

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

25 May 2022

held in the All Saints Church Lydiard Millicent
at 7:00pm

Councillors Present:

Cllr S Westwood (Chairman) Cllr P Cole Cllr L Curtis Cllr C Hacker
Cllr M Allsop (Vice-Chairman) Cllr S Hill-Wheeler Cllr M Sharp Cllr R Selwood

Others in Attendance: 2 members of the public.

Meeting Clerk: Tina Jones PSLCC

Public Question Time:

Mr Roberts thanked the Council for utilising the Parish Church. He asked if there were any plans for speed reduction measures in the general area of Church Place. Councillor Sharp explained the Speedwatch processes, he added that the current Police & Crime Commissioner is taking steps to increase the availability of equipment, which is hoped will help to deter speeding.

A resident asked if the branches and foliage could be cut back by the Lydiard Green bus stop. The Clerk reported that she had visited residents in the area, but had not be able to identify the owners. The resident to supply the Clerk with details of owners.

MINUTES

22.16 Apologies for Absence

No apologies received, Councillor Gregory was not present.

22.17 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

No declarations of Interest made and no requests for dispensations were received.

22.18 Chairman's Announcements

Councillor Westwood said that since becoming a Councillor, she has become very aware of all the volunteers that give their time to support the community. She gave thanks to them all for their contributions to the village and its residents. Other news:

- the Council has two vacancies, which can be filled by co-option after the 6th June.
- A vehicle crashed into the Lydiard Plain field, damaging the fence and hedge. The driver was not insured. Due to concerns over livestock, the Farmer using it has agreed to repair the damage and forward an invoice to the Council. The Council will take steps to recover costs via the Police

22.19 Minutes

Members considered the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Parish meeting both held on 6th May 2022. The minutes of the meetings were ADOPTED as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

22.20 Planning Matters

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council decision:

PL/2022/00735 – Householder Application	Applicant: Mr J Hearn
Address: 9 Greenhill, SN4 8EH.	Decision: Approved with conditions
Proposal: Erection of replacement outbuilding.	

Members RECEIVED a verbal report from Councillor Hill-Wheeler and considered the following planning application.

Application PL/2022/03264	Applicant: Mr P Farrall – Full Planning Permission Location: 2 Wood Lane, Braydon, SN5 0AH.
Proposal: Erection of a detached Scandinavian style wooden cabin – to be used for additional accommodation for family and also occasional holiday let.	
Members RESOLVED to make COMMENT only – Members agreed the application was imprecise and contains insufficient detail to form a proper view of the impact of the proposed development and its conformity or otherwise with policy. There is, for example, no detail of elevations or floor plans, nor how the site will drain. The ownership certificate does not appear to be consistent with the details recorded at the Land Registry. There may	

be valid reasons for this. However, the Council is concerned of the possibility that the proposed use may cease to be ancillary to the main house; the cabin would adjoin Purdey's Farm and could consolidate that development visually in an area of otherwise open countryside. Should Wiltshire Council decide to grant permission, the Parish Council respectfully request it considers conditions limiting occupation to the main house and to preserve the integrity of the hedgerow which is a feature of the landscape and which demarcates it from Purdey's Farm.

22.21 Ear Marked Reserves (EMR)

Members APPROVED the year end adjustments and APPROVED the Ear Marked Reserves 31 March 2022 balance of £72,167.

- remove from EMR £4,000 election costs and return to General Reserves
- remove from EMR £4,000 Cemetery inspections costs and return to General Reserves
- set a CIL EMR of £8,359 as ring-fenced Community Infrastructure Levy funded, funds transferred from Parish Projects allocation.
- Footpath EMR increased to £7,000 (£3,000 Area Board funding and £2,000 transferred from Parish Projects)
- Office Equipment increased by £1,080 - unspent 2021-22 budget for planned purchases.
- Play Equipment budget increased by £1,800 - unspent 2021-22 budget.
- Returned to General Reserves, £2,994 JCH repairs/£729 for Handyman equipment.

22.22 Asset Register

Members NOTED that Lydiard Green, Lydiard Plain, JCH Recreation Field and The Mews are included on the Register. New additions in 2021-2022 are Handyman Equipment and Storage Cabinet, Cutlery and Crockery for Jubilee Club House. Members APPROVED the 31 March 2022 balance of £286,914.

22.23 Ratification of Appointments

Members RATIFIED Councillor Selwood's request to be appointed to the Personnel Committee, Footpath Working Party, Jubilee Working Party and Planning Rota Group A

22.24 Insurance Renewal 2022-2025

Members considered the report and the three quotes received. Following discussions, Members RESOLVED to accept Quote A for £1,272.45, effective from 1 June 2022.

22.25 Wiltshire Council Briefing – Solar Together Wiltshire

Members NOTE the Wiltshire Council scheme, giving homeowners the opportunity to invest in renewables through a group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. It is free to register and there are no obligations to go ahead with the installation. More information is available at www.solartogether.co.uk/wiltshire, email wiltshire@solartogether.co.uk or call 0800 048 8113.

22.26 Parish Council Forum

Members considered the request from the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board for Parish Council interest in restarting the Parish Council Forum. As no clear details relating to the role of the Forum were available, Members AGREED to reconsider at a later date.

22.27 Council and Community Representatives - Members RECEIVED the following updates

Area Board (RWB & C) – Councillor Westwood
Next Area Board meeting is on 15th June (clashes with Parish meeting). Councillor Allsop to attend as the Footpath Grant is on the agenda

Community Area Transport Group (CATG) – Councillor Curtis and Gregory
Councillor Curtis reported that the CATG is to be renamed as Local Highway and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) - more information to follow. The Highways Officer has been to Greenhill Crossroads, (one of the Parish Council's priority scheme locations) and agrees the left view is restricted. Cutting the hedge will not resolve the issue, rumble strips or a roundabout could be the answer. Councillor Curtis to contact Highways Officer to discuss options.

Meeting Closed at 7.43pm