

Lydiard Millicent Parish Council Chairman, Alan Pfleger, called all residents to attendance in accordance with The Local Government Act 1972 schedule 12 s14 which states a Parish shall assemble annually on some day between 1st March and 1st June (inclusive).

A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th May 2018 in Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall at 7.30pm, the Minutes of that meeting follow:

A list of those in attendance will be attached to the signed minutes.

PM1./18 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Alan Pfleger welcomed everyone to the meeting, and encouraged all to stay after the meeting and chat with the local Clubs and Groups who had attended. Apologies were received from a number of residents not able to attend.

PM2./18 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2017 in Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall were adopted by those present and duly signed by the Chairman.

PM3./18 Report from Chairman of Parish Council

Cllr Alan Pfleger read out a report on the activities of the Parish Council over the last 12 months.

He thanked Councillors and volunteers for their support of the Council, whose dedication has been witnessed throughout the parish; whether keeping Public Rights of Way open, picking up litter or maintaining flowerbeds and verges. Cllr Pfleger highlighted the need for all Residents to participate fully in the Community, rather than leave to others.

Cllr Pfleger's full report is attached to these signed minutes.

PM4./18 Questions from Electors of the Parish

Cllr Pfleger proceeded to the main purpose of the meeting - questions or comments from Residents.

a. Advertising of Meetings

Some residents asked that meetings be more widely advertised. Not everyone has access to the internet. It was requested that the Clerk shares all meeting dates with Editor of Lydiards Magazine for inclusion in their diary section.

b. Circular Walks

A group of volunteers in the parish of Purton are creating a circular walk around their parish that is easily accessible; kissing gates will replace stiles. There are Rights of Way that cross Lydiard Millicent and Purton, if kissing gates could also be installed on Lydiard Millicent areas these circular routes would be accessible within this parish, and within the parish of West Swindon. The Chairman commented that he has already been in contact with the chairman of Purton Parish Council and Lydiard Tregoz Parish Council regarding other issues and all three are keen to work together. He suggested that the Rights of Way group research this further and contact the Clerk for inclusion on a Council agenda.

c. Access to Lydiard Park

The Public Footpath used to access Lydiard Park is very often muddy and very difficult to navigate. There are also occasionally cows adjacent to the path (with no dividing fence). It is the landowners' duty to keep any Rights of Way on his land open for members of the public; this includes keeping stiles maintained, muddy areas dry(ish) and contain livestock that may become aggressive behind fencing. Parish Council, as any member of the public, is only able to encourage good behaviour. It was recommended that everyone take responsibility for reporting issues like these to the landowners or Wiltshire Council as the enforcement authority.

d. Older Children / Young Adults

A resident asked if a concrete Table Tennis table could be purchased for older children or young adults use. This could be sited alongside the Play Area in the Recreation Field. It was noted there is very little within Lydiard Millicent for this age group. Picnic benches or seats would also allow young (or older) people to interact and socialise.

e. Entertainment at the Recreation Field in Meadow Springs

Residents asked that the Recreation Field and Jubilee Club House be made a more social meeting place. There was enthusiasm for summer entertainment to be provided, from local amateur drama and singing groups to Family Fun Sports Days.

The Chairman agreed more use must be made from the Recreation Field and Club House. The Council will consider this further.

f. Community Field

There is concern from Residents about the future of the Community Field, next to the Parish Hall. Originally this was to be made into a car park, but the cost was too prohibitive. Various options have been put forward, within a range of price points. The Council will be very pleased to receive any suggestions for this area; at the moment there is an option for a park with play equipment, but again this is likely to be very expensive.

PM5./18 Clubs and Groups

Clubs and Groups were invited to promote themselves. Representatives from:

The Art Club	Bell Ringing Group
Lydiards Magazine	Lydiard Millicent Junior Football Club
Neighbourhood Watch	Parish Hall
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	

summarised their organisations briefly and everyone was encouraged to stay after the meeting to find out more in an informal and relaxed manner.

PM6./18 Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the formal part of the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and inviting everyone to share in tea/coffee and biscuits.

The date of the next meeting is yet to be arranged. It may be that the meeting will be held earlier in the year, to allow for better planning of the Annual Litter Pick, and for this meeting to be prior to the Councils annual commitments.

The Meeting closed at 8.00pm

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Cllr Alan Pflieger
Chairman,
Lydiard Millicent Parish Council