

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
26 September 2024
held at the Jubilee Club House, Lydiard Millicent
at 19:00 hrs**

Councillors Present:

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

Others in Attendance: 16 members of the public.

Meeting Clerk: Hayley Graham

Public Question Time:

- A resident asked for an update on the decision for the Restrop Road application. The Clerk will request an update from Wiltshire Council.
- A resident highlighted that a number of private hedgerows are growing over paths at Greatfield. The Clerk will ask the Parish Handyman to visit.
- A resident reported that a number of hedges at Common Platt haven't been cut by Wiltshire Council and are causing drivers to use the middle of the road. The resident was asked to report this issue on the My Wilts portal and upon receipt of the case number, the Clerk will do the same.
- Councillor Westwood confirmed that the purpose of the meeting is to gather views from residents and Councillors, and agree the comments to be made in response to the applications.

MINUTES

24.121 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were RECEIVED from Councillors Hacker, Hill-Wheeler, Selwood, Suleman and Wiltshire Councillor Bucknell.

24.122 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

No declarations of interest were made and no dispensation requests were received.

24.123 Planning Applications

Members NOTED the following applications:

Application: PL/2024/07350 – Householder Planning Permission	Applicant: Mr A Lyon
Address: The Hollies, Greenhill, RWB, SN4 8EH	
Proposal: Single storey rear extension. Second floor extension with dormer to rear	
Members RESOLVED to make a comment of NO OBJECTION	

Application: PL/2024/07426 – Full Planning Permission	Applicant: Hills Homes
Development Ltd	
Address: Paddock land adjoining Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent	
Proposal: Development of site to provide 9 no. dwellings, with associated landscaping, sustainable drainage and primary vehicular access from Stone Lane	

Standing orders were SUSPENDED for public comment on application PL/2024/07426.

A resident highlighted that they had not been consulted by Wiltshire Council on the application, although 4 of the proposed dwellings would look into their bedrooms. Wiltshire Council's planning department are yet to return their calls. Another resident also raised that they had not been consulted. A number of neighbouring residents are on holiday, the Clerk will request an extension to the closing date for comments.

It was suggested there are a number of inaccuracies within the application, including:

- The width of Stone Lane has been miscalculated where it is intended for a path to be built, therefore narrowing the road at a point where it is already at its most narrow

- An old plan of the land has been used, which suggests the orchard belongs to Anchorage when it is in fact Beechcroft
- The plans have been edited to remove the driveway at 39 Stone Lane, which is shown as green verge on all iterations of the plans
- The neighbouring property to 39 Stone Lane is a subdivided dwelling and the plans do not reflect the division, suggesting access to 39 is via the access to the neighbouring property.

Areas of concern highlighted were:

- The drainage report was undertaken in Spring which is traditionally not when the wettest of weather is experienced, and it is known that Common Platt already faces significant drainage issues after heavy rainfall
- Many of the gardens along Common Platt have limestone c. 18 inches below the surface, giving concerns to the potential flooding of existing gardens
- The hedge of the orchard will obstruct the view of the road exiting the proposed development
- The location of the proposed path will encroach on the land of Beechcroft
- There are bats in the area, although it is unclear where they roost, but they will shortly be going into hibernation.
- One of the traffic survey cables was broken, so there are questions around the validity of the traffic data presented
- Both Stone Lane and Washpool are roads where speeding is an issue, and an increased number of vehicles as a result of the development would further the risk of an accident.
- The proposed access is directly opposite 39 Stone Lane, and the resident is concerned about the loss of privacy, with headlights shining directly into their property

Standing orders were REINSTATED before Members discussed further.

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Members RESOLVED to make a comment of OBJECT	

Members AGREED to include the following points that were of concern in the planning comments:

- There are a number of inaccuracies within the application
- There are already significant drainage issues experienced in Common Platt, which additional development will only exacerbate
- The application contravenes the Neighbourhood Plan
- The decision to exclude the land marked in blue on the proposed plans brings the size of the plot marginally under the minimum area to mandate the provision of affordable housing, and the integrity of this decision raises concerns
- The speed and volume of vehicles already using Stone Lane does not lend itself to further additional vehicles
- The application compromises the privacy of a number of existing residents
- There are potential impacts to the environment that have not been explored.

Meeting Closed at 19.45 hrs