

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Lydiard Millicent Parish Council meeting held at the Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon SN5 3LS on Thursday 6th November 2014 commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Tim Blackmore (Chair), Alan Pflieger (Vice Chair), John Bennett, Dean Cobb, Mollie Groom, Tom Pepperall and David Rees.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Clerk to the Council and the Responsible Financial Officer.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 11

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Cllr Blackmore informed all those present that he was moving imminently to Cheltenham and would therefore be stepping down as both Chair and as a Councillor. He thanks everyone for their support during his time as a Parish Councillor and as Chair.

115. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Bennett was formally proposed by Cllr Groom and seconded by Cllr Rees. There being no other nominations. Cllr Bennett was formally elected as Chair to the Council.

Cllr Blackmore formally stepped down from being both the Chair and a Councillor on Lydiard Millicent Parish Council.

Cllr Bennett formally thanked Tim Blackmore for all his effort and leadership. He had energized the Parish Council. He also thanked those involved in the firework display and the planting of the flower beds. This would be the last year that flowers would be provided by the local nursery and it was agreed that the Chair send a letter of thanks to Mr Cooper, the nursery owner.

116. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Simon Burley (work), Andrew Harris (work), Alison McLean-Crawford (work) and Steve Mowbray (work).

117. SAFETY BRIEFING

A safety briefing was given to the 11 members of the public and the 6 Councillors present.

118. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

119. MINUTES

Subject to the amendment agreed it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd October 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

120. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were considered:

Minute 101 Washpool Area name Plate – It was agreed that no further action would be taken regarding this matter.

Minute 103(b) 30mph Sign – The location of this sign was confirmed to be in the hedgerow by The Beeches. It was a repeater sign.

Minute 103(d) Additional Grit Bin – The Council was awaiting feedback from Wiltshire Highways to establish whether the Council would have to fund the additional grit bin. It was confirmed that the location was on a gritting route.

Minute 104(a) School Governors – It was noted that Cllr Harris had been appointed as a School Governor and was undertaking training.

Minute 104(e) Washpool – It was confirmed that the odour was emanating from a cesspit. It was agreed to report the matter to the Environmental Department, Wiltshire Council.

Minute 109(f) S106 Funding – Members were reminded that they needed to consider some potential schemes and submit their ideas so that they can be forwarded to Wiltshire Council for consideration and the release of the S106. It was suggested that the installation of the new spring animal be funded from this pot and it was agreed to ascertain whether this project would be eligible.

121. POLICE REPORT

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator presented the following report:

- Two burglaries had taken place in Chestnut Springs recently;
- A crime prevention event was being organised in conjunction with PC Sinfield. Suggestions for a date, time and venue were requested from Councillors.

It was agreed to contact the Village Hall Committee to see what dates were available.

122. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Groom presented the following report:

- The Combined Fire Authority was currently deliberating on the advantages and disadvantages of amalgamating with the Dorset and Hampshire Fire Authority. Further meetings were scheduled in the forthcoming week;
- Three air quality gadgets were to be installed in Royal Wootton Bassett with a further special one to be installed in 2016;
- Royal Wootton Bassett is to have a sculpted poppy installed on land near Marlowe Way. It was a gift from a previous resident;
- It had been confirmed that a full archaeological survey was to be undertaken on the land proposed for development by Taylor Wimpy;
- Cllr Groom had tabled the paper previously circulated to Members at the Local Transport Board LEP the previous week. Although the economic case might well have been made the practical aspects had not been considered.

123. PUBLIC RECESS

The following matters were raised by Members of the Public:

Defibrillator – Council was informed that the Mid-Counties Co-operative Society had made some grant funding available to provide defibrillators for local communities. This would be investigated.

Speed Cushions – A request was once again made for the provision of speed cushions at Lydiard Green or a further physical deterrent to reduce speeding vehicles in this area.

Due to the austerity measures and subsequent budget restraints it was unlikely that Wiltshire Highways would provide any additional traffic calming. In order for traffic calming to be provided a scheme would need to be fully developed and costed and then funded by the Parish Council. The scheme would also need to be approved by the Area Board and CATG.

The matter would be considered at the next Parish Council's Highways Working Group to be held on 10th November 2014.

Pavements – It was confirmed that the pavements works had not been completed due to drainage issues. Work would not commence on the footpath until the issues had been resolved. Concern was expressed that no one was willing to take responsibility for the drainage issues at Wiltshire Council. It was confirmed that the funding secured for this project had been ringfenced.

Donation to the Lydiard Lunch Club – A donation to the Lunch Club had been forwarded to the Clerk in memory of the late Arthur Wicks. Unfortunately the donation had not been received and it was suggested that the Funeral Directors reissue the cheque.

The Blackmores – David Tapscott expressed thanks to Tim and Margaret on behalf of the village for all they had done. They had given so much to the village in so many areas and would be sadly missed.

124. ITEMS OF LATE BUSINESS

Council was informed that a full check had been carried out on the Christmas tree lights and a total of around 10 to 12 new bulbs would be required.

125. PARISH HALL

There was nothing to report

126. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

- (a) **Play Inspection Report** – The Playground Inspection Report for October 2014 from Cllr Pepperal had not been completed but a visual inspection had been carried out. The equipment appeared to be in good condition. A full report would be submitted at a later date.

- (b) **Annual Inspection Report** – Council noted that quotations for this inspection had been sought and once received the contract would be awarded.

127. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application: 14/09679/VAR
Site Location: 31 Stone Lane Lydiard Millicent Swindon Wiltshire SN5 3LD
Proposal: Variation of Condition 13 of 09/00540/S73A in Relation to Retention of Existing Access
LMPC Comment: **Support**

Application: 14/09743/INCO
Site Location: Greenhill Farm Nurseries, Hook, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire SN4 8EH
Proposal: Prior Notification Under Class MB - Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Dwelling
LMPC Comment: **Recommend refusal as the proposal constitutes a new dwelling in the countryside and is therefore contrary to current planning policy.**

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

Application: 14/08602/TCA
Site Location: Longhouse 1 Lydiard Green, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LP
Proposal: 25% Crown Reduction and Shape to Willow Tree
Decision: **No Objection**

Application: 14/07487/FUL
Site Location: 4 The Close, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, SN5 3NJ
Proposal: Two Storey Front & Side Extension (Resubmission of 14/05083/FUL)
Decision: **Approve with Conditions**

Application: 14/08287/FUL
Site Location: 78 Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3NB
Proposal: Single Storey Rear Extension
Decision: **Approve with Conditions**

Application: 14/08407/FUL
Site Location: Land Adjoining 12 Bury Fields, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3NF
Proposal: New Dwelling
Decision: **Refuse**

- (c) **Payphone Consultation** – Council noted that BT was proposing to remove a number of payphones including the telephone box sited in Common Platt. Council agreed to respond to the consultation being carried out by Wiltshire Council and indicate that it was no longer required.

It was agreed to review the existing agreement with the residents of Green Hill regarding the telephone box at this location.

- (d) **Land South of Tewkesbury Way, Lydiard Tregoze** – Council noted the proposal to develop part of this land for residential dwellings by Taylor Wimpy. It was agreed that the Chair of the Council attend a meeting to establish what the exact plans were for the land and surrounding area. It was understood that Wiltshire Council would not be supporting the proposal.

128. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) **Holborn Footpath Update** – Council was informed that the footpath had now been constructed. There were some snagging issues that would be addressed. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of erecting an additional length of fencing as it was within the budget but that it might cause some issues with existing landowners.
- (b) **Casa Paulo Roundabout Request** – The Council had previously submitted a request to CATG for a mini roundabout at this junction. Council noted that Wiltshire Council had considered the matter and closed the request for the immediate future. However, it would be reviewed in due course.
- (c) **Washpool Bridge** – There was no further update regarding the works being undertaken at Washpool Bridge.
- (d) **Replacement Signage for Chestnut Springs** – Council considered the provision of two new signs at this location and following discussion it was **RESOLVED** not to proceed.
- (e) **Washpool Signage** – Council noted that a request had been received by the Council to consider providing a nameplate at Washpool for ease of identification. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** not to proceed with this request.
- (f) **Miscellaneous Highway Matters** – There were no further matters put forward for consideration.

129. OPEN SPACES

- (a) **Community Field Car Park** – Cllr Bennett informed members that he had secured the voluntary services of a retired civil engineer to assist in the development of this project. A full land and site survey was to be carried out prior to the commencement of the project and it was possible that the project may be able to be delivered in phases due to the overall cost. A further update would be provided following the completion of the survey.
- (b) **Replacement of Spring Animal** – Council was informed that the maximum cost to install the new spring animal with a safer surface would be £600.

It was **RESOLVED** that the work be carried out as soon as possible and a sum not exceeding £600 would be made available for the project.

- (c) **Purton Cricket Club** – Council noted that PCC did not wish to use the facilities for the forthcoming season. It was agreed to contact NALGO and the Wiltshire Cricket league to see if there were any other clubs interested in utilising the facility.
- (d) **Lydiard Plain** – Council was informed that advice had been received that as its grant was under £5,000 it would continue to be eligible to receive it. An assessment would be carried out to ascertain whether it would be financially viable to reduce the hedge growth.
- (e) **S106 Funding** – Council noted 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. Suggestions for projects had been requested.
- (f) **Dog Fouling** – It was agreed to obtain price for dog waste bag dispenser to be provided at the Jubilee Club House to help address the issues with dog fouling being experienced in this part of the Parish. The matter would be considered at the next meeting..
- (h) **Miscellaneous Open Spaces Matters** – There were no additional matters for consideration.

130. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There was nothing further to report on this matter at present.

131. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Council was informed that two Councillors were to undertake training during November with a further five volunteers being trained up in January 2015. A spreadsheet of results was also being developed.

Council noted that Lorrywatch was still in place. However, reports needed to include the registration number of the offending vehicle to enable any action to be taken. It was agreed to place an article in the next Lydiard Magazine.

132. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) **Budget 2015/16** – Members noted that the budget was under development for the next financial year and would be considered as a draft budget by Council at its next meeting in December 2014. A precept will then need to be agreed and resolved at the meeting scheduled to take place on 8th January 2015.
- (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	PAYE Taxto	£70.20	£0.00	£70.20
LMP Hall	Hire of Hall Oct 14	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Enlan Ltd	Grounds Contract Fee	£420.00	£84.00	£504.00
J Richens	Oct 14 Cleaning	£84.00	£0.00	£84.00
K Mundy	White lining 2/10	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00

T Pepperall	Lamps for JCH	£6.00	£1.20	£7.20
Microshade VSM	Citrix 3 month + set-up	£196.00	39.20	235.20
Mrs J Redford	Flowers	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
D Tapscott		£4.16	0.83	£4.99
	TOTAL	£1,275.51	£125.23	£1,400.74

- (c) **Online Payment Control** – It was formally **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Pepperall, Rees, Pflieger and Bennett be nominated as online signatories to ensure that the proper safeguards were in place.

133. OTHER MATTERS

- (a) **New Community Youth Officer** – Members noted the information received from Wiltshire Council regarding this position.

- (b) **Defibrillator Update** – It was agreed to approach the Mid-Counties Co-operative Society for a grant to help fund a defibrillator in the Parish. Once funding has been secured discussions would take place regarding the preferred location as well as understanding the costs of maintenance and upkeep and who would be responsible.

134. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council **NOTED** that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday 4th December 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 9.35pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: