

Present: Councillors T Blackmore (Chair), A Pflieger, J Bennett, M Groom, A Harris, A Mclean, S Mowbray, T Pepperall, D Rees and D Cobb arrived later during item 14.

1. Apologies for absence. Councillor S Burley.
2. Safety Briefing was given to 10 members of public and 9 Councillors.
3. Declarations of Interest. –There were none.
4. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2013. Were signed as a true record.
5. Matters arising from the minutes and not scheduled on the agenda.

Washpool Bridge and Ridgeway farm were being dealt with by our Highway committee who are in weekly contact with Wiltshire Council.

7.11.13 item 8 The Chairman had met with and had a useful conversation with Mr Baker regarding the way forward with the War Memorial Fund. It has been ascertained that if the fund was registered with hmrc asa charitable fund it would not be liable for tax and could receive Gift Aid . The fund would have at least 3 members responsible for it, one of which may be Mrs R Leckie as the Council's Respons

7.11.13 item 9 The PAT testing had been carried on both the Jubilee Clubhouse and on the Christmas tree lights where necessary. All items tested were logged in the ledger kept at the Jubilee Clubhouse. The relevant entries for the Christmas tree will be photocopied and forwarded to the Parish Hall Committee for their records. Thanks were recorded to Alan Pflieger and his team of volunteers for a lovely looking tree again this year.

6. Police Report. The Officer had sent an apology, and emailed that there was not much to report.
7. Wiltshire Council Report. Councillor Groom reported that Wiltshire Council was intending to clamp down on residents who do not keep their ditches clear. After receiving warnings they may be fined.
8. Parishioners' Questionanyitemsarisingtimelater ontothe agendainclude.
Mrs Redford had requested her cheque for the Bedding plants. The Clerk apologised for the delay, and handed Mrs Willies the cheque for Mrs Redford.

A Resident of Lydiard Green asked the Chairman and the Council if an apology would be given regarding the way that the Lydiard Green footpath and traffic calming issues had been handled. The Chairman said that he would not be apologising for anything he had done, and felt that fellow Councillors would have to respond for themselves. –No other Councillors responded.

A resident of Lydiard Green asked for confirmation that a
October as soon as the new plans for Lydiard Green are available. The Chairman agreed that plans would be made available, but instead of a letter, in the light of issues around the proposed plans, he stated that each home would receive a personal meeting with the Parish Council representatives. Reason - this will enable all opinions to be heard.

The Parish Council were requested to establish what Wilts
Green highway, because it is now well passed the need just to repair potholes and required remaking as soon as possible. It is believed that Malcolm Beavan and Matt Perott are well aware of the state of the road and that other villages are also complaining about the new contractors, who are well past any transition period.

Mr Tapscott publically acknowledged that it was the Clerk's final meeting and gave than service to the Council. The Chairman said he had intended to thank the Clerk at the end of the evening, and then took the moment to welcome her successor, Paul Russell.

9. Urgent matters arising including any Councillor reports and any correspondence since the publication of the agenda. There were none.
10. Councillor Playground Inspection report was completed by Councillor Blackmore no action required.
11. Actions taken on the ROSPA Playground report. The D shackle had been replaced in the Play area, which was the most urgent recommendation from the ROSPA report. No further work was necessary at the present time. Councillor

Pepperall has arranged a meeting with a representative of Swindon Commercial Services regarding a quotation for the installation of the Spring Animal.

12. Speedwatch update. Councillor Pflieger reported that although training had taken place they were still waiting for the programme to start.

13. Receive report on NEW-V Neighbourhood Plan meeting November 9th. –Councillor Bennett reported that the sessions had been well attended by over 50 members of public who were brought up to date with where the Neighbourhood Plan had reached so far. The consultation period produced a number of issues which now need to be refined into specific Options by Parishioners and Councillors. The final Options will then be put to Parishioners in a Parish wide poll and the results presented to the Parish Council for acceptance.

14. Receive report on CAT-G Meeting held on 21st November. Council to consider co-funding first stages of Lydiard Green footpath.

Councillor Cobb arrived during this item. Councillor Blackmore reported the outcome of what had happened at the CAT-G meeting at which he was an observer:

The CATG agreed to recommend to the Area Board that the sum of £10,964 already allocated to this project from last year, along with the sum of up to £3,536 from this year's CATG contribution of up to £14,500. This was on the basis that:

1. Phases 1 , 2 and 3 of the project would be delivered as a minimum
2. The Parish Council will contribute the remaining funds to enable phases 1, 2 and 3 to be completed –being a sum of at least £3,000. If the Parish Council could contribute a higher amount then it might be possible to deliver phase 4 too.
3. The Parish Council would approach the industrial units at Bagbury Lane to explore whether any financial contributions towards the project could be secured

Item 17 brought forward. Receive report on Area Board meeting held on 27th November, to include update on Lydiard Green footpath. The Chairman reported the outcome from the Area Board:

Following representations by three LG residents, the Area Board deferred ratification of the allocation until their January meeting. This was on the grounds that the proposed scheme was effectively a new proposal and required a further survey of the level of support. The Chairman agreed to put this proposal to LMPC.

Councillor Blackmore also read from a progressive timeline of notes he had prepared from Council minutes, Highway Committee Minutes, Community Area Transport Group and Area Board minutes showing the path of consultation and decisions made.

Councillor McLean questioned the Chairman's interpretation of the time ask for funding on a plan that had been abandoned by the Parish Council.

The Chairman replied that he had not considered that by taking just the first 3 or 4 phases of the original plan that it would be viewed by the Area Board as a new plan. He had taken the first phases to Area Board to ascertain if it was viable enough to re-survey the parishioners with.

Questions were raised on where the £3,000 would be coming from. –Response was that if local businesses were not prepared to contribute then it would come from Parish Council reserves.

Questions were raised as to whether or not it was possible to put forward the plan for phases 1-3 to the residents before the next Area Board in January. –In response the Chairman felt it was possible to speak to all those affected within the limited time frame. It was agreed that a minimum of 3 members of the Council would take part in the data collection.

Questions were raised as to the purpose of the footpaths being proposed –Response, to increase the infrastructure of the Parish and to allow members of the public, especially the elderly and vulnerable to walk safely.

A motion was put forward by Councillor Bennett that a face to face survey be conducted of the 21 households on the western end of Lydiard Green. Vote showed that 7 were in favour and 1 against. Motion was carried.

It was further agreed that the Council were committed to putting forward the results of the planned survey on phases 1-3/4 at the next Area Board .

Questions were raised as to how the figure of £3,000 had been reached. –Response, the CATG board were asking for 20% of the projects. This is set for the coming year, however, it was hoped that in future years a per Capita basis will be

used.

A vote was taken as to whether or not the Council would be prepared to fund the £3,000 from reserves if the CATG funding was agreed. Result 9 in favour and 1 against. Councillor Groom proposed and Councillor Pflieger seconded that this be funded from reserves. Vote carried and approved

The Council were asked to consider surveying Parishioners as to how many people would want to walk the proposed footpaths, as very few people are ever seen walking along Lydiard Green. This was declined as being an unrealistic task.

15. To receive Councillors responses to Highways committee recommendations, and to consider potential changes to the status of Manor Hill. Following up from item 14 from Parish Council meeting 7th November. The Committee had not settled their list by priority. Deferred until January 2014.

16. To receive feedback from Councillor Bennett in respect of the letter to the Parish Hall Committee. Also to receive feedback from Councillor Pepperall in respect of Mr and Mrs Warrens boundary. Councillor Bennett reported that although agreement on direction of travel was deferred, there would be transit rights to reach the new car park. The letter to Parish Hall officially asking them to agree in principle these rights, had been drafted for the Parish Council to sign and would be delivered as soon as possible.

Councillor Pepperall reported that his communications with the Warrens went well and various means of widening the entrance splay of the car park had been considered. They are happy to co-operate and will donate the necessary land to alleviate parking issues they have at the entrance to their driveway. A licence agreement for use of the land in perpetuity would need to be drawn up. Thanks to the Warrens were recorded.

Further consultations will take place now in the New Year.

17. Receive report on Area Board meeting held on 27th November, to include update on Lydiard Green footpath. See item 14 above.

18. Receive report on Swindon Borough Council Licensing Application for Christmas Parties in Lydiard Park from 19:00 to 01:00 16 times between 19 November and 22 December annually.

Unfortunately although several parishioners had personally objected to this application it had been agreed and the first event was currently taking place. The conditions stated that the first 3 nights will be monitored by the environmental agency, which was being performed in Forge Fields. If after the first 3 nights the noise levels rise then telephone numbers were available to report the nuisance.

19. To consider the following **Planning Applications:**

13/05388/FUL 30 Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent. (extension of consultation agreed by WC for LMPC)

Conversion and adaption of existing barn to provide self-contained new dwelling.

Objection on the basis of lack of ostensible use as a stable, but if permitted, the new dwelling to be treated as an ancillary dwelling, not to be saleable separate from the main house.

Also concerns regarding the increase in traffic from stable to 5 bedroomed house on a very busy and dangerous road. The Parish Council will be asking our Wiltshire Councillor to call this application in for the full committee to consider. After a vote where there were 3 objections and 8 abstentions it was agreed to call this application in to be looked at by the Wiltshire Council Planning Committee in full.

13/05292/FUL & 13/05621/LBC The Old Rectory, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent

Conversion of coach house into ancillary domestic accommodation, erection of detached garage and minor works to listed house. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

13/06153/TPO 1 The Beeches, Lydiard Millicent –reduce 5 Beech trees by 25% - supported.

13/05989/FUL Land opposite 21 Greenhill, Wootton Bassett.

The Parish Council would like to support this application subject to conditions. The Council would wish to see the applicant placing drainage adjacent to the road either ditched or piped. There were concerns over the boundaries of the property and how the land not owned by applicant was to be managed. The overall opinion was that the removal of the current eyesore would be welcomed.

13/05934/FUL 31 Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent.

Extensions and alteration to outbuilding (revision to 13/02156/FUL)
The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

13/05817/FUL Rukia Gardens, Wood Lane, Brinkworth. Retention of existing wildlife pond (retrospective)
The Parish Council approved this application.

Concerns were raised regarding the new build at 38 Stone Lane, and it was asked if the Council could work with Wiltshire Council to ensure that all verges and hedges that had been affected by the heavy construction traffic be re-instated. Councillor Groom offered to write to the senior enforcement officer for assistance.

20. To confirm and minute the new bank signatories. Unfortunately the Bank had not received the document. A further document to be sent.

21. To confirm that Lydiard Millicent Cricket Contract has been signed. Cricket agreement had been signed.

22. To seek views from public and councillors on our 2014/2015 budget. Already proposed by Councillors are:- Neighbourhood Watch Signs, consideration for more wooden planters –suggested sites Lydiard Green, Tewksbury Way and replacement of telegraph pole beds opposite Parish Hall, allowance for extra on Groundsman contract. Councillors and Parishioners were urged to put forward possible spending requests as soon as possible.

23. To approve the following expenditure.

	Expenditure	Net	£'s Cheque amount
R Leckie	Salary	351.35	351.35
R Leckie	Expenses - Tel, Stationery, Mileage, etc		49.43
LMPHall	Hire of P/Hall –includes hire for NEW-V	59.30	59.30
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	420.00	504.00
Mr Haworth	White Lining	100.00	100.00
J Richens	JCH Cleaning for November 5 x £21	125.00	125.00
T Pepperall	JCH signage	25.00	30.00
Active Plumbing Supplies Ltd	Plumbing supplies for JCH works.	111.08	133.30
A Pflieger	Christmas tree and lights	88.95	98.74

The above payments were proposed by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Councillor Groom, and approved.

Approval was given by the Council that Councillors Blackmore, and Pepperall, together with Mrs Leckie and Mr Russell to prepare a draft precept budget to be presented at the January 2014 meeting.

24. Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

CHAIR

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