
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 7th August 2014 commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Tim Blackmore (Chair), Alan Pflieger (Vice Chair), John Bennett, Dean Cobb, Mollie Groom, Andrew Harris, Alison McLean-Crawford, Steve Mowbray, Tom Pepperall and David Rees.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Clerk to the Council & RFO

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Twelve

59. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Simon Burley.

60. SAFETY BRIEFING

A safety briefing was given to the 12 members of the public and the 10 Councillors present.

61. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

62. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd July 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

63. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters arising were considered:

Bench Removal –Council noted that the bench that had been reported as missing in the Mews Play Area had been removed by Wiltshire Council.

64. POLICE REPORT

There was no Police report presented. Apologies had been received.

65. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

Council was updated regarding Junction 16. Consultation had been carried out in Swindon but this had not been the case in Wiltshire. Cllr Groom assured members that she was monitoring the situation.

66. PUBLIC RECESS

There were 12 members of the public present.

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- (a) **Neighbourhood Watch Signage** –Following a presentation from the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Council **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £70 to provide updated signage in the Parish. This would replace between 6 to 8 signs.
- (b) **Washpool Traffic** –Concern was expressed regarding the diversion of traffic via Washpool due to the highway works being carried out in the village. To date it was alleged that five road traffic accidents had occurred.

It was explained that highway matters were not the responsibility of the Parish Council but the matter had been taken up at the CATG meetings on behalf of residents. The issues would be raised with Wiltshire Highways Department.

- (c) **Trees and Verges Overgrown** –Concern was expressed regarding the poor standard of tree and verge maintenance. The matter had been pursued by Council but unfortunately verge cutting had been reduced to once per year by the Wiltshire Highways Department.
- (d) **Common Platt** –Concern was raised that this area was being ignored by the Council especially with regard to traffic movements especially lorries.

A safety audit for the area had previously been discussed at Wiltshire Council level and the Parish Council carried out regular speed watch events. Local residents were invited to join the speedwatch initiative to enable greater coverage in future.

- (e) **Road Resurfacing** –It was noted that this work was continuing but that the apron into The Beeches did not go back far enough. It was agreed to contact Wiltshire Highways to request that further work is carried out in this area.

67. ITEMS OF LATE BUSINESS

The following items of late business were considered:

- (a) **WW1 Exhibition** –Council noted that an exhibition was being held in the Hall commemorating World War One on the 6th and 7th September 2014. Everyone was encouraged to attend and it was agreed to place posters on the Council noticeboards.
- (b) **Community First Volunteer Nomination** –Following consideration Council agreed to delegate authority to the Chair, Cllr Blackmore, to nominate a local resident for an award.
- (c) **Car Park Grants** –Council noted that there may be grants available to help towards the cost of the new car park at the Village Hall. This would be investigated.

68. PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

There was nothing to report.

69. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

Council received the Playground Inspection Report for August 2014 from Cllr Blackmore.

70. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Application Number: 14/06196/FUL

Site Location: Kelowna, The Street, Lydiard Millicent, Wiltshire SN5 3LU

Proposal: Replace existing garage with new garage with pitched roof

LMPC Comment: No objection

Application Number: 14/06451/FUL

Site Location: Selbrook Villa, 19 Washpool, Swindon, Wiltshire SN5 3PN

Proposal: Detached garage (resubmission of 14/03705/FUL)

LMPC Comment: Recommend refusal on the grounds that none of the Council's previous ones relating to this application have been taken into consideration. The previous comments were as follows:

- **Concern regarding the height of the garage;**
- **Concern regarding the potential future conversion of the garage to a dwelling. If this were to happen then it must be the subject of a new application;**
- **Request that the garage be designated as ancillary to the existing dwelling;**
- **Any new application be subject to CIL.**

Application Number: 14/06662/FUL

Site Location: 32 The Close, Lydiard Millicent, Wiltshire SN5 3NJ

Proposal: Small extension to front of garage to give slightly longer length to get new car in.

LMPC Comment: No objection

- (b) **GRANTS** –Council **NOTED** that the following grants had been received for noting.

Application Number: 14/04643/FUL

Site Location: Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LS

Proposal: Extension to Car Park and Associated Works

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Application Number: 14/04966/FUL

Site Location: Five Summers, Common Platt, Purton, Wiltshire SN5 5JZ

Proposal: Front & Rear Dormers, Rear Extension & Side Rooflights

Decision: Approve with Conditions

71. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) **Highways Working Group Future Projects** –Council was informed that the initial projects submitted for consideration would have to undergo rigorous scrutiny prior to being accepted by the Highway Authority and were unlikely to go ahead unless substantial funding was forthcoming from the Parish Council.
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A number of other parish projects were being supported but they were fairly modest in size and cost. The following schemes had been put forward:

- Traffic chicane by the Parish Church. The scheme was being developed and would be presented to Council in due course;
- Washpool Bridge. Traffic lights would not be an option due to cost so a traffic priority scheme was being developed for consideration;
- Speed humps were to be refurbished by Lilac Cottage. The footpath was to be widened to create a proper footpath in this location;
- It was suggested that verge markers could be purchased and erected in Tewkesbury Way to discourage parking near the Holborn Corner/Common Platt turning. The markers would be erected by Wiltshire Council if purchased by the Parish Council;
- The traffic control in Stone Lane was on hold until the Casa Paulo junction improvements had been implemented;

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a formal request to Wiltshire Council for the provision of a roundabout at the Casa Paulo junction.

- (b) **Highway Works** –Council noted that carriageway resurfacing works were being programmed along Lydiard Green and The Street in Lydiard Millicent by Wiltshire Council. The works involve the resurfacing of the existing carriageway, the adjustment of ironwork, replacement of road markings and speed cushion repairs. A road closure would be in force from 28th July to 22nd August 2014.
- (c) **Miscellaneous Highway Matters** –There were no further matters to consider.

72. OPEN SPACES

- (a) **Draft Agreement, Lydiard Millicent Football Club** –Council was informed that the draft agreement was close to agreement. The Club had agreed to the charge of £35 per game for juniors but had requested a reduction for the 5-7 year olds.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that a reduced charge of £30 per pitch for the 5-7 year olds be offered to the Club.

- (b) **Lydiard Plain** –Some interest had been expressed regarding this land by a local farmer but it was unsuitable for crop management. A final response was awaited. The EU had yet to release its final definition of a farmer which may affect the eligibility of the Council to claim the grant.
- (c) **Miscellaneous Open Spaces Matters** –Council noted that the suckers had been removed from the Rowan Tree in The Beeches and Council was still chasing Wiltshire Council to cut back the verge at The Close.
- (d) **Holborn Footpath** –Council considered the proposal recommended by the Working Party and **RESOLVED** to approve and accept the quotations received from Cotswold Tree Surgeons for the fencing and hedging work at a cost of £3,915 + VAT and Ridgeway Construction for building the path at a cost of £2,668 + VAT. It was also agreed to meet the charge of £250 payable to Mr Croucher for the first years rent.
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73. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Council noted that a final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan had been requested. Much of the substance had been removed and it was suggested that a further meeting with the contractors should be arranged. However, there was no further funding left and any meeting would need to be funded by the Parish Council.

74. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Council received an update regarding the Speedwatch initiative from Cllr Pflieger which was noted. To date almost 200 speeding motorists had been identified and recorded.

75. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) **Monthly Expenditures** –Council **RATIFIED** the following expenditure:

PAYEE	ITEM	NET	VAT	TOTAL
R Leckie	Salary	£39.00	£0.00	£39.00
P Russell	Salary (inc NI)	£351.35	£0.00	£351.35
LMP Hall	Hire of Hall July 14	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Enlan Ltd	Grounds Contract Fee	£420.00	£84.00	£504.00
Miss Richens	July 14 Cleaning	£84.00	£0.00	£84.00
Avon	Fire Extinguishers	£76.75	£15.35	£92.10
Neighbourhood Watch	New signage	£70.00	£0.00	£70.00
LCP	Planning Application	£42.50	£8.50	£51.00
Avoncrop Amenity Products	White liner	£512.40	£102.48	£614.88
	TOTAL	£1,621.00	£210.33	£1,831.33

Balance at the bank at the end of July 2014 stood at £22,506.77.

(b) **IT Report** –Council reconsidered the IT report deferred from the previous Council meeting held on 3rd July 2014.

Following consideration it was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Pflieger and unanimously **RESOLVED** that Council accepted the quotation received from Microshade VSM to provide a Citrix off-site IT hosted option for the Council at a cost of £384 per annum.

76. OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters to consider.

77. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council **NOTED** that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Thursday 4th September 2014 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Chair thanked all those who attended and closed the meeting at 9.20pm

CHAIR:

DATE:
