

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Lydiard Millicent Parish Council held at the Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon SN5 3LS on Thursday 2nd October 2014 commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Tim Blackmore (Chair), Alan Pflieger (Vice Chair), Simon Burley, Dean Cobb (arrived at 9pm), Mollie Groom, Andrew Harris, Steve Mowbray, Tom Pepperall and David Rees.

PUBLIC PRESENT: There were ten members of the public present.

OFFICERS PRESENT: The Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer.

Prior to the commencement of business the Chairman formally congratulated Mrs Carolyn Savory on behalf of the Parish Council for the World War One exhibition that she recently curated.

96. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs John Bennett (Holiday), Dean Cobb (delayed at CATG meeting) and Alison McLean-Crawford,

97. SAFETY BRIEFING

A safety briefing was given to the 10 members of the public and the 8 Councillors present.

98. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of interest made.

99. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 4th September 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

100. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters arising were considered:

Council was informed that, following her nomination by the Chair of Council, Joan Redford had won the Community First Award for Exceptional Contribution to the Community. She had been presented with a silver cup which she retains for a year and a framed certificate at the presentation event in Devizes. The Chairman thanked those who had supported the nominations.

Council was informed that the replacement Neighbourhood Watch signs which had received sponsorship had been erected. Further new sponsors offered to purchase additional signs if required.

101. POLICE REPORT

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had received a report from the Rural Policing team which indicated a high number of burglaries in the area.

The Police had been able to stop and question a driver who had been acting suspiciously, thanks to the vigilance of the Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Council was asked whether it could install a Washpool area name plate similar to the one in Common Platt.

Council was also informed that there was significant amounts of dog mess on the Swindon side of the Common Platt open space. Council agreed to liaise with Swindon Borough Council regarding the matter.

102. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Mrs Groom submitted the following report:

- (a) **Special Artic Convoy Medal** – Council noted that a medal had been presented to a local veteran by a senior Russian diplomat in Trowbridge.
- (b) **Adoptable Estates Task Group** – Cllr Mrs Groom was sitting on this group set up to look at the problems associated with ensuring roads on new estates were formally adopted by Wiltshire Council.
- (c) **Tesco Planning Application** – This had been called by Cllr Mrs Groom to enable local people to voice their views.

103. PUBLIC RECESS

There were 10 members of the public present. The following matters were raised:

- (a) **Land at 15 The Beeches Appeal** – Concern was expressed regarding this appeal. Council confirmed that it would reiterate its objections to this outline application as no material changes had been made to the application.
- (b) **30mph Signage** – A request was made to have the hedges and trees currently obscuring the 30mph signage in the village cut back. The request would be forwarded to the Parish Steward at Wiltshire Council.
- (c) **Defibrillator** – Council was asked whether this initiative had developed. It was agreed that Council would re-investigate the provision of defibrillators in the Parish and report back in due course.
- (d) **Salt Bin, Lydiard Green** – Council was asked whether any further progress had been made to install a salt bin at this location. It was agreed to investigate this matter further and report back in due course.
- (e) **Speeding through the Village** – Concern was once again expressed regarding the speed of traffic travelling through the parish. Various options had been discussed in the past including additional traffic calming but there was no funding available due to the cuts that had been inflicted upon the Highway Authority by Central Government.

The matter would be monitored and further volunteers were being recruited to develop the Speedwatch initiative.

- (f) **Footpath Access** – Concern was expressed regarding the inaccessibility of the footpath between Holborn and Meadow Springs. The matter would be raised with Wiltshire Council.

104. ITEMS OF LATE BUSINESS

The following items of late business were considered:

- (a) **School Governors** – A request had been received from the school to help it identify some new school governors. The voluntary position was expected to take up around 6-8 hours per month and it was hoped that the new governors would help the school achieve academy status. Cllr Harris expressed an interest in the position.
- (b) **CATG Meeting** – Cllr McLean Crawford had attended the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council as Cllr Blackmore had been attending another parish event that evening. A low response had been received for the Dog Bag It and Flag It campaign and there was still a sum of approximately £1,900 available for initiatives.
- (c) **Shaw Football Club** – Council was informed that a sum of approximately £400 to £500 was outstanding from this now defunct club that had not been paid to Council for games played in the 2012/13 football season. Evidence would be submitted to the Police regarding the matter as there were currently court proceedings in motion. Council **NOTED** that it may be required to write off the bad debt.
- (d) **Chairman** – Cllr Blackmore indicated that although he was not moving away imminently from the Parish he would be resigning his position of Chair of the Council at the next meeting and a new Chair would need to be elected.
- (e) **Washpool Smell** – Council noted that an obnoxious odour had once again been detected in the Washpool area. It was agreed that the matter be reported to the Environment Agency and Wiltshire Council.
- (f) **Gate at Washpool** – It was reported that someone had removed the gate at the entrance of the bridleway from its hinges which had resulted in 24 horses escaping.
- (g) **Items raised with Wiltshire Council** – Council noted the six items raised with Wiltshire Council regarding highway management and the cutting back of undergrowth.

105. PARISH HALL

- (a) **Committee Report** – Council noted that the Christmas coffee and mince pie morning would be held on 6th December 2014.
- (b) **Car Park Extension** – Council noted that Cllr Bennett would meet two potential contractors in the near future to discuss the project. Current project funding applications did not look promising.

106. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

Council noted that a repair was required to the fence at the far end of the play area. Cllr Pflieger had agreed to undertake the repair.

107. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) **Planning Applications** – It was **RESOLVED** that the following comments would be submitted to the Planning Authority:

Application: 14/08287/FUL
Site Location: 78 Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3NB
Proposal: Single Storey Rear Extension
LMPC Comment: **No adverse comment**

Application: 14/08407/FUL
Site Location: Land Adjoining 12 Bury Fields, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3NF
Proposal: New Dwelling
LMPC Comment: **No adverse comment**

Application: 14/08602/TCA
Site Location: Longhouse 1 Lydiard Green, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LP
Proposal: 25% Crown Reduction and Shape to Willow Tree
LMPC Comment: **Support the application**

Application: 14/08804/FUL
Site Location: 27 Greenhill, Royal Wootton Bassett Swindon, SN4 8EH
Proposal: Single Storey Front Extension (Retrospective)
LMPC Comment: **No adverse comment**

Application: 14/08624/FUL
Site Location: Unit 3 Bagbury Park, The Street, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LW
Proposal: Change of Use of Land from Agricultural Paddock to parking and minor storage ancillary to the business in Unit 3 (Retrospective)
LMPC Comment: **No adverse comment**

Application: 14/08983/FUL
Site Location: Lydiard Farm, The Street, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LU
Proposal: Creation of an Equestrian Menage with all weather surface
LMPC Comment: **No adverse comment**

(b) **GRANTS** – The following grants have been received for noting.

Application: 14/06102/FUL
Site Location: 3 Church Place, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3NE
Proposal: Single Storey Sunroom & Detached Annexe (Revision to 13/01251/FUL)
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Application: 14/06662/FUL
Site Location: 32 The Close, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, SN5 3NJ
Proposal: Front Extension to Garage
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Application: 14/06451/FUL
Site Location: Selbrook Villa 19 Washpool Swindon Wiltshire SN5 3PN
Proposal: Detached Garage (Resubmission of 14/03705/FUL)
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Application: 14/08048/TCA
Site Location: 4 The Street Lydiard Millicent Swindon Wiltshire SN5 3LU
Proposal: Fell 1 Leylandii
Decision: No Objection

- (c) **APPEALS** – The following appeal has been received:

Application: 14/02304/OUT
Site Location: Land at 15 The Beeches, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, SN5 3LT
Proposal: Single Storey Dwelling (Outline)
Appeal Start: 17th September 2014

Council **RESOLVED** to reiterate its previous objections as it was considered that the comments were as valid as they were when first submitted. A copy of the minutes would also be submitted which indicated the strength of feeling of the community.

- (d) **Tesco Development** – Council ratified the official objection submitted regarding applications 14/08081/FUL and 14/08060/OUT.
- (e) **Swindon Borough Local Plan** – Council **NOTED** that the Swindon Local Plan 2026 was currently being examined by an independent Inspector to ensure it was legally compliant and met the test of soundness. The consultation period ends on Thursday 30th October 2014.

108. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) **Holborn Footpath Update** – Council noted that work was scheduled to start on this project on Monday 29th September 2014. However, there appears to be a delay and an update would be provided at the next Council meeting.
- (b) **Washpool Bridge** – Council noted that the closure of the bridge to enable the works to take place was scheduled to commence on Monday 14th October 2014 and would last up to six weeks.

It was agreed to request additional signage to be erected indicating that there was “No Turning Available” beyond the road closed signs to prevent access by HGVs and other large vehicles which may then become stranded.

- (c) **Washpool Highway Concerns** – A number of concerns had been raised by residents regarding speeding in this area. As Cllr Cobb was absent this matter would be deferred until the next meeting.

It was noted that Cllr Bennett had managed to encourage Wiltshire Council to cut back the verges on both sides at Washpool, Common Platt and Elm Road.

- (d) **School Parking** – Cllr Pflieger informed Council that laminated signs had been erected but were being ignored. It was proposed that four flower tubs be placed in the green tarmac area to discourage parking. This would be investigated with the Highway Authority. It was noted that the bus stop was also designated a drop off point.
- (e) **Miscellaneous Highway Matters** – Council noted that the blocked drains between The Beeches and the Church chicane and those in the Butts had been reported.

109. OPEN SPACES

- (a) **Replacement of Spring Animal** – Consideration was given to the replacement of the Spring Animal in the near future. A new unit had been previously ordered but it was not compatible with the existing unit. It was agreed to review this matter and seek revised quotations.
- (b) **Boules Area** – Following discussion regarding the possibility of undertaking a weed kill for the Boules area it was agreed to defer this matter.
- (c) **Lydiard Millicent Football Club** – Council noted that the new agreement had been signed on 11th September 2014.
- (d) **Purton Cricket Club** – Council noted that confirmation had been received from Purton Cricket Club regarding the use of the cricket square on the Recreation Field next season. A meeting would be arranged.
- (e) **Lydiard Plain** – No further information had been received regarding the loss of the Parish Council's eligibility to receive the grant for this piece of land. Further clarification was expected during October 2014.
- (f) **S106 Funding** – Council **NOPTED** that a sum of £5,820 was to be passed over to the Council in respect of a S106 agreement relating to the development of land to the rear of 12 Bury Fields. The contribution had been taken for outdoor Sports and Recreation and therefore could only be used on schemes that directly comply with this criteria. Members were asked to submit ideas for the use of the money to the next meeting for consideration.
- (g) **Dog Fouling** – Following discussion it was agreed to submit a request to the Area Borad for a grant of £250 to tackle dog fouling on the sports field. The grant would cover the cost of dog bag dispensers, dog bags and posters.
- (h) **Miscellaneous Open Spaces Matters** – There were no further matters to consider.

110. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Council noted that the Lydiard Millicent chapter was out to consultation and had been published on the village website. An article had appeared in the Lydiards Magazine and hard copies were available from Cllr Bennett if requested.

The next stage was for the other parish chapters to be collated prior to submission to Wiltshire Council for review, consultation, independent review and referendum.

111. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Cllr Pflieger had been away for two weeks so activity had been reduced. Three new volunteers had been recruited and would undertake training in the near future. Additional volunteers were always welcome.

112. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) **Parish Precept and Grant** – Council noted that the second instalment of the Parish Precept amounting to £9,952.50 plus the second instalment of the Parish Grant amounting to £70.90 had now been received.

(b) **Monthly Expenditures** – Council **RATIFIED** the following expenditure:

PAYEE	ITEM	NET	VAT	TOTAL
R Leckie	Salary	£39.00	£0.00	£39.00
P Russell	Salary	£281.15	£0.00	£281.15
HMRC	NI/PAYE	£70.20	£0.00	£70.20
LMP Hall	Hire of Hall Oct Sept14	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Enlan Ltd	Grounds Contract Fee	£420.00	£84.00	£504.00
Miss Richens	Oct Sept 14 Cleaning	£84.00	£0.00	£84.00
Cllr Pflieger	Hand Scrub	£8.70	£1.74	£10.44
LPC (Trull)	Planning Applications	£42.50	£8.50	£51.00
SBC	Grass Cutting	£40.00	£8.00	£48.00
K Mundy	White Lining	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
	TOTAL	£1,010.55	£102.24	£1,212.79

113. OTHER MATTERS

(a) **Grant Proposal** – Following discussion it was formally **RESOLVED** to provide a grant of £250 towards the costs of the First World War Exhibition and the offer by Carolyn Savory to act as Honorary Archivist for the Parish.

(b) **Bagbury Business Park** – There was nothing further to report.

(c) **Christmas Tree** – Council **RESOLVED** to give delegated authority to Cllr Pflieger to purchase a Christmas tree for the Parish and any additional lights if required.

114. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday 6th November 2014 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: