining access rights to the Community Field making use of appropriate legal advice and paying for such legal advice from the budget of £2000 set by Council Resolution on 8th November 2018 in furtherance of the “Parish Park” scheme that has been under consideration by the Open Spaces Working Group since 14th March 2018.”

The Councils instructions are sought on how it wishes to proceed with Cllr Shepherds motion.

9. **Speed Indicator Devices** Appendix D
Cllr Vernon Montgomery will present this report to members.

10. **Annual Litter Pick / Upkeep of Parish Flowerbeds**
It is anticipated that the annual litter pick will be held over the weekend of 16/17 March 2019. This event has been poorly attended in recent years, and it is hoped by having an earlier date there will be more volunteers from within the community. It is also hoped that grass will not be so long as to inhibit efficient removal of the offending items.

Members are also reminded that volunteers are still needed to help water the parish flowerbeds in front of the Church. These flowerbeds have been a great improvement to the village, and many residents and visitors have made positive comments. For this feature to continue more volunteers are urgently required.

The Councils instructions are sought.

11. **Councillors Observations and Date of Next Meeting**
Councillors will be invited to share comments they have received from residents which may be of interest to Lydiard Millicent Parish Council. This item is for discussion only; any follow up will be for individual Councillors to undertake.

The next ordinary meeting of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council will take place on Thursday 7 March 2019 in the Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall, Lydiard Millicent, commencing at 7.30pm.