

Present: Councillors T Blackmore (Chair), J Bennett, S Burley, D Cobb, M Groom, S Mowbray, T Pepperall, A Pflieger, D Rees.

1. Apologies for absence - Andrew Harris
2. Safety Briefing was given to 9 members of the public and 8 Councillors .
3. Declarations of Interest - None.
4. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st August 2013 - were signed as a true record.
5. Matters arising from the minutes and not scheduled on the agenda
01.08.13 item 8 - Mr Hoare's border had been attended to during the month.
01.08.13 item 9 - Cllr Harris had supplied the Clerk with the landowners details. The Clerk can now request that the Ragwort be removed in accordance with DEFRA codes of practice.
01.08.13 item 10 - Cllrs Blackmore and Burley had commissioned the agreed plumbing work, to begin approx 3rd/4th October. The 'non drinking water' signs had been purchased and installed.
01.08.13 item 11 - Cllr Pflieger completed the clearance with his partner, as working party did not arrive. Cllr Bennett later used his mower on the grass path.
01.08.13 item 12 - Planning committee met on Monday 9th August.
01.08.13 item 13 - Cllr Pepperall had sourced Salt for the water softener and would refill the unit shortly.
01.08.13 item 14 - Clerk had requested the repainting of the bridge railings.
01.08.13 item 15 - Cllr Pflieger had re-distributed the wood chips around the swings.
01.08.13 item 18 - Advert for clerk position had been placed. 3 expressions of interest and 2 formal applications received. Local advert had also been placed in the 'Lydiards'. Any Councillors interested in helping to process these applications to approach the Chairman after the meeting.

6. Ellen Blacker, Good Neighbour Co-ordinator reported that during the past year they had helped 1700 clients, completed 1100 home visits and dealt with 3000 enquiries. So far they did not have any clients from Lydiard Millicent, which either meant that everyone was coping well, had not yet found out about the scheme or had not yet felt able to make an enquiry. This is why Ellen would continue to visit the parish and promote the help available as often it takes a couple of visits before prospective clients feel comfortable enough to ask for help. An article had been produced for the October issue of the 'Lydiards'. Ellen then briefly advised us on the kind of preparations we should all be looking at before the clocks go forward and winter arrives. Information such as checking that our homes were well insulated, damp patches checked out and that the exterior of our buildings were sound allowing our properties to keep heat in. She reported that the fire and rescue service will test electric blankets for free, and would offer a voucher towards a new one if it did not pass. They are hoping to be able to provide a winter goody pack in the future. Other schemes being looked at was a curtain exchange programme and the training and registering of 4x4 drivers to allow the co-ordinators opportunity to reach their clients in bad weather. Our role as Parish Council is to spread the word and publicise the service to those who may benefit

7. Police Report – None.

8. Wiltshire Council Report

The Wiltshire Council Draft business plan had been issued, they had achieved their aims for last 4 years. Priorities over next 4 years were to be Highways and Ragwort. Questions had been raised over a report that 16 officers were in line for a significant pay rise. No names had been published.

The Appeal regarding Land North of Hook Street – re proposed 73 dwellings. - The Planning enquiry and Inspector had been meticulous regarding the proposal to build adjacent to Lydiard Park. Result of enquiry will not be known until end of October.

9. Parishioners' Question time to include any items arising later on the agenda

A Parishioner was dismayed with the attitude of Mr Perrin, Officer in the highways department at Wiltshire Council and the difficulty he was having in trying to ask for the white painted road signage to be re-instated, in particular along Tewksbury Way and the junction with Washpool and Holborn. He was told that up to 80% of the signage would need to be missing before action was taken and the contractors were unlikely to look at this area until 2014. The Parish Council agreed that a large amount of white line signage in the parish

needed to be replenished, and had previously requested the work to be done. The Parish Council agreed to continue to push for this work to be completed.

It was also agreed that the metal signs were not always clearly visible and that the Parish Steward would be asked to keep them clear. **Action:** Clerk to ask Parish Steward to trim, and clear around road signs.

Update was requested on the installation of drainage down Greenhill, to prevent the breakup of the new road surface. No suitable plans have come forward yet to tackle this difficult situation as the road cambers frequently send the rainwater away from the ditches. Installing gulleys to pipe the water towards ditches is a likely possibility. It was discussed that this might be something that the WC Flood Working Group might be able to assist with. **Action:** Mollie to discuss with Flood Working Group.

The Pond at the bottom of Greenhill was also discussed. Cllr Burley said he had inspected it earlier this year and the pipe was clear. It was noted that in the past there was 2 pipes clearing the water from the bottom of the lane. Cllr Pepperall thought he had seen an email from WC regarding the clearing of this area. **Action:** Cllr Pepperall to check emails.

Update was requested on the Holborn footpath. Cllr Pepperall responded that the issue is now with Westlea Housing solicitors. Westlea were requesting a fee, and The Parish Council line was not to pay more. The Council amended its stance and asked Cllr Pepperall to ascertain how much was being asked for as it may require a peppercorn rent to get this project moving again. **Action:** The Council further stated that if no movement had taken place within the next 14 days then a meeting would be requested with the Council's solicitor, Cllr Pepperall and Cllr Blackmore.

Request from a resident of The Beeches was brought to the meeting, asking that the Parish Council take a serious look at the possibility of further road calming to traffic approaching the village from the west towards the chicane. **Action:** The Highways Committee to add this to their next agenda.

Dates for Speedwatch training were now available and Councillor Pflieger was contacting the group to be trained to ascertain the best of the dates.

The walking group had encountered difficulties whilst walking through one of Mr Hoare's fields. The groups' dogs were on leads, however, there were horses in the field and they became frisky. There followed a complaint to the walking group from the owner of the horses, who rented the field, that they should not have been in the field. This has been countered by a letter from Councillor Pflieger on behalf of the Council, and approved by the Chairman and Clerk that it was a right of way and dangerous animals were not allowed in the vicinity of such.

Cllr Cobb reported that residents were uneasy with a couple of male 'treasure hunters' in fields behind Holborn. They had been challenged and said they were employees of Taylor Wimpey. They had also been seen in the early hours walking through Holborn. **Action:** Cllr Cobb to contact Taylor Wimpey and ascertain if they are employees or had been given permission by the company to be in the fields with their treasure scanners. If a negative response is received then the Police will be informed.

A resident was disappointed that the Police were not present that evening as they wished to report that a recent action accident at Holborn Corner had been handled badly, and had caused a long delay for drivers.

Cllr Pepperall reported that the previous evening he had come across the traffic cones from Badgers Brook spread across the road. It was thought to be a one off prank, however the owners to be informed. **Action:** Clerk to write to Badgers Brook.

10. Urgent matters arising and any correspondence since the publication of the agenda – None

11. To set a date for replacement of Flower Beds.

The Chairman had been unable to contact Mrs Redford prior to the meeting. It was thought that a window of two weeks would be necessary. However, the bedding needed to be ordered prior to the Nurseries winter shut down. **Action:** Cllr Blackmore to establish suitable dates with Mrs Redford (later agreed as September 28/29)

12. To receive a report on the last meeting of the Public Places Committee – J Bennett

The committee had met on 16th August, and the meeting had been attended by Simon Chambers the Director of LPC Ltd.

1. It was discussed that the Paddock will need to be graded and drainage installed.
2. Consideration was given to the access road and bays to the rear of the Hall which may need to be tarmaced.
3. Following advice from our grounds contractors, Netpave 25 might not be strong enough for the whole project, and Netpave 50 would be better for the heavier use areas of the carpark.
4. To minimise costs it was agreed that the boundary stone wall would not be moved to allow for the pavement to be widened. The issue over pedestrian safety would be looked at by the Highways committee.
5. Planting of hedging/bushes was considered necessary to screen parked vehicles and minimise their intrusion on the view across the conservation area. Fencing may be needed to prevent vehicles driving off the parking area.
6. The inclusion of the car park in the North East Wiltshire villages' neighbourhood plan would delay and complicate the application.

Items 2, 3 and 5 will need to be discussed with the conservation officer.

Next stage is to wait for Simon Chambers to come back with proposals following the meeting, but it was agreed that it would be helpful to have the support from all areas of the Community on the application before going to Wiltshire Council, and to be able to show that we are building on the updated Parish Plan.

- 13.** To receive a report on the last meeting of the Recreation Field Committee – T Pepperall
Water softener salt was on order.

Shaw Football club, had began clearing the shed and store room, and would do referee room 2 as soon as possible.

SFC reported that the white lining fluid was low. A quotation of approx £600 seemed high. Clerk to send details of specification to Councillor Cobb for a further quote.

More wood chips had been placed at the Swing End.

- 14.** To ratify the agreement with Shaw Football Club –
Councillor Pepperall proposed and Councillor Pflieger seconded that agreement 8c be ratified, motion carried. Shaw Football Club had signed copies of this agreement.

- 15.** To receive a report from Cllr Pepperall on meeting with Purton Cricket Club and to approve draft agreement with PCC.

An agreement in principle had been agreed with Purton Cricket Club, who will use the grass pitch for a trial year which would be extended for a further 2 years if all parties are happy. A fee of £600 had been agreed. They will prepare the turf pitch prior to the new season. A draft agreement similar to that of the football club had been distributed to all Councillors and was approved.

- 16.** To consider estimate for replacement of Spring Horse in JCH Recreation area.
Quotation for the replacement of the spring animal was thought to be too high by the original installer. Swindon commercial services had been asked for a more competitive quote.

- 17.** To receive Playground inspection report from T Blackmore
Main Play area: Gate lock had been repaired. New waste bin required - the bottom had fallen out of the original. **Action:** Clerk to source.
Mews Play area: The Spring Hen, and bench were covered in moss. These had been cleaned and repaired.

- 18.** Receive any comments following circulation of C and UC road review 2012/3.
No comments received by the Councillors.

- 19.** Receive any comments following circulation of Bus Survey.
Comment raised re shopping bus on Wednesday which is the same day as Lunch club, The service would likely receive more customers on a different day. Cllr Bennett had sent in a suggestion.

- 20.** Receive any further information on road closure for Stone Lane from 23rd September.
The Wiltshire Council Officer had visited the site and had spoken to Paul Toomer regarding possible disruptions. No further information had been published.

- 21.** List un-necessary and obsolete road signs/furniture for future removal by Wiltshire Council.
Action: All Councillors to send possible items for removal to the Clerk.

- 22.** Receive any tasks for Parish Steward.

Foilage at Manor Hill and Tewksbury Way. Road side verges at Holborn corner. Action: Clerk to also write to Westlea Housing re hedge at Holborn.

Other hedges for attention were listed as Lilac cottage, 3 The Beeches, 40 Stone Lane

23. Request for netball poster on Council boards.
It was agreed to allow the poster to be up for two months.

24. Information only. – Meet and Greet opportunity with Police Commissioner 10th September 2013.

25. To consider the following Planning Applications:
13/02156/FUL The Glen, 31 Stone Lane. – Demolish existing detached garage and replace with detached garage and art studio. This application had already been refused by the Officer. No further action required.

13/02148/FUL 5 Greatfield. – Rear Conservatory. The Parish Council supported this application.

13/02360/TCA 5a Lydiard Green. – Tree works. The Parish Council supported this application.

13/02366/FUL 9 The Crescent. – Detached garage and conversion of existing garage.
The Parish Council supported this application, but would ask Wiltshire Council to ensure that the applicants would only be using existing access and boundary.

26. To complete new bank mandate forms. The Clerk asked Councillor Rees and Councillor Cobb to fill in the relevant page and return to Clerk at next meeting. Clerk to ask bank to send a continuation sheet, for the main forms. Action: Add to October agenda.

27. To approve the following expenditure.

	Expenditure	Net £'s	Cheque amount
R Leckie	Salary	351.35	351.35
R Leckie	Expenses - Tel, Stationery, Mileage, etc		134.22
LMPHall	Hire of P/Hall x 2	24.50	24.50
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	420.00	504.00
Enlan Ltd	Cemetery Grave Maintenance work	75.00	90.00
T Blackmore	Not drinking water stickers	14.60	21.06
T Blackmore	Keys for Vice Chairman		11.00
T Pepperall	Keys for JCH to Purton Cricket Club		26.00
SLCC	Job advertisement re Clerk	50.00	60.00
Grant Thornton	External Audit fee 2013	300.00	360.00
Mrs Willies	Paint for Bus shelter	4.00	4.00
Jaden Richens	JCH Cleaning	42.00	42.00

The Cheque details had changed from that of the Agenda. The Clerk agreed to send the list of payments and cheque amounts out to Councillors again the following day for clarification.

28. Date of next meeting: Thursday 3rd October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.p.m.