

127.21 Painting of Telephone Kiosk Resolved an amount of up to £100 to cover the cost of the paint, brushes and other cleaning materials purchased by the Council. Oct - Confirmed only paint required – Clerk to purchase
183.21 – Dogs on Playing Fields Agreed to revisit the current signage (relating to dogs) to investigate further how to manage dogs on the field area PQT – 7 April (b) and 22 June 2022 (b) A resident asked if a footpath could be put at Lydiard Green, drivers are impatient, the resident has been nudged by a car and hit on elbow by a car mirror. UPDATE: The creation of a footpath at this location was originally agreed in 10 phases by CATG. Phases 1 -4 were completed in 2017-2018. The Clerk has contacted WC regarding the instigation of phases 5 – 10, which would connect Lydiard Green to the rest of the village. Further information and details of the scheme to be found, the resident who originally made the request was present and he will look at the information he has. Update: Cllr Hill-Wheeler supplied information from CATG archives and a LMPC report regarding phases 1-4, no information for phases 5-10 has been found. Council minutes of 3 Jan and 4 July 2013 there is mention of the project, further background information is being looked for.
22.41 The Mews - RESOLVED: - to instruct Solicitors involved in the process to apply for title absolute for the Recreation Field and to apply to have the address of current titles updated to the Parish Office address budget of a maximum of £350 met from professional fees Councillor Hill-Wheeler to work with the Clerk to take this forward Letter and copy documents sent – Update Solicitors confirm work is progressing - Councillors to visit the site, to be arranged, following visit to obtain feedback from residents
22.63 Footpaths Members agreed to have a dedicated Footpath Group page website to show work completed/ planned, and to ask residents to advise the Group of footpath issues. To be actioned by Councillors.
22.81 War Memorial Clock Members resolved to take over the responsibility for the funds to hold for the maintenance of the War Memorial Clock. Once the transfer of funds has been completed to consider the purchase of a back up battery to cover breaks in power supply. Funds received. Agenda Item to CLOSE.
22.82 Footpath Working Party - Clerk liaising with WC, regarding permissions required for tree works, to meet with Tree surgeon in New Year. - Clerk to contact WC, regarding land management and the sowing of seeds. Waiting response - Clearer signage and additional signs to be obtained from Wiltshire Council. Working Party to move forward with information for notice board content, feedback requested from residents on Lydiard Millicent WW2 history.
22.106 Lloyds and Unity Accounts Members resolved to close the Lloyds Account, moving funds to the Unity Account and apply for a Unity MultiPay card. Update: all direct debits cancelled and application for Unity card are in progress
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.
PQT from 30 November Councillor Allsop asked on behalf of a Parishioner if the light in the telephone box (used as a library) as it is lit 24 hours a day, could it be turned off or time reduced. Clerk to investigate and report back – no update available
22.126 – Noticeboards have been received and are in place 22.129 - Spot mirror due 22 Feb, 5mph signs x 2,1 x children/pedestrian sign outstanding. 22.130 - CCTV installation due late February

Notes from Regional Clerks Meeting with Wiltshire Council (continued overleaf)

Potholes

Weather over the past few months has been conducive with the propagation of potholes due to excessive wet weather and stints of freezing temperatures. These conditions also unfortunately offer a sub-optimal conditions for their repair so many are not taking as well as we would like. During December there were 900 potholes reported and between 1st – 23rd January there were over 3,600. WC is prioritising the deepest potholes and those on the busiest roads and are re-deploying staff as best as possible to meet the current demands. The additional 2-person support gang is being used to augment the work of the parish stewards in these repairs, however, many staff have also been utilised to support the winter maintenance (road gritting in particular) which has required significant resource during recent cold snaps.

Parishes and residents are encouraged to continue to report potholes through the My Wiltshire app. WC are making efforts to improve the communications and information available to those who report via the app, to ensure they understand what action has or will be taken. A new contractor called Milestone Infrastructure have been appointed for the Highways maintenance contract, however, there is unlikely to be a change in operational personnel.

Streetscene

The new Streetscene contract which is for urban grounds and street cleansing commenced on 1st February. This contract offers an overall £400k saving resulting from moving to an outcome contract and has some new specifications requiring grounds maintenance to increase the biodiversity provision, with reactive cleansing times reduced to speed the removal of litter and fly tips.

There is a statutory framework for the collection of fly tipping and litter. The statutory requirement is the WC's policy commitment for provision, with its contractual times set to ensure compliance. However, the WC's contractor is required to clear litter and fly tips within 8 days (unless special arrangements are required) to ensure the council's statutory and policy commitments are met. Please report through the My Wiltshire app

Flooding and Emergency Planning

WC encourages parishes to ensure they have a current flood plan together and have flood wardens in place. WC can help assess your parish flood risk and the properties that might be vulnerable to flooding. There are two Operational Flood Working Groups that parishes can engage with. There is funding that parishes can access for items such as pumps, walkie talkies and generators.