Lydiard Millicent Neighbourhood Steering Group Meeting 2nd June 2026

Present: Mel Allsop (LMPC), Ian Hill, Mark Claydon-Smith, Sarah Hill-Wheeler (LMPC), Julian Wright, Henrietta Cole (MLP)

Apologies: Pat Cole (Chairman), Paul Kohn (Vice-Chairman), Sherilyn Aitken, Tom Rasmussen, Giles Francke, Colin Mills, Julie Mills

Julian Wright chaired the meeting.

The minutes from the meeting on 19th May 2026 were agreed.

Discussion on the impact of the withdrawal of WC's Local Plan. Does the need for WC to establish housing requirements risk LM requirements? For example if LM baseline 20 properties could WC coming back later requiring 30 properties. Will WC keep the small/large village distinction? MLP feel that LM should have protection from the policies LM1, LM2 and LM3.

Cornwall are in the same position as WC and are asking parish and town councils to feed into their revised Local Plan. Their website provides more guidance on neighbourhood planning. Steering group to contact WC NP team and ask for more information to be made available from WC.

LM is surrounded by fields and there is concern about coalescence from all sides. Policy LM3 provides for some of the land between Swindon and LM (but not all). MLP reiterated that it is not possible to create a policy to protect the whole parish. It was agreed that more wording should be included to say something to retain the individual identity of each hamlet. Policy LM3, even with proposed additions, is still not felt to cover the actual gap requirement. MLP to revisit and check for any natural extension.

It was agreed that flooding should be highlighted within the plan. The revised plan to include details of areas known for flooding, including pictures. These are already reported to WC Operational Flood Working Group but not known by planning department.

The green corridor alongside Middleleaze was discussed. Steering group to send MLP a map showing areas to be considered including Tewkesbury Way. List of wooded areas in the parish to be resent at the same time. Many wooded areas are already classed as ancient woodland but it was felt that they should be named within the plan to remind planners. Steering group to create blue/green route map based on Steeple Ashton's. More to be done on biodiversity by steering group. Suggested a request via the Lydiards magazine asking for input from residents.

Actions Outstanding

MLP	Send example of Steeple Ashton blue/green routes
All	Include text about Lydiard Park in draft NDP
Mel	Complete documents for Local Green Spaces
Mel	Write to WC asking for more information on NP (as Cornwall)
MLP	Investigate further extending Local Gap (LM3)
Mark	Create map showing woodland areas at the boundary of Lydiard Millicent along Tewkesbury Way
Sally W	Provide flooding information
Mel	Magazine article asking for residents to contribute to biodiversity policy

Next meeting – tbc (August) email address: neighbourhoodplan@lydiardmillicent-pc.gov.uk.