

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of the Lydiard Millicent Parish Council held at the Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon SN5 3LS on Thursday 4th December 2014 commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors John Bennett (Chair), Alan Pflieger (Vice Chair), Mollie Groom, Alison McLean-Crawford, Steve Mowbray, and David Rees.

PUBLIC PRESENT: There were 10 members of the public and two police officers.

OFFICERS PRESENT: The Clerk was absent due to conflicting responsibilities in his new appointment, the Responsible Finance Officer was present.

Prior to the commencement of business the Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllr. Pflieger and other councillors involved for erecting and decorating the Christmas Tree in front of the Parish Hall and to Mr Hoare of the Greatfield Garden for again providing a splendid tree at an advantageous price.

1 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Simon Burley (Hospital Appointment), Andrew Harris (Holiday), Tom Pepperall (Unwell) and Dean Cobb (Work).

2. SAFETY BRIEFING: A Safety Briefing was given to 12 members of the public including 2 police officers.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES: It was resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 6th November 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

The following matters were considered:

Minute 120 – Previous 103(b) - The Chairman would check with the Clerk to see if the obscured 30mph repeater sign at the Beeches had been reported to WC.

Minute 120 – Previous 103(d) – The Chairman would ask Cllr Cobb for an update on the supply of an additional Grit Bin for Lydiard Green and it was agreed that Cllrs. McLean –Crawford and Mowbray would agree a location for the new bin if one is provided.

Minute 120 – Previous Minute 109(f), the Chairman would seek advice from WC regarding the criteria for releasing the £5,820 S106 funds generated by the

development at 12 Buryfield; the money was to be spent on Outdoor Sports and Recreation. It was considered that the £600 to replace the Spring Animal in the Play Area and the new Holborn path (walking) might qualify. Other potential schemes offered included purchase of a lawn mower for the cricket pitch and refurbishment of the Boules area

Minute 123 – The Chairman would ask the Clerk regarding provision of a Defibrillator.

Minute 123 - Work on the new footpath in Lydiard Green had been held up by confusion between Thames Water and WC regarding drainage issues. Cllr. Groom had investigated and was pursuing Thames Water to repair a leaking stopcock and permit WC to start work.

Minute 123 - Cllr Groom reported that she had hastened WC Environmental Officers regarding the bad odour at The Elms.

Minute 126(a) – The Chairman would ask the Clerk for clarification regarding the annual independent check of the Play Area. No report had been received and it was not known if an inspection had occurred.

Minute 127(c) - No response from the public had been received regarding retention of the telephone box in Common Platt and it was assumed that BT would remove it.

Minute 129(d) – Lydiard Plain, the Chairman would discuss with the tenant whether it would be cost effective to cut the hedge growth to increase the grant.

6. POLICE REPORT

The Chairman advised that he had received an email from a concerned resident regarding break in rates in the area and was therefore delighted to see two police officers at the meeting. The officers reported that a Priority Crime Team was now working on the recent burglaries. Increased patrols were in place with included plain clothes officers. The public were advised that as these offences were mostly occurring from the back of the houses which were backing onto fields or open spaces. It was recommended that lighting at the rear of properties be installed to deter thieves. Lights with cameras that take a snapshot when they come on are readily available. Mr Mike Smart, our Parish Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator advised that the Bobby Van will visit the lunch club on the 14th January 2015 to advise residents..

7. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr. Groom reported:

- The Wiltshire Council Core Strategy will go to Full Council on 20th January for approval.
- Taylor Wimpey had lost face at a recent public meeting with friends of Lydiard Park, when one of the companies' employees lost his temper and closed the meeting early. English Heritage has become involved in the possible application and seeks the removal of false information published by Taylor Wimpey.
- Network Rail continues work electrifying the Bath and Bristol rail lines and has caused problems with lack of access to fields for local farmers.

- Tesco application at Coped Hall/Tregoz, Wiltshire Highways have held this Application up until mid December.

8. PUBLIC RECESS

The following matters were raised by Members of the Public:

- Concerns were again raised regarding the state of the stone wall along the footpath between the Church and Manor Farm. The Chairman advised that previous investigation of this matter had revealed that although WC had built the wall its maintenance was the responsibility of the owner. This information had been passed to Mr Hoare and the Chairman would contact Mr. Hoare to see how he is getting on with WC over this issue, and to convey public concerns for pedestrian safety.
- Discussion took place regarding the wooden flower bed at The Butts bus stop and whether it is a help to public safety. It was stated that the Ellison's coach collecting children for secondary schools was not able to fully pull off the road holding up traffic. It was considered that there was room for the coach to pull off the road Cllr Pflieger agreed to contact Ellison's Coaches.
- It was asked if Councillors who had been asked to report to the next meeting, and then subsequently be unable to attend could send report via another Councillor. The Chairman agreed and said that the Councils procedures were to be updated to ensure that matters were followed up.

9. ITEMS OF LATE BUSINESS

- Mobile Library – new hours and details had been received. These were passed to Mrs Reed for the Parish Magazine and a copy of the new timetable placed in the main Parish Council notice board.
- An email had been received from the Ramblers, regarding a gate on the millennium trail at the back of Holborn Cottages. No problem had been found and a reply had been sent to the Ramblers.
- Cllr Pflieger had asked permission to purchase extra lights for the tree, as the one provided was much taller than expected – expenses agreed.
- Cllr Bennett had attended the WC Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett Area Board meeting on 26th November in Cricklade.
- It was asked if there was any progress regarding extra signatures being added to the Jubilee Clock fund account. RFO reported that she had spoken to Mr Baker recently and he was unwilling to add Mrs Leckie (RFO) to the account. The Chairman agreed to speak with Mr. Baker to arrange on or more additional signatories to the account.

10. PARISH HALL

There was nothing to report.

11. RECREATION FIELD AND PLAYGROUND INSPECTION MATTERS

- (a) **Playground Inspection Report** – It was not known who should carry out the Playground Inspection for December 2014 as a current rota was not to hand; however an additional councillor is needed. Cllr Pflieger offered to check the playground at the weekend, when he carried out some remedial repairs and would

email the current rota to the Chairman. Cllrs. Not already on the rota are invited to put forward their names.

- (b) **Dog Fouling on the Recreation Field** – Councillor Pflieger agreed to send the Chairman quotes for the doggie bin bag holder ready for next meeting.

12. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) **Planning Applications** – The following planning applications have been received from Wiltshire Council for consideration.

Application: 14/10665/FUL
Site: 21 Chestnut Springs Lydiard Millicent Swindon Wiltshire SN5 3NA
Proposal: Detached Garage with Dormer Windows and First Floor for Use as Office/Games Room.
Decision: Refuse

Application: 14/11133/FUL
Site: 27 Greenhill – Noted.
Proposal: Single storey front extension (Retrospective) Resubmission.
Decision: No Objections.

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

Application: 14/08804/FUL
Site: 27 Greenhill Royal Wootton Bassett Swindon Wiltshire SN4 8EH
Proposal: Single Storey Front Extension (Retrospective)
Decision: Refuse

Application: 14/08620/FUL
Site: Unit 2 Bagbury Park 2 The Street Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LW
Proposal: Change of Use From Agricultural Paddock to Parking and Minor Storage Ancillary to Business Unit 2 (Retrospective)
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Application: 14/08624/FUL
Site: Unit 3 Bagbury Park The Street Lydiard Millicent Wiltshire SN5 3LW
Proposal: Change of Use of Land From Agricultural Paddock to Parking and Minor Storage Ancillary to the Business in Unit 3 (Retrospective)
Decision: Approve with Conditions.

- (c) **Land South of Tewkesbury Way, Lydiard Tregoz** – Taylor Wimpy propose to build 53 new homes on land between Tewkesbury Way and Lydiard Park, the site is in Lydiard Tregoz but the entrance to the proposed development is in Lydiard Millicent. Cllrs Bennett and Rees attended a presentation by Taylor Wimpey on the proposed development but made no comment

- (d) **Ridgeway Farm Application No:14/10200/REM** – Taylor Wimpy has now applied for planning permission to erect the next 422 houses,(phase 2), at Ridgeway

Farm. Application. Cllr Rees reported that amongst the plethora of documents online, was a document noting a great many proposed highway changes, including on the Purton Road between Casa Paulo and Swinley Drive..

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) **Speed Indicator Devices** – To note that the funding for Speed Indicator Devices is to be withdrawn as part of the Wiltshire Council's 2015/16 budget proposals. Two options have been put forward:

- Cease the SID deployment programme;
- Continue the SID Deployment programme, funded jointly by the towns and parishes who wish to continue with these devices (cost would be £4,200 per annum).

It was agreed to allow WC to cease the SID programme.

(c) **Holborn Footpath Update** – The project is now virtually complete with fences erected and the hedge width much reduced; laminated signs will be made by Cllr Pflieger.

(d) **Washpool Bridge** – Bridge now open again, it was agreed that a good job had been done.

(e) **School Concerns regarding Parking at the Butts Bus Stop** – Following indirect receipt of a letter from the school to Wiltshire Council regarding parking problems, the Chairman met with the Head Teacher. It was advised that the flower tub had been positioned without school involvement and was preventing the weekly swimming bus from pulling in safely to the bus stop and the school's preference would be to make the bus stop just that, with no parking. The Chairman will write to the Head Teacher, the Chairman of the Parish Council Road Safety Working Group and the Chair of the Parochial Council seeking their views on parking restrictions for the Butts bus stop and hopefully come to a joint agreement that can be put forward by the Parish Council to Wiltshire Council for a Traffic regulation order.

14. CEMETERY AND PUBLIC SPACES MATTERS

(a) **Community Field Car Park** – A retired senior Civil Engineer is now assisting the C&PS Working Group. At the meeting of the working group on December 15th, approval will be sought for a full topographical survey costing approximately £400; this will permit costed quotations for construction of the car park. The Chairman stated his aim to have the car park in operation in 2015/early 2016.

(b) **Miscellaneous Open Spaces Matters** – There were none.

15. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the recent RWB&C Area Board, the Chairman of the NEW-V Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, reported that the contractors Common Places had been sacked for not completing the works required of them. WC is providing staff to carry out the necessary work and it is hoped that the draft NP will be put out for consultation in the near future.

16. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Cllr Pflieger reported that Wiltshire now have 1432 volunteers, who have reported 31905 speeding vehicles, letters have been sent out to 26383 and 689 police visits had occurred.

17. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) **Budget 2015/16** – A working party will be set up, consisting of Cllr Mclean-Crawford, Cllr Pepperall, Cllr Bennett and Mrs Leckie to finalise proposals to put forward at the January meeting to be held on 8th January. These figures to be put to WC by 23rd January.
- (b) **Monthly Expenditures** – To consider ratification of the following expenditure:

The expenditure below was proposed by Cllr Rees and seconded by Cllr Mowbray .

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 Tax to	£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
Ridgeway Construction	Holborn F/P	£2,688.00	£537.00	£3,225.60
Cllr Pflieger	Christmas Tree and lights			95.90
	TOTAL	£3,628.35	£621.00	£4,249.35

18. OTHER MATTERS

- (a) **Resignation of Clerk** – To note that the current Clerk has tendered his resignation. Council to advertise vacancy as soon as possible. Places considered for advertising, SLCC magazine, and the local magazines in the area.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 8th January 2015 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.05

Rosemary Leckie (RFO to the Council) and Cllr. JB Bennett (Chairman)