

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

A new format was trialled this year to encourage more positive community engagement. Local Groups and Organisations were invited to attend and speak for a short while, if they wished.

Coffee and Tea was served, and time was allowed for everyone to meet each other and talk informally amongst themselves.

**1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Andrew Harris, as Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Wilts. Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Harris also lead a short silence in recognition of the death of John Bennett, a previous Parish Council Chairman.

**2 Minutes**

Minutes from last years meeting were not available to sign.

**3 Report from Parish Council**

Cllr Harris read out a report detailing work the Council had been involved in during 2015/16.

**4 Presentations from Community Groups**

Community Groups in attendance were: Freemasons, LINK project, Parish Church, Lydiard Millicent Primary School, Lydiard Millicent Junior Football Club, the Luncheon Club, Parish Hall, Public Footpaths repair Group, Ellen Blacker, the Health and Well Being Champion employed by Wiltshire Council.

All gave a brief summary of their achievements in the last 12 months.

**5 Working Groups**

The Parish Council operates using a number of Working Groups, each Working Group Chairman gave a short report.

Planning : Cllr Roland Dodge

Highways : Cllr Dean Cobb

Open Spaces : Cllr Alan Pflieger

Finance & Admin : Cllr Mike Sharp

**6 Questions from the Electors of the Parish**

The Chairman invited questions from Electors of the Parish.

Questions were raised about:

- a. Disruption while the footpath to Lydiard Green is installed and changes are made to the Chicane at the Parish Hall.
- b. Burial Plots – policy on allowing burials or interment of ashes in the Parish Cemetery, especially if there is an emotional attachment to the parish.
- c. Defibrillators – will one be purchased for the village? Will more than one be needed as they are supposed to only cover a radius of 200m?

Discussion was held on the above, with Councillors giving reasons for decisions made; or policy of the Council explained where appropriate.

**7. Date of Next Meeting and Close**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and also thanked people who were behind the scenes, making the tea and coffee, and setting up the room etc.

The Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

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Cllr Andrew Harris  
Chairman, Parish Council