

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
3 October 2024
held at the Jubilee Club House, Lydiard Millicent
at 19:00 hrs

Councillors Present:

S Westwood, Chairman D Coffey J Sprules M Suleman
M Allsop, Vice Chairman

Others in Attendance: 7 members of the public.

Meeting Clerk: Hayley Graham

Public Question Time:

- A resident raised concerns that whilst PL/2022/00239 Land East of Restrop Road has been refused, there is a risk that the outcome of the planning application PL/2024/06287 Land at Greensend and associated Enforcement Notice could result in its sale to the applicant of Restrop Road. This would overcome a key point in the refusal decision for the Restrop Road application. Councillor Westwood advised that the Parish Council has already commented on the land at Greensend application, and that there were many other factors detailed in the Restrop Road refusal which would all need to be overcome for permission to be granted.
- A resident asked for information on the gas works that are currently taking place at Lydiard Green crossroads. Councillor Westwood confirmed the Parish Council were not advised of these works, the Clerk will contact Wiltshire Council for information.

MINUTES

24.124 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were RECEIVED from Councillors Chalker, Hacker, Hill-Wheeler and Selwood.
No apologies were received from Wiltshire Councillor Steve Bucknell.

24.125 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

The following Declaration of Interest was made:

Name	Min. Ref.	Type	Nature of Interest	Action
Cllr Westwood	24.106	Non-Pecuniary	PL/2024/07482 - Planning application for neighbouring land	Did not take part in discussions and did not vote

No dispensation requests were received.

24.126 Chairman's Announcements:

- There is still one Councillor vacancy
- Planning application PL/2022/00239 Land East of Restrop Road has been refused.
- Thanks were given to the Parish Steward for clearing drains and culverts in Common Platt this week

24.127 Minutes

Members CONSIDERED the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 5 September 2024. The minutes of the meeting were ADOPTED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
Members CONSIDERED the minutes of the Parish extraordinary meeting held on 12 August 2024. The minutes of the meeting were ADOPTED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24.128 Co-Option of New Councillor

Members CONSIDERED the application from Mr K Smith. The matter was put to the vote and Members unanimously RESOLVED that Mr K Smith be co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the newly elected Councillor and witnessed by the Clerk, and the Chairman invited Councillor Smith to join the meeting.

24.129 Wiltshire Councillor Update

No report was received from Councillor Steve Bucknell.

24.130 **Financial Accounts**

Members NOTED and APPROVED the Income & Expenditure Reports and Payments List. Members APPROVED the raising of a cheque for the sum of £25.00 (twenty-five pounds) for the 2024 Poppy Appeal. Costs to be met from the Chairman's Expenses budget line.

Members APPROVED a maximum expenditure of £250.00 (two hundred and fifty pounds) for the service and exchange of materials in the JCH fire extinguishers. Costs to be met from JCH Inspections budget line.

Members APPROVED the removal of one smoke detector and relocation of one emergency light fitting at a cost of £135.00 (one hundred and thirty-five pounds), no VAT payable. Costs to be met from Ear Marked Reserves CIL Funding.

Members APPROVED the expenditure for a deep clean of the men's bathroom at JCH at a cost of £395.00 (three hundred and ninety-five pounds) ex. VAT. Costs to be met from Ear Marked Reserves JCH. After discussions, Members AGREED for contractors to be approached for quotes to return to flushing urinals, and explore other potential longer term solutions.

24.131 **Planning Group B**

Members RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Sprules to Planning Group B.

24.132 **Planning Applications**

Members RECEIVED a report from Planning Group B, and after discussions:

Application: PL/2024/08513 – Householder planning permission	Applicant: R Chipchase
Address: 4 Walnut Tree Gardens, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LH	
Proposal: Two storey rear extension, two storey front gable extension and first floor extension to existing garage with Link from the main house.	

Members RESOLVED to COMMENT on this application, highlighting the significant increase in size of the property, and the reduction in parking provision.

Application: PL/2024/07482 – Full planning permission	Applicant: Mr M McDonagh
Address: Land at Clay Pitts, Greenhill, RWB, SN4 8EH	
Proposal: Material change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes with dayrooms and hardstanding ancillary to that use (resubmission of PL/2023/04820)	

Members RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application, due to contravention of a number of Core Policies, and that the site has not been identified in the GTAA report (July 2024) commissioned by Wiltshire Council as one requiring development to meet gypsy and traveller development needs.

Members NOTED the Planning and Costs decision – PL/2023/00424 – Land at Washpool – Appeal Dismissed

24.133 **Clerk's Report**

23.179 Jubilee Club House Trees

Members approved the recommendation to have the trees behind the Jubilee Club House professionally assessed. Quotes Requested. UPDATE: Quotes received and paper included in meeting agenda. Members AGREED to CLOSE this item.

23.184 Holborn Footpath

There are two specific places along the footpath where the holes are very deep and currently filled with water. After discussions, Members AGREED for contractors to be approached for quotes to fill in the holes and to redress the whole length. Quotes Requested. UPDATE: Quotes received and paper included in meeting agenda. Members AGREED to CLOSE this item.

24.63 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

Members APPROVED the purchase of four additional mounting bars. UPDATE: One SIDs is now placed and operational at The Beeches, the other at Greenhill will be in situ by the end of w/c 30 Sept. Members AGREED to CLOSE this item.

PQT – 1 Aug

A resident raised concerns about the new occupants of Unit 5 Bagbury Park regarding the unauthorised expansion of the site and speeding high powered vehicles travelling along Lydiard Green towards Lydiard Millicent. Wiltshire Councillor Bucknell confirmed both he and the Clerk have reported the site expansion to WC planning enforcement. Trees being felled and the hedgerow removal in nesting season may have breached the Countryside and Wildlife Act and

so the police have been notified of this. Wiltshire Councillor Bucknell has also reported the antisocial behaviour to Sergeant Jamie Ball at Wiltshire Police, and suggested that the resident compiles a noise log to be able to raise a noise complaint. Clerk to contact the occupiers of the other units at Bagbury Park and Uplands School to establish the impact of these issues on their businesses. UPDATE: Clerk has had no response to letters sent to all occupiers of units within Bagbury Park. Wiltshire Council's response to Enforcement Complaint included as an agenda item. FURTHER UPDATE: Resident has reported that the antisocial issues appear to have stopped. Members AGREED to CLOSE this item.

24.83 Flaxlands Solar Farm Plans Update
Members AGREED a project briefing would be required. UPDATE: Briefing scheduled for 7.15pm on 14 Oct, Councillors Westwood and Allsop will be attending. Members AGREED to CLOSE this item.

24.106 Bagbury Lane – Antisocial Behaviour
Members NOTED the correspondence. The Clerk will contact the resident for an update. UPDATE: The resident has reported that the individuals on quad bikes have not returned. Members AGREED to CLOSE this item.

24.134 **Correspondence**

Members NOTED the correspondence received:

- a. Operational Flood Working Group Meeting Notes – 11 July 2024
- b. Purton Community Fridge Household Support Fund
- c. SLCC Update – Delay to Procurement Act 2023
- d. Community Care Meeting Notes – 5 September 2024

1 member of the public left the meeting.

24.135 **Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)**

Members NOTED the 11 September Meeting Notes

Members CONSIDERED the contribution requested for priority issue 11-22-01 – Greenhill Crossroads and APPROVED a 25% contribution of £2,000.00 (two thousand pounds). Costs of £1,925 (one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-five pounds) to be met from budget line LHFIG projects. The balance of £75 (seventy-five pounds) to be met from Ear Marked Reserves LHFIG. Members CONSIDERED the contribution requested for priority issue 11-24-17 – Braydon Road and APPROVED a 12.5% contribution of £687.50 (six hundred and eighty-seven pounds 50p). Costs to be met from Ear Marked Reserves LHFIG.

Members NOTED the agreement for priority scheme 11-23-08 – Common Platt to be submitted under the substantive Highways Scheme Fund Bid Application Process in Autumn 2024.

Members NOTED the improvement work agreed for priority scheme 11-23-17 – Greatfield

Standing Orders were SUSPENDED for public comment on overgrown hedges in the layby at Greatfield. The Clerk will raise this with the Parish Steward, and enquire with Land Registry as to ownership of the hedges. Standing orders were REINSTATED before Members discussed further.

Members NOTED the wildfowl warning signs report and RESOLVED not to proceed (minute ref. 24.13).

24.136 **Wiltshire Council Consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document (DPD)**

Members NOTED the report and AGREED to respond to the consultation with thanks for the report, and that there are no suggested amendments.

24.137 **CCTV Move**

Members NOTED the report and CONSIDERED the quote received. Members APPROVED the expenditure to move the CCTV system of £500.00 (five hundred pounds) ex. VAT. Costs to be met from Ear Marked Reserves JCH.

24.138 **Auditing Solutions Limited**

Members NOTED the letter of engagement and AGREED to the proposed fees.

24.139 **Handyman Requirements and Waste Removal**
Members NOTED the report and CONSIDERED the recommendation.
Members APPROVED the purchase of anti-vibration gloves, two portable men at work signs and a telescopic ladder at a cost of £177.47 (one hundred and seventy-seven pounds 47p) (ex. VAT). Costs to be met from Handyman Requirements budget line.
Members APPROVED the expenditure for a licenced waste disposal company to a maximum budget of £550.00 (five hundred and fifty pounds) (ex. VAT), delegated to the Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Costs to be met from General Reserves.

24.140 **Holborn Footpath**
Members NOTED the report and CONSIDERED the quotes received. Members CONSIDERED the recommendation and RESOLVED not to accept quotes at this time. Clerk to explore funding contribution options.

Standing orders were SUSPENDED and REINSTATED before members discussed further.

24.141 **Jubilee Club House Trees**
Members NOTED the report and CONSIDERED the quotes received. Members APPROVED the expenditure to carry out the required tree works at a cost of £1,200.00 (one thousand two hundred pounds) (ex. VAT). Members APPROVED the expenditure to extend the survey to all trees around the perimeter of the Recreation Field at a cost of £235.00 (two hundred and thirty-five) (ex. VAT). Costs to be met from General Reserves.

24.142 **Wiltshire Air Ambulance Clothing Bank Request**
Members NOTED the correspondence and RESOLVED to site a clothing bank at the Jubilee Club House. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

24.143 **Purton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Revision Consultation**
Members NOTED the revised plan. Concerns were raised around the provision for 300 homes to be built between Purton and Lydiard Millicent, which contradicts the draft Wiltshire Plan which identified a requirement for zero additional homes in Purton. Members AGREED to respond to the consultation raising this concern.

24.144 **Community Field Working Party Meeting**
Members RECEIVED an update from Councillor Allsop. Councillor Selwood has been appointed Chairman, and a meeting to obtain quotes for field maintenance has been scheduled.

24.145 **Cemetery Plots Exception Requests**
Members NOTED the report and RESOLVED to grant an exception for the purchase of 2 burial plots for RD and AD in Lydiard Millicent Cemetery.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

24.146 **VE Day Plans**
Members RECEIVED an update from Councillor Westwood. The current plans are to hold events in the afternoon of Thursday 8 May, the evening of Friday 9 May and on Saturday 10 May 2025.

24.147 **Council and Community Representatives**

Members RECEIVED the following updates:

Community Carers Group – Councillor Allsop
The Community Directory update has begun.

Operational Flood Working Group – Councillor Westwood
Updated guidance for riparian owners has been published by the Environment Agency. Flooding and drainage issues in Common Platt were on the agenda, and an update on this is expected from Wiltshire Council.

24.148 **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.

3 members of the public left the meeting.

24.149 **Land Issues**

Members NOTED the report from Councillor Westwood and CONSIDERED the recommendation. Members RESOLVED to proceed with Stage 1 and Stage 2 of proceedings as agreed in the Parish meeting held 5 June 2024 (min ref. 24.44).

Meeting Closed at 20.40 hrs