

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
12 October 2023
held in the All Saints Church, Lydiard Millicent
at 19:00 hrs

Councillors Present:

Cllr S Westwood, Chairman Cllr S Chalker Cllr D Coffey Cllr S Hill-Wheeler
Cllr M Allsop, Vice Chairman Cllr R Selwood Cllr M Sharp Cllr M Suleman

Others in Attendance: Four members of the public.

Meeting Clerk: Tina Jones

Public Question Time:

- A resident asked for an update regarding planning application PL/2022/00239 - Land East of Restrop Road. As Wiltshire Councillor Bucknell was not present, the Clerk was asked to ensure an update was available for the next meeting.
- On behalf of the Church, Mr Wright advised that due to roof repairs the Church would be closing from September 2024 until Easter 2025.

Councillor Question Time:

- Councillor Allsop announced that a local resident would like to organise an Open Garden event in 2024, and was looking for support from the Parish Council and residents, any proceeds would be donated to the Church Roof Appeal. The Parochial Church Council had previously approached the Parish Council for help with raising funds for the roof, the Council is unable to provide funds via a grant, but it can support in other ways. The Open Garden suggestion is to be a formal agenda item at the next meeting.
- Councillor Sharp announced that the Scout Group using the Parish Hall has offered to help out by volunteering their services for Parish events etc. They are requested to formally contact the Parish Council with a view to using the Community Field for activities.
- Councillor Westwood, passed on the concerns of a resident regarding a dangerous and much used crossing at The Willows. The resident pointed out that the traffic safety plans for the road has not been implemented. The Clerk was asked to send the information to the Principal Engineer to the Wiltshire Local Highways Footpath Improvement Group for comment.

MINUTES

23.82 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Hacker and Wiltshire Councillor Bucknell.

23.83 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensations received.

23.84 Chairman's Announcements

- The Council were hoping to co-opt David Rothwell, Landlord of The Sun Inn, but unfortunately, he was unable to attend the meeting.
- Work to the Lydiard Green trees has been completed, waiting on advice from Wiltshire Council regarding replanting.
- The Community Field fence has been repaired.

23.85 Minutes

Members considered the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 7 September 2023. The minutes of the meetings were ADOPTED as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

23.86 Clerk's Report

22.41 The Mews and Recreation Field

- Solicitors involved in the process have been instructed to apply for title absolute for the Recreation Field. Land Registry is being chased in respect of the application.
- Suggestion for 2 x planters to be taken forward, residents have agreed to maintain – to be considered at a future meeting

<p>22.82 Footpath Working Party WC has been contacted regarding land management and the sowing of seeds. The Head of WC Natural & Historic Environment Department has given advice to be discussed at WP meeting.</p> <p>23.19 Lydiard Green Trees Clerk is liaising with Wiltshire Council regarding the replacement trees to be planted, replacements for approval by Committee, before the planting season.</p>
<p>22.107 Community Emergency Plan Members agreed to write a new Community Emergency Plan with all Members contributing to the document, Councillor Hill-Wheeler leading on the updating process.</p>
<p>29 June – Question Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Resident asked if the entrance to the Industrial Estate could be tidied up, recently a large lorry had to unload outside the Estate, causing traffic issues. There is ample parking within the Estate, but unit owners do not encourage it. Resident to send further information to the Clerk. UPDATE: Hedge has been trimmed back. Members AGREED to CLOSE. • A Resident asked if the Council knew what was happening with the land by the car sales area, as it has become very overgrown, with some of the trees having low branches that overhang the bus stop. The Clerk was asked to investigate - A resident has given the Clerk some information • Councillor Allsop asked if the owner of the property on the right of the entrance to the Parish Hall Car Park, could be asked to remove the low branches overhanging the footpath too. The Clerk was asked to write to the property owner - Tree has been trimmed back to boundary. Members AGREED to CLOSE.
<p>22.39/23.52 Play Area Tower Members RESOLVED the repair of the Play Tower. Part on order.</p>
<p>23.55 Grant Application Members considered the grant application from Carer Support Wiltshire. As there were a number of queries with the application, Members AGREED to defer the decision until the next meeting. The Clerk was requested to ask a representative of the organisation to attend to answer questions. Members AGREED to CLOSE.</p>
<p>23.56 Jubilee Club House Members accepted services offered by the Architect, Officers and Working Group to look at the design options. Members AGREED to CLOSE, see minute reference 23.92.</p>
<p>23.57 D-Day 80 Members AGREED to light the beacon on 6th June 2024. A Working Group was formed, Councillors Allsop (also as Parish Hall representative), Chalker, Hacker and Westwood volunteered. The D-Day80 Working Group to contact the school and consider a parish evening event of commemoration.</p>
<p>23.58 Community Field Fencing - Fence repaired. Members AGREED to CLOSE.</p>
<p>23.69 The Mews – Grass Cutting Members AGREED that more research was required into its ownership, Clerk to make enquiries and to find out how much it would be to cut it. Councillors Sharp and Suleman cut the area for the residents. Members AGREED to CLOSE, see minute reference 23.88.</p>
<p>23.72 Lydiard Green Footpath Proposal WC agreed to create a footpath from Lydiard Green to the rest of the village. Phases 1 – 4, were completed in 2017/2018, but Phases 5 – 10 were not completed. Enquires were made with the Local Highway & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG), but he could provide no information. Councillor Hill-Wheeler located some CATG archive paperwork. WC has confirmed it does not own the verges from Lydiard Green to the Greenhill Crossroads., WC Councillor Bucknell to investigate.</p>
<p>23.73 Play Area Tree Members APPROVED the removal of the tree for Health and Safety reasons Members AGREED to plant a replacement tree in a more appropriate position in the Community Field. Quotes Requested</p>
<p>Library Telephone Box - Quotes are being obtained to replace the door joint.</p>

- 23.87 **Financial Accounts** – Members:
- APPROVED the expenditure report to 30 September 2023.
 - APPROVED invoices for payment
 - NOTED the income report to 30 September 2023.
- 23.88 **Wiltshire Council – Grass Cutting**
 Recap from last meeting - following a review of land ownership Wiltshire Council has stopped cutting land that does not belong to it, this includes a strip of land at The Mews. Residents of The Mews have asked if the Parish Council can take on the cutting in the interim while ownership is investigated, as it looks very unkept and not in keeping with the neighbourhood. Since the last meeting, several other areas have been identified. The Clerk has not been able to obtain a costing for the work, this us to be provided for the next meeting. The Clerk is to contact Wiltshire Council regarding this land and other strips, to request a map/list of Wiltshire Council unadopted areas. A policy is to be drafted, once position decided.
- 23.89 **Common Platt - Local Highways Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)**
 Members formally accepted the LHFIG road safety proposals for Common Platt. Members RESOLVED to fund a maximum of 25% of the costs (% is subject to Purton Parish Councils contribution), costs to be met from Ear Marked Reserves budget. Members AGREED to ask for the inclusion of the additional options for roundels and a staggered barrier on the new footpath link from 'The Willows'.
- 23.90 **Local Plan**
 Cllrs Chalker, Hacker and Sharp attended the meeting of the Royal Wootton Bassett (RWB) planning group held on 21 September. Main Points:
- Three of the four developments proposed are along the A3102 on either side of the road near Sally Pussey's Inn and the fourth towards the Rugby Club.
 - Swindon Housing Market Area (SHMA), which includes RWB, Lydiard Tregoze and Lydiard Millicent, need is for 3455 dwellings between 2020-2038.
 - RWB identified need is 1340 homes, approx. 39% of SHMA.
 - The proposal also takes in Lydiard Tregoze (LT) and although Lydiard Millicent does not have any proposed development it would badly affect Lydiard Millicent by the amount of traffic that will divert through the Parish's roads because of the extra congestion on the A3102.
 - The proposed motorway service area at junction16, could also make things worse through the Parish.
 - RWB Planning Committee proposed that the three Parish areas (RWB, LM and LT) should work together on a response.
- Following discussions, Members AGREED to
- Formally respond to the consultation before the deadline of 22 November.
 - Councillors Allsop, Chalker, Hacker, Sharp and Westwood to contact and work with the RWB and LT and prepare a draft response for consideration at the 2 November meeting.
 - Clerk to resend original email to Councillors.
- 23.91 **External Audit 2021-2022**
 Members NOTED the information.
- 23.92 **Jubilee Club House**
 Members APPROVED the draft plans. Clerk to ensure that the chosen windows are of toughened glass. Members APPROVED an initial budget of £1,000 (met from General Reserves) to cover the planning application submission and other sundry items as required to progress the project. Next steps, Clerk to request an update of plans, submit plans to WC and send plans to builders for quotations.
- 23.93 **Correspondence:**
 Members NOTED that the Polling District and Polling Place Review in Wiltshire in taking place, the public consultation is pen until 31 October 2023.

23.94 **Planning Applications**

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council Decisions

Application: PL/2022/08676 – Full Planning Permission Address: 8a Greenhill, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 8EH Proposal: Change of use and retrospective permission for the laying of hardstanding on an area of land previously used for mixed agricultural and equestrian purposes. The applicant has dedicated an area, that was previously a grass yard used for the grazing of horses by the previous owners of the property, for parking his own vehicles and horse trailer	WC Decision: Refused Applicant: Mr Buckland
Application Ref PL/2023/06891 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area Address: Honeywood Lodge, Church Place, SN5 3LS Proposal: T1 Hornbeam - 40% crown reduction. T2 Norway Maple - 40% crown reduction. T3 Sycamore - Reduce to previous pruning points at 10 meters.	Applicant Name: Mr Sharples WC Decision: No Objection

Members considered the following applications:

Application: PL/2023/07510 - Householder Application Address: 12 Bury Fields, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3NF Proposal: Single Story Rear Extension	Applicant: Miss Cannon
Members RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTION to this application.	
Application: PL/2023/07702 - Householder Application Address: 4 Cherry Brier Close, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3NT Proposal: Single Storey Side/Rear Extension	Applicant: Mr Hayward
Members RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTION to this application.	

23.95 **Council and Community Representatives** - Members RECEIVED the following updates:

Area Board – Councillor Sharp reported on the 27 September meeting. Main Points: Wiltshire Council Tree Planting Office gave a presentation encouraging new tree planting and the availability of grants. The main speaker was the Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson, he gave figures on the improvements in prosecutions and speeding tickets. He will be attending the January 17 Area Board meeting along with the new Chief Constable Catherine Roper.
Local Highways Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) – Councillor Suleman reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elms/Washpool – work has been completed – LHFIG to invoice Council for contribution • Greenhill Crossroads – LHFIG looking at ways to improve the road markings • Greatfield – LHFIG looking at possibilities • The new proposed processes were not discussed, but LHFIG considering removing Priorities A and B and replacing with a Priority list instead.
Community Carers Group – Next Meeting 25 October, Pips Café Purton.
Community Safety Group – Next Meeting 13 October – subject is Cybercrime.
Speed Indication Devices (SIDS) – Councillor Chalker reported that results from Stone Lane recorded 2.4% of cars were speeding, the top speed recorded was 95 mph. The Clerk was requested to ask for a copy of the traffic survey from the developers who attended the last Parish meeting.
Speedwatch and Lorry Watch - Cllr Sharp reported: the results of the metro counts have been received, 4 of the 5 requests have been approved. Agenda Item for next meeting.

Four members of the public left the meeting.

23.96 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Members RESOLVED – That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items in Part 2 of the Agenda, this is due to the confidential nature of the items being considered, under the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960.

23.97 **Land Issues**

Councillor Hill-Wheeler reported: Work is ongoing with Surveyors and discussions continue with Solicitors.

Meeting Closed at 20.10