

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council, held on Thursday 20th May 2021 in the Parish Hall, Lydiard Millicent. The meeting commenced at 8.30pm

Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed prior to the meeting, each signature witnessed by the Proper Officer of the Council.

PRESENT: Wilts Cllr Bob Jones (retiring chairman). Cllrs Mel Allsop, Luke Curtis, Catherine Hacker, Derek Harden, Sally Westwood.
Mrs Deborah Bourne (Parish Clerk)

Also Present: PCSO Wingfield, plus five members of the public.

058/21 Election of Chairman

The Local Government Act 1972 s15(1) states that the first item of business shall be to elect a chairman from one of its number; this first item of business must be completed successfully prior to making any decisions.

RESOLVED to elect Cllr Derek Harden as Chairman to Lydiard Millicent Parish Council for the ensuing Civic Year.

059/21 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

In accepting the position of chairman Cllr Harden thanked the out going chairman Bob Jones for his work; he also congratulated the newly elected councillors, none of whom have served as Parish Councillors before.

“This is a jigsaw, with all the pieces available but not connected, the process needs re-starting to be successful. Councillors are looking to residents for help with this process; drawing a line on what has gone before, pressing reset, enabling the Council to function effectively.”

Cllr Harden signed his Acceptance of Office declaration, which was witnessed by the Proper Officer.

060/21 Election of a Vice Chairman

The Local Government Act 1972 s15(6) allows for one of its members to be elected as vice chairman. This is a discretionary appointment, with the Council itself deciding if the appointment is required.

RESOLVED to elect a vice chairman for the ensuing civic year. The Councillor nominated and voted into the position was Cllr Mel Allsop.

061/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rachael Clarke and Wiltshire Councillor Steve Bucknell.

062/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in items on this meetings agenda.

063/21 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

055/21 amended by clerk prior to meeting to reflect adoption of amended Financial Risk Assessment.

The amended minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2021 were adopted and duly signed by the chairman of the council.

064/21 **Lydiard Millicent Neighbourhood Plan (LMNP)**

It was noted that the LMNP referendum was conducted on 6th May 2021. The results being:

YES	NO	Papers Rejected
544	45	11

Wiltshire Council will now consider this policy document when determining future planning applications.

The Steering Group were congratulated on this success, the journey had been long and hard.

065/21 **Appointment of Council Representatives**

Councillors were appointed to attend and report back from the following groups:

Group	Councillors
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board	Catherine Hacker, Sally Westwood
Community Area Transport Group	Luke Curtis, Derek Harden
Community Safety Partnership	Mel Allsop, Catherine Hacker
Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall	Derek Harden (as Trustee)

It was noted that Cllr Rachael Clarke had not been appointed to any of the above groups. She will be invited to attend the groups of interest to her.

066/21 **Casual Vacancies**

The Council noted that there are currently five vacant seats on this council. These seats can be filled by co-option; residents were encouraged to consider these vacancies.

067/21 **Planning Matters**

- a There were no Planning Decisions from Wiltshire Council to note since the last meeting.
- b The following planning applications were considered:
 - i. PL/2021/03644 – Beechcroft, Common Platt
New single storey garage with storage over to front garden adjacent to the existing pre-fab concrete garage with a h. w. carport partially over the pre-fab garage.
 - ii. PL/2021/03895 – 69 Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent
Proposed Two Single Side Extension & Alterations

068/21 The chairman moved to suspend Standing Orders, to allow members of the public to give an opinion.

RESOLVED to Suspend Standing Orders at 8:45pm
Discussion with members of the public ensued.

069/21 The Chairman moved to re-instate Standing Orders.

RESOLVED to re-instate Standing Orders at 8:50pm.
Further RESOLVED to send no objections to Wiltshire Council for the above Planning Applications.

070/21 **Finance**

- a *Payments:* Councillors had not received Appendix B and two Councillors had not previously scrutinised and released monies.
- b *Insurance Renewal:* The Council's insurance is due for renewal on 1st June 2021. Comparative quotations had been received from Came and Company, a recognised insurance broker for the Local Council sector.

Company A	Company B	Company C
£1,233.89	£1,690.45	£1,658.01
All three companies will attract an additional £50.00 Administration Fee.		

Discussion took place, before members identified their preferred choice, which included:

- Request to see all information on all three companies
- Need for more time to fully consider these companies
- Is there a “cooling off” period?
- Premiums seemed expensive, look for alternatives.

RESOLVED to record members’ disappointment that not all the information was available, their preferred option was company A. Further RESOLVED that members wished to receive schedules from all companies, and to reserve the right to invoke the “cooling off” period in case any member can source a cheaper product.

071/21 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at the Jubilee Club House, Meadow Springs. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

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Cllr Derek Harden
Chairman

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A Public Question Time was held in which the Chairman and Councillors invited comments and questions from members of the public present.