

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
15 May 2025
held at the Jubilee Club House, Lydiard Millicent
at 19:30 hrs

Councillors Present:

M Allsop, Vice Chairman L Bamsey S Chalker D Coffey P Cole
S Hill-Wheeler J Neighbour R Selwood

Others in Attendance: Wiltshire Councillor Andrew Matthews

Meeting Clerk: Hayley Graham

Public Question Time: There were no public questions

Councillor Question Time: There were no Councillor questions

MINUTES

25.01 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were RECEIVED from Councillors Sprules and Westwood.

25.02 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

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

25.03 **Vice-Chairman's Announcements**

- The VE Day 80 commemoration events were a great success, and thanks were given to all who helped to organise them.
- The Restrop Road travellers site application has been lodged for appeal with the Planning Inspectorate.
- As of today, 125 comments have been added to the Wiltshire Council planning portal in relation to PL/2025/03211 – Land off Meadow Springs. The consultation deadline has been extended until 2 June.
- The Neighbourhood Plan household survey saw 191 responses received. The results of the survey will be presented to the community later this year.
- Application PL/2024/07426 – Paddock land adjoining 39a Stone Lane has been refused on Highway grounds.

25.04 **Minutes**

Members CONSIDERED the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 3 April 2025. The minutes of the meeting were ADOPTED as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

Members CONSIDERED the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 30 April 2025. The minutes of the meeting were ADOPTED as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

25.05 **Wiltshire Councillor Update**

Wiltshire Councillor Andrew Matthews thanked the Parish Council for being the first of the parishes within his district to congratulate him on his election and for the warm welcome he has received.

Councillor Matthews is supportive of the objection to the development at Meadow Springs, met with the Planning Officer earlier this week and has a meeting with a Highways Representative scheduled for next week to discuss the application. A meeting has also taken place with the Planning Officer for the application at 13 The Beeches. Updates will be shared via social media and with the Parish Council.

25.06 **Financial Accounts**

Members NOTED and APPROVED the:

- a. Payments List and Income Report

b. Regular Bank Payments Report

Members APPROVED the expenditure of a maximum of £400 (ex. VAT) for all 10 Councillors to attend either the Councillor Essentials or Councillor Fundamentals webinar. All costs to be met by the training budget.

Members NOTED the Year End Ear Marked Reserves Balances. The Clerk will establish if there is an alternative method to futureproof the ringfencing of the EMR War Memorial Clock Fund. The Clerk clarified that EMR Election Fees will contribute towards the election which has just taken place.

25.07

Planning Applications

Members RECEIVED an update from Planning Group A.

Application: PL/2025/03818 – Full Planning Permission Address: Oaklands Hotel, Wood Lane, Braydon, SN5 0AH Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling	Applicant: Mr J Bloomfield Closing Date: 3 June
Members RESOLVED to COMMENT on the application for its appreciation given to the consideration of bat protection to be noted.	

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council decisions:

Application: PL/2024/06511 – Full Planning Permission Address: Lydiard House Farm, Lydiard Green, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LW Proposal: Proposed alterations to the external appearance	Applicant: LHFBC Ltd WC Approved with Conditions
Application: PL/2024/07426 – Full Planning Permission Address: Paddock land adjoining 39a 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	Applicant: Hills Homes Developments WC Refused
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)	WC Approved with Conditions

Members NOTED the letter sent to the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee relating to the Strategic Planning Committee decision PL/2024/07482 – Land at Claypits.

25.08

Clerk’s Report

<p>PQT – 2 May – Updates</p> <p>A resident raised concerns for the safety of users on footpath LMIL60. For at least the last ten years the metal gate blocking LMIL60 has been locked shut. This means that those wishing to use the footpath have to clamber over the gate or the adjoining metal bars. The Clerk asked the resident to email her the details and she would contact Wiltshire Council. UPDATE: The Clerk is in communication with WC regarding this issue. WC officer has made a site visit and will now contact the landowner. FURTHER UPDATE: WC have confirmed they are in communication with the landowner. Recommendation for the Clerk to continue to liaise with Wiltshire Council and CLOSE this item. MEETING UPDATE: The Clerk advised that an update has since been received from the Countryside Access Officer who has been discussing solutions with the landowner. The landowner is reluctant to improve access with the installation of a kissing gate due to public not sticking to footpaths as has experienced an incident with cattle and public on another public right of way locally. It was RESOLVED that this item would remain open whilst Councillors Allsop and Coffey investigate acquiring a kissing gate from another local landowner.</p>
<p>24.270 Community Field Working Party Meeting</p> <p>Members NOTED the report and CONSIDERED the recommendations. After discussions, Members APPROVED the expenditure of £1,550 ex VAT for ecological professional fees. UPDATE: Preliminary Ecological Assessment (PEA) is due to take place on 11 April. FURTHER UPDATE: PEA was carried out as planned, awaiting report w/c 12 May. MEETING UPDATE: PEA report received which determined a Biodiversity Net Gain Metric assessment was not required. The planning application is now on the Wiltshire Council planning portal for comment (PL/2025/00557. Members RESOLVED to CLOSE this item.</p>

25.09 **Communications**

Members NOTED the following communications:

- a. Service Updates at Microshade VSM
- b. Wiltshire Connect Service Expansion Poster
- c. Age UK April 2025 Newsletter
- d. Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) – Common Platt – 6 June
- e. Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) – Various RWB/Lydiard Tregoze – 7-16 June
- f. Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) – The Street, Lydiard Millicent – 9 June.

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

Members NOTED the LHFIG update report.

Members CONSIDERED the validity of the remaining LHFIG priority and non-priority issues and RESOLVED to retain all issues with the exception of 11-24-19 – Church Place / The Street wildfowl warning signs.

Members CONSIDERED the report detailing resident proposed highway requests and RESOLVED to submit two new highway improvement requests forms for:

- Traffic priority measures on Manor Hill
- Vehicular restrictions on The Butts at peak times

The Clerk will raise a MyWilts report for the issues with the condition of The Butts to be addressed.

Members AGREED the below priority order for all LHFIG issues:

1. Manor Hill – traffic priority measures
2. The Butts – vehicular restrictions
3. 11-23-17 Greatfield – speed limit carriageway roundels
4. 11-24-18 Lydiard Green Footway
5. 11-24-09 Church Place – speed reduction measures by chicane

Members NOTED the date of the next LHFIG meeting, 8pm on 28 May at Lime Kiln Leisure Centre.

25.11 **Draft Modified Purton Parish Neighbourhood Plan (2025-2040) Regulation 16 Consultation**

Members NOTED the consultation notification and RESOLVED to delegate a draft response to Cllrs Allsop, Cole, Hill-Wheeler and Westwood which will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

25.12 **Council and Community Representatives**

Members RECEIVED the following updates:

Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Cole

The last Steering Group meeting took place on 13 May. A session has been planned with the planning consultant to clarify requirements for policy re-writing in June further to the recent survey, after which time Working Groups will be formed to do this work. The Housing Needs Assessment is being pursued with the planning consultant.

25.13 **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.

Wiltshire Councillor Andrew Matthews left the meeting.

25.14 **Land Matters**

Members NOTED the report. After discussions, members AGREED a way forward which the Clerk will communicate with the resident.

Members NOTED the report and await a further update in due course.

25.15 **Community Field Working Party Meeting**

Members NOTED the Preliminary Ecological Assessment.

Members CONSIDERED the draft lease agreement. After discussions, it was AGREED that Councillor Hill-Wheeler would support Councillor Selwood with a formal review of the draft lease agreement to be brought back to the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 21.11 hrs