

Members are requested to NOTE this report and CONSIDER the request.

Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972

A Councillor who is absent from all meetings of the Council and any committees of which they are a member for a period of six months automatically ceases to be a member of the Council unless they have been given leave of absence by the Council before the expiry of that six-month period.

Request

Councillor Cole last attended a Council meeting on 5 June 2025. The Council granted a leave of absence for 6 months at the meeting held on 4 September (min. ref. 25.66b) but for continuing health reasons, he requests a further leave of absence until July 2026.

Clerks Recommendation

Members to APPROVE Councillor Cole's request for a leave of absence from Council meetings until the Council meeting to be held in July 2026.

Hayley Graham
January 2026

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
8 January 2026
held at the Jubilee Club House, Lydiard Millicent
at 19:00 hrs

Councillors Present:

S Westwood, Chairman L Bamsey S Hill-Wheeler L Roberts
M Allsop, Vice Chairman R Selwood J Sprules

Others in Attendance: 3 members of the public and 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

25.151 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were RECEIVED from Councillors Coffey and Neighbour

25.152 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

The following Declaration of Interest was made:

Name	Min Ref	Type	Nature of Interest	Action
Cllr Hill-Wheeler	25.158c	Non-Pecuniary	PL/2025/09811 – application for a neighbouring property	Did not take part in discussions and did not vote

No dispensation requests were received.

25.153 Chairman's Announcements

Sadly, Councillor Chalker has resigned from the Parish Council. Thanks were given to Councillor Chalker for all her work for the Council, in particular with the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group and managing speed indicator devices.

A Community Emergency Awareness Training session run by the Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity will be taking place at the Jubilee Club House at 7pm on Monday 26 January, covering topics such as CPR, defibrillators, choking and bleeding. Anyone wishing to attend should email the Parish Administrator at council@lydiardmillicent-pc.gov.uk to register.

25.154 Minutes

Members CONSIDERED the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 4 December 2025. The minutes of the meeting were ADOPTED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25.155 Wiltshire Councillor Update

Wiltshire Councillor Matthews advised that the application for 56 houses at Meadow Springs was refused by the case officer, with many of the reasons for refusal originating from information provided by residents in their representations which demonstrates the importance of public participation in consultations and having a current neighbourhood plan which also featured in the case officer's report.

An extraordinary meeting of the Area Board is taking place on Tuesday 20 January at 6.30pm at the Memorial Hall in Royal Wootton Bassett in response to the announcement of the planned closure of household recycling centres in Lower Compton and Purton. Cabinet members will be present to take questions, and all members of the public are encouraged to attend. Given the limited parking spaces at the Memorial Hall, car sharing wherever possible is preferred.

At a cabinet meeting held on Wednesday this week, two proposals were voted against; the disposal of a multi-storey car park in Trowbridge and a proposal to introduce a council tax premium on second homes in Wiltshire.

25.156 **Financial Accounts**

- a. Members NOTED the Payments List reference "Finance Report 8 January 2026 – Expenditure" attached as Appendix 6a in the amount of £7,394.85 (ex. VAT).
- b. Members APPROVED payments reference "Finance Report 8 January 2026 – Payments for Approval" attached as Appendix 6a in the amount of £638.76 (ex. VAT).
- c. Members NOTED the Income Report to 30 November 2025 reference "Finance Report 8 January 2026 – Income Summary" attached as Appendix 6a in the amount of £95,233.88.
- d. Members APPROVED the Cash and Investment Reconciliation statement for the Unity Trust Bank as at 30 November 2025 with a closing balance of £32,715.64.
- e. Members APPROVED the Bank Statement for the Unity Trust Bank as at 30 November 2025 with a closing balance of £32,715.64.
- f. Members APPROVED the Cash and Investment Reconciliation statement for the Public Sector Deposit Fund as at 30 November 2025 with a closing balance of £71,766.39.
- g. Members APPROVED the Statement of Account for the Public Sector Deposit fund as at 4 November 2025 with a closing balance of £71,766.39.
- h. Members APPROVED the Cash and Investment Reconciliation statement for the Lloyds Charge Card as at 30 November 2025 with a closing balance of £0.00.
- i. Members APPROVED the Charge Card statement for the Lloyds Charge Card as at 27 October 2025 with a closing balance of £208.86.
- j. Members APPROVED an expenditure of up to £500.00 (five hundred pounds) (ex. VAT) for the Clerk to purchase a new office computer along with any associated new equipment required. Costs to be met from the office equipment budget.
- k. Members AUTHORISED an increase in credit limit for the Lloyds Charge Card from £500 to £750.
- l. Members APPROVED an expenditure of £2,137.50 (two thousand, one hundred and thirty-seven pounds 50p) (no VAT payable) as the Council's contribution towards the LHFIG Common Platt pedestrian priority scheme. Costs to be met from Ear Marked Reserve 322 Highways / LHFIG.
- m. Members APPROVED an expenditure of £350 (three hundred and fifty pounds) (ex. VAT) to remove a fallen ash tree and ivy bush at the recreation field, and to remove all arisings. Costs to be met from General Reserves. Councillor Hill-Wheeler asked if a replacement tree could be planted. This will be explored as part of the planting works due to take place on Lydiard Green.

Draft 2026-2027 Budget

- 25.157a Members RESOLVED to set a budget of £95,174 (ninety-five thousand, one hundred and seventy-four pounds) for the financial year 2026/2027.
- 25.157b Members RESOLVED to make a precept demand of £73,293 (seventy-three thousand, two hundred and ninety-three pounds) for the financial year 2026/2027, an increase of £9.92 (11.60%) for a band D property. It was highlighted that this increase was largely due to the expenditure necessary to update the Lydiard Millicent Neighbourhood Plan. Members
- 25.157c RESOLVED that an update on the 2026-2027 precept demand should be included in the Lydiards Magazine and online initially, with a more detailed view to be included in a Spring newsletter.

Planning Applications

Members RECEIVED a report from Planning Group B.

Application: PL/2025/09280 – Full Planning Permission	Applicant: Mrs A Broome
Address: 11 Lydiard Green, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LP	Closing Date: 9 Jan (Ext. for LMPC)
Proposal: Erection of timber shed to provide a combined shelter/feed and bedding store for livestock and associated works.	

25.158a	Members RESOLVED to COMMENT on the application requesting that should permission be granted, the planning officer considers imposing the following conditions: • that permitted development rights to residential or commercial use be excluded • limiting the use to agricultural only and, • that no development, work or activities are to be carried out which would affect or prejudice the existing boundary hedge between the land and the Village Green which must be retained.
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2 members of the public left the meeting.

25.158b	Application: PL/2025/09798 – Householder Planning Permission Applicant: Richardson Address: 30 The Beeches, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LT Closing Date: 19 January Proposal: Proposed single storey rear, kitchen side & garage side extension
	Members RESOLVED to make NO COMMENT.

25.158c	Application: PL/2025/09811 – Householder Planning Permission Applicant: Mr Thomas Address: Johannes Close, Lydiard Green, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LP Closing Date: 19 January Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing garages and erection of single storey side and rear extensions
	Members RESOLVED to make NO COMMENT.

25.158d	Proposal: PL/2025/09752 – Lawful Development – Existing Use Applicant: Mr Hobbs Address: The Stables, Stonehouse Farm, 37, Stone Lane, SN5 3LD Closing Date: 21 January Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for continued use of the Stables as a separate dwelling
	Members RESOLVED to make NO COMMENT.

25.158e	Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council decisions:
	Application: PL/2025/04816 – Lawful development: Existing use Applicant: Mr R Morse Address: Countrywide Ltd, Unit 4, Greatfield Farm, Greatfield, SN4 8EQ Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the change of use from Agricultural use to Class B8 Storage and distribution WC Approved
	Application: PL/2025/04818 – Lawful development: Existing use Applicant: Mr R Morse Address: Haines Fencing & Landscaping, Storage Land, Greatfield Farm, Greatfield, SN4 8EQ Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the change of use from Agricultural use to Class B8 Storage and distribution WC Approved
	Application: PL/2024/05448 – Full Planning Permission Applicant: Mr & Mrs Badhan Address: Badhan Manor, Wood Lane, Braydon, Swindon, SN5 0AH Proposal: Change of use of land to equestrian, with erection of stables and formation of a new vehicular access. Change of use of land to residential to enlarge the garden at Badhan Manor, and re-siting of the existing vehicular access WC Approved with Conditions
	Application: PL/2025/04820 - Lawful development: Existing use Applicant: Mr R Morse Address: RAM Vehicle & Plant Repairs Ltd, Unit 1 Greatfield Farm, Greatfield, SN4 8EQ Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the change of use from Agricultural use to Class B2 Vehicle repairs WC Approved
	Application: PL/2025/04819 - Lawful development: Existing use Applicant: Mr R Morse Address: RAM Fencing Ltd, Storage Land 5, Greatfield Farm, Greatfield, SN4 8EQ Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the change of use from Agricultural use to Class B8 Storage and distribution WC Approved
	Application: PL/2025/04817 - Lawful development: Existing use Applicant: Mr R Morse Address: Down to Earth Ltd, Storage Land 2 and 4, Greatfield Farm, Greatfield, SN4 8EQ Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the change of use from Agricultural use to Class B8 Storage and distribution WC Approved
	Application: PL/2025/04815 - Lawful development: Existing use Applicant: Mr R Morse Address: Ace Scaffolding Ltd, Storage Land 3 Portacabin, Greatfield Farm, Greatfield, SN4 8EQ

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the change of use from Agricultural use to Class B8 Storage and distribution	WC Approved
Application: PL/2025/06259 – Full Planning Permission Address: Godwins Farm, Greatfield, SN4 8EQ Proposal: Erection of roofing over a livestock gathering area and concrete yard renewal	Applicant: CL & MC Saunders WC Approved with Conditions
Application: PL/2024/06287 – Full Planning Permission Address: Land at Greensend, Lydiard Green, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LP Proposal: Completion of one existing redundant dwelling and erection of one new dwelling	Applicant: Owen James Properties WC Refused
Application: PL/2025/03211 – Outline Planning Permission Some Matters Reserved Address: Land off Meadow Springs, Lydiard Millicent Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access for residential development to provide up to 56 dwellings, public open space, and associated access, drainage and landscaping works	Applicant: Greatworth Property Mgrs WC Refused
Application: PL/2025/07005 - Lawful development: Existing use Address: Cotswold Heights, Greenhill, Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon, SN4 8EH Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for continued use of land to the rear of Cotswold Heights as residential garden.	Applicant: Mr & Mrs Knight WC Approved

25.159 **Clerk's Report**

Members NOTED the report and RESOLVED to close the following items:

25.128 - Council and community representatives (Neighbourhood Policing Team meeting attendance)

25.136 - Financial accounts (cricket pitch maintenance)

25.143 – Jubilee Club House water supply

25.146a – Wiltshire Council Community Governance Review

Members RECEIVED an update from the Clerk:

PQT 2 October – further information has been received and costs are expected to be put to Council in February. The Clerk will explore funding opportunities.

25.142 – Jubilee Club House springer replacement – order has been placed and installation is expected by the end of February.

25.160 **Lydiard Plain Tenancy**

Members NOTED the correspondence. After discussions, Members RESOLVED to correspond with the proposed new tenant and AUTHORISED the Clerk to investigate support options for creating a formal lease agreement.

Wiltshire Council Community Governance Review (CGR)

- 25.161a Members NOTED meeting notes. Standing Orders were SUSPENDED for public comment
25.161b and REINSTATED before Members discussed further. Members RESOLVED to formally respond to the CGR committee to advise that the Council wishes to conserve the parish's predominately rural character. The Council wishes to retain the current boundary at the eastern area of the parish, and also considered if bringing Greatfield Nurseries and Swindon Caravan Centre being brought into the parish would be appropriate. The Council would also be open to including more dwellings outside of the main built up area to the south west of Purton such as Restrop, Bagbury Lane and Wood Lane if it was felt that they would benefit by moving to a more rural parish.

Closure of Purton Household Recycling Centre

- 25.162a Standing Orders were SUSPENDED for public comment and were REINSTATED before
25.162b Members discussed further. Members RESOLVED to issue a statement confirming the Council's dissatisfaction at the proposal and encouraging members to attend the extraordinary Area Board meeting, online.

Grant Awarding Policy and Application Form Guidelines

25.163a Members ADOPTED the Grant Awarding Policy subject to the following changes:

Process point 7 “Funds will normally only be released on production of invoices and receipt should be properly confirmed” to be amended to “The production of invoices may be required to verify spend”.

Process point 8 “Any unused monies should be returned to the Parish Council” to be amended to “Any unused monies may be returned to the Parish Council”.

Application condition 1m “Membership of the group are residents from Lydiard, but the activities mainly take place outside of Lydiard Millicent” to be removed.

25.163b Members APPROVED the Grant Awarding Application Form Guidelines as presented.

25.164 Cricket – New Team Request

Members NOTED the report and AGREED to accommodate Stratton Cricket Club for 7 Thursday matches between May and August.

25.165 Council and Community Representatives

Members RECEIVED the following updates:

Area Board – Councillor Allsop

Extraordinary meeting of the Area Board will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 20 January at the Memorial Hall in Royal Wootton Bassett.

Community Carers Group – Councillor Hill-Wheeler

Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 January

Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Allsop

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well and the next Steering Group meeting is on Wednesday 14 January.

Meeting Closed at 20.46hrs

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Finance Report 5 February 2026

Item 6a

EXPENDITURE

Supplier	Invoice Number	Date	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Paid	Method
Betterclean	3239	31 Dec 26	December JCH Cleaning	453.58	90.72	544.30	12 Jan 26	BP
B Online	2073381	01 Jan 26	Broadband	31.95	6.39	38.34	14 Jan 26	DD
British Gas	13589825	13 Jan 26	JCH Electricity	74.06	3.70	77.76	27 Jan 26	DD
Business Waste	1915867	01 Jan 26	JCH / Cemetery Waste	76.74	15.34	92.08	14 Jan 26	DD
Castle Water	8771766	07 Jan 26	JCH Water	91.40	0.00	91.40	21 Jan 26	DD
Castle Water	8772642	07 Jan 26	Cemetery Water	5.73	0.00	5.73	21 Jan 26	DD
Compass Boiler Services	4995	15 Dec 25	Boiler Service & Gas Check	180.00	36.00	216.00	12 Jan 26	BP
Corona	19791324	06 Jan 26	JCH Gas	306.27	15.31	321.58	12 Jan 26	BP
Cotswold Tree Surgery	1648	19 Jan 26	Rec Field Tree Works	450.00	90.00	540.00	26 Jan 26	BP
EE	2428439071	13 Jan 26	Clerk Mobile	20.66	4.13	24.79	21 Jan 26	DD
Everflow	5061314	08 Jan 26	JCH Water - 2 Months	228.72	0.00	228.72	16 Jan 26	DD
HMRC	n/a	05 Jan 26	Tax & NI - December	430.83	0.00	430.83	15 Jan 26	BP
Inception	4004104	15 Dec 25	November / December Printing	37.36	7.47	44.83	14 Jan 26	DD
Keith Griffin	n/a	13 Dec 25	Portable Appliance Testing	66.00	0.00	66.00	12 Jan 26	BP
Kevin Thompson	2025021	17 Dec 25	End of Season Cricket Maint.	332.50	0.00	332.50	12 Jan 26	BP
Lloyds Bank	n/a	29 Dec 25	Charge Card Fees	3.00	0.00	3.00	12 Jan 26	DD
Master Land & Planning	25002/2B2	20 Jan 26	NP Consultant - Step 4, 5 & 6	1,818.00	363.60	2,181.60	26 Jan 26	BP
Nest Pensions	n/a	29 Jan 26	Jan Clerk Pension	63.05	0.00	63.05	29 Jan 26	DD
Open Spaces Society	79390	01 Jan 26	Annual Subscription Fees	45.00	0.00	45.00	12 Jan 26	BP
Peninsula	5402915	08 Jan 26	HR	106.64	20.14	126.78	08 Jan 26	DD
Post Office	n/a	08 Dec 26	Postage Stamps	6.96	0.00	6.96	08 Dec 26	CC
Staff	n/a	29 Jan 26	Staff Salaries - January	2,010.85	0.00	2,010.85	29 Jan 26	BP
Three Business Services	44058	14 Dec 26	December Staff SIM Contracts	9.10	1.82	10.92	13 Jan 26	DD
Webybooks	108398100	10 Dec 25	VAT Book (CiLCA)	15.26	0.00	15.26	12 Jan 26	BP
Wellers	838711	12 Jan 26	Legal Fees	473.00	70.00	543.00	26 Jan 26	BP

Expenditure 7,336.66 724.62 8,061.28

Payments for Approval

DM Payroll	4979	14 Jan 26	Payroll / Pension Administration	114.00	22.80	136.80		
Mel Allsop	n/a	11 Jan 26	Mileage Exp - Planning Appeal	18.90	0.00	18.90		

132.90 22.80 155.70

LMPC Income Summary	2025-2026	Received 31/12/2025
Category	Amount	
Cemetery Burials	£1,017.00	
Exclusive Rights	£1,706.50	

Cemetery Memorials	£214.00
Community Field	£515.52
Cricket	£3,652.50
Defra	£784.92
Field and Hall Hire	£566.00
Football	£7,114.50
Lydiard Plain Rental	£1,000.00
Grants	
PSDF Income	£2,264.12
Wayleave	£12.00

Total £18,847.06

Precept £67,055.00

Vat Refund 24/25 £10,612.39

Total £96,514.45

Lydiard Millicent Parish Council

Bank - Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 December 2025

Confirmed Bank & Investment Balances

Bank Statement Balances

31/12/2025	The Public Sector Deposit Fund	72,001.12
31/12/2025	Unity Bank **873	25,559.39
31/12/2025	Lloyds Charge Card	0.00

97,560.51

Receipts not on Bank Statement

0.00

Closing Balance

97,560.51

All Cash & Bank Accounts

2	The Public Sector Deposit Fund	72,001.12
3	Unity Bank	25,559.39
5	Lloyds Charge Card	0.00

Other Cash & Bank Balances

0.00

Total Cash & Bank Balances

97,560.51

Members are requested to NOTE this report and CONSIDER the recommendations.

Background

Financial Regulations 6.6 and 6.7 state:

6.6. For each financial year the RFO may draw up a schedule of regular payments due in relation to a continuing contract or obligation (such as Salaries, PAYE, National Insurance, pension contributions, rent, rates, regular maintenance contracts and similar items), which the council may authorise in advance for the year.

6.8. A list of such payments shall be reported to the next appropriate meeting of the council for information only.

A list of regular payments made by the Council was presented and approved in the parish meeting held on 4 September 2025 (min. ref. 25.71j). Since this time, the water supply for the Jubilee Club House has moved to Everflow, the Council have approved expenditure for DM Payroll to administer the Clerk's pension and Microshade's monthly hosting fees have increased. The regular payments list approved by the Council in September 2025 is as below:

Company	£ (inc VAT)	Method	Frequency	Service
Betterclean Services	Variable	Bank Payment	Monthly	Cleaning JCH
British Gas	Variable	Direct Debit	Monthly	Electricity
B.Online	41.33	Direct Debit	Monthly	Broadband
Business Waste – JCH	Variable	Direct Debit	Monthly	Waste Collection
Business Waste - Cemetery	Variable	Direct Debit	Monthly	Waste Collection
Castle Water - JCH	Variable	Direct Debit	Monthly	Water Rates
Castle Water - Cemetery	Variable	Direct Debit	Monthly	Water Rates
Corona Energy	Variable	Direct Debit	Monthly	Gas
DM Payroll	78.00	Bank Payment	Bi-Annual	Payroll
EE Mobile	Variable	Direct Debit	Monthly	Clerk Mobile
HMRC – NI & PAYE	Variable	Bank Payment	Monthly	Staff NI & PAYE
ICO Renewals	47.00	Direct Debit	Annual	Data Protection
Inception	Variable	Direct Debit	Monthly	Photocopier/Printer
Initial	Variable	Bank Payment	As Required	JCH Janitorial
John O'Conner	1146.87	Bank Payment	Monthly	Grounds Maint.
Lloyds Charge Card	Variable	Direct Debit	Monthly	Charge Card Fee and Spend
Microshade	180.38	Direct Debit	Monthly	Hosting fees
Nest	Variable	Direct Debit	Monthly	Clerk Pension
Rialtas	Variable	Bank Payment	Annual	Cemetery & Alpha License & Support
Peninsula	126.78	Direct Debit	Monthly	HR Services
Salaries	Variable	Bank Payment	Monthly	Staff
Three Business Services	10.45	Direct Debit	Monthly	Staff Mobiles
X-Net	Variable	Bank Payment	Annual	Website/Emails
Wiltshire Council	99.00	Direct Debit	Monthly	Business Rates

Recommendation

Members are requested to APPROVE the following changes:

- Change JCH water supply from Castle Water to Everflow
- Include a bi-annual bank payment of £36.00 to DM Payroll Services for pension administration
- Increase the monthly direct debit to Microshade for hosting fees to £219.38.

Members are requested to NOTE the fees and charges change which come into effect on 1 February 2026.

Service	Current Price	New price
Monthly Account fee	£6.00 per month	£7.00 per month
Cash deposits (per £100*)	60p (Post Office)	70p (Post Office and NatWest)
	50p (NatWest)	
Cheque deposits	30p each	40p each
Bacs	14p per transaction	15p per transaction
Bulk Faster Payments	30p per transaction	25p per transaction
International payments	£24.00	£20.00
CHAPS	£28.00	£25.00

Summary Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/12/2025

Cost Centre Report

		Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
101	General Administration						
	Income	69,331	70,317	986			98.6%
	Expenditure	36,720	52,185	15,465		15,465	70.4%
	Net Income over Expenditure	<u>32,611</u>	<u>18,132</u>	<u>(14,479)</u>			
	plus Transfer from EMR	0	0	0			
	less Transfer to EMR	0	0	0			
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>32,611</u>	<u>18,132</u>	<u>(14,479)</u>			
102	Grants						
	Expenditure	700	750	50		50	93.3%
104	Democratic Activites						
	Expenditure	530	0	(530)		(530)	0.0%
	plus Transfer from EMR	530	0	(530)			
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			
201	Cemetery						
	Income	2,938	3,500	563			83.9%
	Expenditure	994	1,278	284		284	77.8%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>1,943</u>					
301	Recreation Field & JCH						
	Income	466	500	34			93.2%
	Expenditure	21,388	19,910	(1,478)		(1,478)	107.4%
	Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(20,922)</u>	<u>(19,410)</u>	<u>1,512</u>			
	plus Transfer from EMR	1,745	0	(1,745)			
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(19,177)</u>	<u>(19,410)</u>	<u>(233)</u>			
303	Play Area						
	Expenditure	283	1,964	1,681		1,681	14.4%
	plus Transfer from EMR	0	0	0			
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(283)</u>	<u>(1,964)</u>	<u>(1,681)</u>			
304	Cricket						
	Income	3,653	3,150	(503)			116.0%
	Expenditure	2,027	2,451	424		424	82.7%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>1,626</u>					
305	Football						
	Income	7,115	8,250	1,136			86.2%
	Expenditure	0	2,428	2,428		2,428	0.0%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>7,115</u>					
401	Highways & Open Spaces						
	Income	516	1,540	1,024			33.5%
	Expenditure	3,393	5,835	2,442		2,442	58.1%
	Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(2,877)</u>	<u>(4,295)</u>	<u>(1,418)</u>			
	plus Transfer from EMR	1,955	0	(1,955)			
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(923)</u>	<u>(4,295)</u>	<u>(3,372)</u>			
501	Lydiard Plain						
	Income	1,785	1,784	(1)			100.1%
	Expenditure	408	350	(58)		(58)	116.7%
	Net Income over Expenditure	<u>1,377</u>	<u>1,434</u>	<u>57</u>			
	plus Transfer from EMR	250	0	(250)			
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>1,627</u>	<u>1,434</u>	<u>(193)</u>			

Summary Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/12/2025

Cost Centre Report

		Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
702	Neighbourhood Plan						
	Income	0	7,110	7,110			0.0%
	Expenditure	5,725	0	(5,725)		(5,725)	0.0%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(5,725)</u>					
Grand Totals:- Income		85,802	96,151	10,349			89.2%
Expenditure		72,169	87,151	14,982	0	14,982	82.8%
Net Income over Expenditure		<u>13,633</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>(4,633)</u>			
plus Transfer from EMR		4,480	0	(4,480)			
less Transfer to EMR		0	0	0			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve		<u>18,113</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>(9,113)</u>			

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/12/2025

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
101 General Administration							
1000 Precept	67,055	67,055	0			100.0%	
1015 Interest	2,264	3,250	986			69.7%	
1020 Other	12	12	0			100.0%	
General Administration :- Income	69,331	70,317	986			98.6%	0
4000 Staff Salary	17,943	27,160	9,217		9,217	66.1%	
4001 Mileage	50	70	20		20	72.0%	
4006 Telephones / Broadband	569	790	221		221	72.0%	
4007 Tax & NI	3,681	2,854	(827)		(827)	129.0%	
4008 Home Working Allowance	162	216	54		54	75.0%	
4010 Training / Conferences	1,057	1,500	444		444	70.4%	
4011 Subscriptions	711	870	159		159	81.7%	
4012 Books & Journals	0	50	50		50	0.0%	
4014 Non Salary	397	0	(397)		(397)	0.0%	
4020 Chairman - Expenses	45	100	55		55	45.4%	
4021 Refreshments	22	25	3		3	86.4%	
4022 Office Equipment	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4032 Printing and Lease	424	500	76		76	84.7%	
4034 Postage	14	30	16		16	47.2%	
4035 Stationery Sundries	48	200	152		152	24.2%	
4036 Advertising & Parish Magazine	0	375	375		375	0.0%	
4051 Audit Fees	930	930	0		0	100.0%	
4052 Insurance	1,778	1,620	(158)		(158)	109.7%	
4053 Web Hosting & Domain Name	1,934	1,830	(104)		(104)	105.7%	
4054 Legal Fees	4,565	1,750	(2,815)		(2,815)	260.9%	
4055 Professional Fees	1,218	9,160	7,942		7,942	13.3%	
4057 Bank Service Charges	123	200	77		77	61.6%	
4064 Software Packages	493	555	62		62	88.8%	
4065 Events	510	850	340		340	60.0%	
4071 Registrations / Licences	47	50	3		3	94.0%	
General Administration :- Indirect Expenditure	36,720	52,185	15,465	0	15,465	70.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	32,611	18,132	(14,479)				
102 Grants							
4136 Grants & Donations	700	750	50		50	93.3%	
Grants :- Indirect Expenditure	700	750	50	0	50	93.3%	0
Net Expenditure	(700)	(750)	(50)				

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/12/2025

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
104 Democratic Activities							
4026 Election Fees	530	0	(530)		(530)	0.0%	530
Democratic Activities :- Indirect Expenditure	530	0	(530)	0	(530)		530
Net Expenditure	(530)	0	530				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	530	0	(530)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	0	0				
201 Cemetery							
1011 Grants of Right	1,707	1,000	(707)			170.7%	
1012 Interments	1,017	1,500	483			67.8%	
1013 Memorials	214	1,000	786			21.4%	
Cemetery :- Income	2,938	3,500	563			83.9%	0
4003 Water	56	65	9		9	85.9%	
4101 Grass Cutting	509	424	(85)		(85)	120.0%	
4105 Parish Maintenance	330	500	170		170	65.9%	
4111 Tree / Hedge Works	0	289	289		289	0.0%	
4142 Cemetery Services	100	0	(100)		(100)	0.0%	
Cemetery :- Indirect Expenditure	994	1,278	284	0	284	77.8%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	1,943	2,222	279				
301 Recreation Field & JCH							
1007 Hire	466	500	34			93.2%	
Recreation Field & JCH :- Income	466	500	34			93.2%	0
4002 Business Rates etc	887	1,250	363		363	70.9%	
4003 Water	1,324	930	(394)		(394)	142.4%	
4004 Electricity	639	1,180	541		541	54.1%	
4005 Gas	1,400	1,700	300		300	82.3%	
4009 CCTV	0	635	635		635	0.0%	
4070 Inspections	684	550	(134)		(134)	124.4%	62
4101 Grass Cutting	7,883	4,728	(3,155)		(3,155)	166.7%	
4105 Parish Maintenance	462	635	173		173	72.7%	
4111 Tree / Hedge Works	0	292	292		292	0.0%	
4120 JCH - Cleaning	3,973	5,360	1,387		1,387	74.1%	
4121 Janitorial Supplies	1,006	1,400	394		394	71.8%	
4122 Building Maintenance	3,052	1,000	(2,052)		(2,052)	305.2%	1,683
4124 Handyman Requirements	79	250	171		171	31.7%	
Recreation Field & JCH :- Indirect Expenditure	21,388	19,910	(1,478)	0	(1,478)	107.4%	1,745
Net Income over Expenditure	(20,922)	(19,410)	1,512				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	1,745	0	(1,745)				

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Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(19,177)	(19,410)	(233)				
303 Play Area							
4070 Inspections	0	150	150		150	0.0%	
4101 Grass Cutting	0	314	314		314	0.0%	
4130 Play Equipment - New	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4131 Play Equipment - Maintenance	283	500	217		217	56.6%	
Play Area :- Indirect Expenditure	283	1,964	1,681	0	1,681	14.4%	0
Net Expenditure	(283)	(1,964)	(1,681)				
304 Cricket							
1007 Hire	3,653	3,150	(503)			116.0%	
Cricket :- Income	3,653	3,150	(503)			116.0%	0
4101 Grass Cutting	0	701	701		701	0.0%	
4312 Maintenance of Cricket Square	2,027	1,750	(277)		(277)	115.8%	
Cricket :- Indirect Expenditure	2,027	2,451	424	0	424	82.7%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	1,626	699	(927)				
305 Football							
1007 Hire	7,115	8,250	1,136			86.2%	
Football :- Income	7,115	8,250	1,136			86.2%	0
4101 Grass Cutting	0	1,751	1,751		1,751	0.0%	
4126 Pitch Marking	0	677	677		677	0.0%	
Football :- Indirect Expenditure	0	2,428	2,428	0	2,428	0.0%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	7,115	5,822	(1,293)				
401 Highways & Open Spaces							
4141 Rental Community Field	516	1,540	1,024			33.5%	
Highways & Open Spaces :- Income	516	1,540	1,024			33.5%	0
4100 Equipment & Repairs	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
4101 Grass Cutting	1,166	1,120	(46)		(46)	104.1%	
4105 Parish Maintenance	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
4106 Bus Shelter Cleaning	0	165	165		165	0.0%	
4109 Street Furniture - New	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
4111 Tree / Hedge Works	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4127 Holborn Footpath	250	250	0		0	100.0%	

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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4129 Community Field	704	1,000	296		296	70.4%	685
4139 Lydiard Green	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4140 Speed Indicator Devices SIDS	1,273	0	(1,273)		(1,273)	0.0%	1,270
Highways & Open Spaces :- Indirect Expenditure	3,393	5,835	2,442	0	2,442	58.1%	1,955
Net Income over Expenditure	(2,877)	(4,295)	(1,418)				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	1,955	0	(1,955)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(923)	(4,295)	(3,372)				
501 Lydiard Plain							
1002 Rental	1,000	1,000	0			100.0%	
1003 Grants	785	784	(1)			100.1%	
Lydiard Plain :- Income	1,785	1,784	(1)			100.1%	0
4055 Professional Fees	158	350	192		192	45.2%	
4105 Parish Maintenance	250	0	(250)		(250)	0.0%	250
Lydiard Plain :- Indirect Expenditure	408	350	(58)	0	(58)	116.7%	250
Net Income over Expenditure	1,377	1,434	57				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	250	0	(250)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	1,627	1,434	(193)				
702 Neighbourhood Plan							
1003 Grants	0	7,110	7,110			0.0%	
Neighbourhood Plan :- Income	0	7,110	7,110			0.0%	0
4032 Printing and Lease	108	0	(108)		(108)	0.0%	
4055 Professional Fees	5,617	0	(5,617)		(5,617)	0.0%	
Neighbourhood Plan :- Indirect Expenditure	5,725	0	(5,725)	0	(5,725)		0
Net Income over Expenditure	(5,725)	7,110	12,835				
Grand Totals:- Income	85,802	96,151	10,349			89.2%	
Expenditure	72,169	87,151	14,982	0	14,982	82.8%	
Net Income over Expenditure	13,633	9,000	(4,633)				
plus Transfer from EMR	4,480	0	(4,480)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	18,113	9,000	(9,113)				

Earmarked Reserves

Account	Opening Balance	Net Transfers	Closing Balance
320 EMR Footpaths	4,702.41	-3,500.00	1,202.41
321 EMR Handyman Equipment	1,499.83		1,499.83
322 EMR Highways - LHFIG	5,970.40	0.00	5,970.40
323 EMR JCH Repairs	1,592.07	-244.84	1,347.23
324 EMR Office Equipment	2,397.49	-1,500.00	897.49
325 EMR Parish Projects	3,371.00	-935.00	2,436.00
326 EMR St Funiture/Play Equipment	3,157.00	3,500.00	6,657.00
327 EMR War Memorial Clock ONLY	5,732.49		5,732.49
328 EMR Election Fees	1,150.00	-530.00	620.00
330 EMR CIL	5,085.43	-1,269.87	3,815.56
	34,658.12	-4,479.71	30,178.41

23.204 Footpath Working Group

The hedging that denotes Lydiard Green and the neighbouring farmland has gaps in places. There is no right of access onto this private land at any of these points. There are three pillboxes on/surrounding the Green, only one of which is on the Village Green itself. Once the information boards have been put in situ, it is possible that members of the public may try and access the private land area. Members RESOLVED to spend up to £1000 to plant new hedging and replacement trees, met from Ear Marked Reserves set aside for Footpaths/Lydiard Green. UPDATE: New hedging has been planted by the Working Group. Replacement tree species next to be identified. FURTHER UPDATE: Remaining budget for trees is £717.00. Replacement tree species identified and Members are asked to give delegated authority to the Footpath Working Group to purchase three trees and plant. Members should also consider planting a tree at the Recreation Field to replace the tree that split and was felled in January.

PQT 2 October – Common Platt Defibrillator

A resident asked for the Council to consider installing a defibrillator in Common Platt as the nearest ones are some distance away (Peatmoor and Lydiard Millicent village). The Council agreed that the Clerk should explore this including approaching Purton PC as a possible joint venture. UPDATE: Purton Parish Council considered the proposal in their meeting held on 13 Oct but they do not have funding to support a defibrillator in Common Platt at this time. The Clerk will explore grant funding opportunities. FURTHER UPDATE: Costs for a solar / wind powered cabinet have been received which may be cost prohibitive, so it is now being established if a mains connection is possible next to the parish noticeboard, SEN are preparing a quote. WC have confirmed the process for requesting approval for installation on the public highway and contact has been made with the South Western Ambulance Service officer who manages the defib at the Parish Hall for advice. MEETING UPDATE: further information has been received and costs are expected to be put to Council in February. The Clerk will explore funding opportunities. FURTHER UPDATE: Agenda item.

25.125 Holborn Footpath Bicycle Access

Members RESOLVED that the Clerk should investigate the feasibility of a bicycle trough being installed at the steps at Holborn. FURTHER UPDATE: Agenda item.

25.142 – Jubilee Club House Play Area Springer Replacement

Members RESOLVED to accept a quote of £1,650.00 (ex. VAT) to install a replacement springer at the Jubilee Club House Play Area, with the selection of springer design delegated to the Parish Clerk following consultation with local parents. MEETING UPDATE: Order has been placed and installation is expected by the end of February.

25.156j - Financial Accounts

Members APPROVED an expenditure of up to £500.00 (five hundred pounds) (ex. VAT) for the Clerk to purchase a new office computer along with any associated new equipment required. Costs to be met from the office equipment budget.

25.156m - Financial Accounts

Members APPROVED an expenditure of £350 (three hundred and fifty pounds) (ex. VAT) to remove a fallen ash tree and ivy bush at the recreation field, and to remove all arisings. Costs to be met from General Reserves. Councillor Hill-Wheeler asked if a replacement tree could be planted. This will be explored as part of the planting works due to take place on Lydiard Green. UPDATE: Work took place on 16 January. Recommendation to CLOSE.

25.160 - Lydiard Plain Tenancy

Members NOTED the correspondence. After discussions, Members RESOLVED to correspond with the proposed new tenant and AUTHORISED the Clerk to investigate support options for creating a formal lease agreement. UPDATE: Agenda item.

25.162b - Closure of Purton Household Recycling Centre

Members RESOLVED to issue a statement confirming the Council's dissatisfaction at the proposal and encouraging members to attend the extraordinary Area Board meeting, online. UPDATE: Statement issued. Recommendation to CLOSE.

We are pleased to announce that Wiltshire Council has launched Digital Wiltshire, a new online platform designed to keep residents, businesses, and stakeholders informed about the rollout of gigabit-capable broadband across Wiltshire North and South, South Gloucestershire, and Swindon.

Digital Wiltshire also includes a simple mobile ‘not spot’ reporting tool, which we strongly encourage you and your community to use. Identifying areas with poor mobile coverage is vital for improving connectivity and ensuring reliable communication—especially during emergencies.

As parish and town clerks, you play a central role in local emergency planning, acting as the primary point of contact during incidents and coordinating community response. Your insight is invaluable—particularly during this initial testing phase, where gathering accurate data on mobile ‘not spots’ will help shape future investment and infrastructure improvements. Many gaps remain unreported, and your local knowledge can make a real difference.

Why Digital Wiltshire matters for your community:

- **Emergency Resilience:** Reliable connectivity is critical for communication during incidents and severe weather events.
- **Protecting Vulnerable Residents:** Many older or isolated residents rely on digital access for health services, social contact, and emergency alerts. Better coverage reduces the risk of exclusion.
- **Inclusive Access:** Ensures rural communities are not left behind in the digital age.
- **Economic Growth:** Strong connectivity supports local businesses and attracts investment.
- **Community Empowerment:** Gives you tools to identify and address connectivity challenges proactively.

Please share this platform widely and report any known coverage issues to help us deliver the best possible service for Wiltshire.

[Digital Wiltshire – Wiltshire Council](#)

Thank you for your continued support in making Wiltshire a more connected, inclusive, and resilient county.

Wiltshire Council Digital Connectivity Team

Inviting participation in the Future Energy Landscapes (FEL) project

Briefing Note No. 26 - 01

Service : *Climate Team*
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Date Prepared: 06/12/2025
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Summary

Wiltshire Council is inviting participation in the Future Energy Landscapes (FEL) project.

The Future Energy Landscapes project explores how Wiltshire can meet future energy needs in a sustainable, locally appropriate, and community-led way; enabling communities to help shape the way energy is produced and used in their area.

Anyone across the county can take part via online surveys and engagement events, even if they're not in a pilot area.

Please help by promoting the project to your constituents, encouraging participation, and attending workshops where possible.

Background

The way energy is generated is changing, with renewable energy often being decentralised, which can both impact and involve local communities. Wiltshire Council's Climate Strategy is supportive of renewable energy generation as part of efficient and environmentally sensitive use of land, and the council is particularly interested in supporting local energy generation that is led and owned by the community. One of the ways the council is doing this is through a project called 'Future Energy Landscapes'. This is not just about meeting net zero targets, it's about creating a future that communities support and benefit from, through an open and accessible process for everyone.

Future Energy Landscapes (FEL), is an engagement process developed by the Centre for Sustainable Energy and fully funded by Ofgem's Redress Fund, which enables communities to start conversations and shape practical solutions for renewable energy and energy efficiency in their local areas. This supports Wiltshire's climate change ambition.

Wiltshire Council is working with the Centre for Sustainable Energy and community energy partners in six pilot areas to develop community-led energy strategies. FEL uses an innovative engagement process to build awareness and social acceptance for renewables, ensuring solutions are practical, inclusive, and reflect local priorities while delivering real benefits. This can also be used to shape neighbourhood plan policies.

The Redress Fund reinvests money from energy companies into projects that could benefit consumers and the environment, helping communities explore energy use and renewable generation. FEL gives communities the information, time, and support to develop their own local energy vision.

The project started working with the first pilot community areas in summer 2024 and will continue with new pilot areas throughout 2026.

Why It matters

Energy generation and use are central to Wiltshire's climate goals and the national drive to increase renewable energy. Rising energy costs mean many households struggle to heat their homes, making affordable, clean energy more important than ever. While public support for renewables is generally high, it often declines when projects are proposed locally, highlighting the need for better engagement. FEL addresses this challenge by working directly with communities to shape solutions that reflect local priorities and landscapes, tackling both climate change and fuel poverty. Councillors play a vital role in connecting residents and stakeholders to this process and ensuring their voices are heard.

Pilot areas

The selection of six pilot areas is based on professional and technical analysis of criteria such as renewable energy potential, grid capacity, as well as the presence and interest of local environmental groups and local councils.

People living or working in these areas can join a workshop to understand more about renewables and start developing a community-led plan or potential project ideas:

- Corsham
- Pewsey and Manningford
- Staverton, Hilperton, Semington and Great Hinton (TBC)
- Tisbury
- Westbury
- Winsley, Holt and Bradford on Avon

However, anyone in Wiltshire can take part in the project via the online survey and engagement events. This is not limited to the residents within the pilot areas, as the impacts and benefits of renewable energy generation do not necessarily align with parish boundaries.

The first workshop took place in Corsham on 3 July 2025 at Corsham Town Hall, followed by Bradford on Avon, Winsley, South Wraxall and Holt on 12 November 2025, and Pewsey and Manningford area on 20 November 2025.

Community partnerships

We are working with Bath and West Community Energy, Nadder Community Energy, and Zero North Wiltshire Community Energy to support community-led renewable projects.

These initiatives help communities to explore renewable energy projects that are community-led and owned; while bringing lasting benefits - from lower bills to reinvestment in local facilities - and are a key part of the [Wiltshire Council's Climate Delivery Plan \(2025\)](#).

Community energy role

Community energy involves local, community-led generation of renewable energy, increasing the availability of green power while reducing pollution and carbon emissions. In the community energy model, the scheme is paid for through a community share offer which provides the opportunity for local residents to buy into the scheme, with a likely return on investment of up to 6%. Once shareholders have received their investment any profits from these projects stay within the community and supports local initiatives and tackling fuel poverty. The Community Energy England [website](#) explains more about community energy, and has a [map](#) showing successful examples.

The government has set a national ambition for 8GW of community energy generation by 2030, contributing to clean power targets and complementing commercial schemes. Building local awareness and involvement in renewable generation is essential to achieving climate goals and delivering social and economic benefits for communities.

What the Future Energy Landscape approach offers

The workshops create space for open, honest dialogue about local energy needs and opportunities. They help build public awareness about renewables, provide opportunity for people to share their opinions and ideas and support residents to consider local energy generation, led and owned by the community.

The workshops, followed by a report, survey and much wider community engagement, aim to provide the community with enough information to decide whether they want to progress with developing a renewable energy generation scheme of their own. In some of the pilot areas there is additional funding to support the community with technical reviews and to decide on one project location to take forward for a full feasibility study through the Great British Energy Community Fund (GBECF).

How councillors can help

- **Promote engagement**
Please share our upcoming press releases and social media content through your networks, newsletters, and social channels. We have a press release and social posts scheduled for January which you can share.
- **Encourage attendance**
Invite residents, businesses, and community groups to attend the workshops and contribute their views.
- **Participate in workshops**
Your presence will demonstrate leadership and help ensure local voices are heard.

- **Provide feedback**

Share any insights from your communities that could inform the project. Share ideas of how best to engage the community in your area, e.g. existing groups, events or communication channels that could be used.

Find out more

- [Wiltshire Council – Renewable Energy](#)
- [Project Announcement press release](#), published June 2025
- [Future Energy Landscapes \(FEL\)](#) – Centre for Sustainable Energy

For any questions, please contact climate@wiltshire.gov.uk

END

Members are requested to AGREE the meeting dates for the forthcoming year.

Meeting	Proposed Date
Annual Meeting of the Council and May Parish Meeting combined	Thurs 7 May 2025
Annual Parish Meeting	Thurs 21 May 2025
June Parish Meeting	Thurs 4 June 2025
July Parish Meeting	Thurs 2 July 2025
September Parish Meeting	Thurs 3 Sept 2025
October Parish Meeting	Thurs 1 Oct 2025
November Parish Meeting	Thurs 5 Nov 2025
December Parish Meeting	Thurs 3 Dec 2025
January Parish Meeting	Thurs 14 Jan 2026
February Parish Meeting	Thurs 4 Feb 2026
March Parish Meeting	Thurs 4 Mar 2026
April Parish Meeting	Thurs 1 Apr 2026

Members are requested to NOTE the report and CONSIDER:

- the proposed content
- volunteering to write an article
- volunteering to assist with distribution
- the quotes received.

Background

In Councillor question time at the Parish Council meeting held on 6 November 2025, Members confirmed they would consider producing a Council Newsletter. The Council have produced several newsletters in the past, distributed to all residents of the parish.

Proposed Content

Ideas for content of the newsletter are:

- Neighbourhood Plan update
- Precept update
- VE Day celebrations
- Rental of Community Field
- JCH hire information
- Church re-ordering
- Dates of 2026/2027 meetings
- Annual Parish Meeting
- LHFIG update
- Flooding update
- Wiltshire Council Community Directory
- Speed Indicator Device solar upgrade
- Parish Hall activity promotion
- Wiltshire Councillor update
- Spotlight on a member of staff / Councillor

Given how much content there is to write, having Members assist in the writing of articles would bring forward the timescales for production.

Distribution

There are c.700 properties throughout the parish, and volunteers would be required to distribute.

Costs

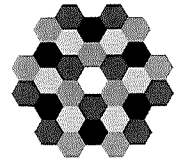
Cost have been received from 3 local printers, and the specification is 700 booklets, A5 colour, 8 page, 120gsm uncoated, staple stitched finish. No VAT payable.

Quote 1	£364.00
Quote 2	£290.00
Quote 3	£391.00

It is also possible to use an online printer, including a file assist service which checks and fixes a finished design and sends a proof, for £109.41 (ex. VAT).

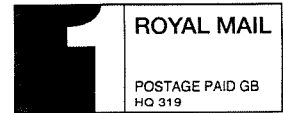
There is currently £375 in the budget line for advertising / parish newsletter.

Hayley Graham
January 2026



The Clerk
Lydiard Millicent Parish Council
Jubilee Club House
Meadow Springs
Lydiard Millicent Swindon
SN5,3NH

Delivered by



Date
20 November 2025

Your ref
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Our ref
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Proprietor/Applicant **Lydiard Millicent Parish Council**

Title number **WT479049**

Property **land on the south side of Lydiard Towers,
Lydiard Green, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon
(SN5 3LP)**

Dear Customer

Your application for first registration of the land has been completed.

I regret that we will not grant absolute title in this instance because the evidence supplied does not establish the events that have resulted in the loss or destruction of the deeds and the history of the title beyond doubt. HM Land Registry needs to bear in mind the possibility, however unlikely, that the deeds may have been deposited as security for a loan or that all or part of the property may have been sold or gifted to a third party, which may expose us to the risk of a claim.

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www.gov.uk/land-registry

You may apply to upgrade this title after 12 years, or earlier, if additional evidence comes to light. The procedure is set out in practice guide 42: upgrading the class of title.

Please note that any part of the land now occupied by numbers 8 Lydiard Green and 11 Lydiard Green has been excluded.

If you would like to discuss this correspondence or require it in an alternative format please contact us, quoting our reference.

Yours faithfully

Sue Saverton
0300 0061299

Up to three addresses for service can be entered in the register. At least one of these must be a postal address, but this does not have to be in the United Kingdom; the other two may be a DX address, a UK or overseas postal address or an email address.

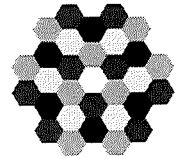
Please let us know at once of any changes to an address for service.

For information on how a property owner can apply to change their contact details or add an address, please see www.gov.uk/government/publications/updating-registered-owners-contact-address on GOV.UK (or search for "COG1") or contact HM Land Registry Customer Support (0300 006 0411) (0300 006 0422 for Welsh speakers service).

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Official copy of register of title

Title number WT479049

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A: Property register

This register describes the land and estate comprised in the title.

WILTSHIRE

- 1 (11.09.2024) The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above title filed at the Registry and being land on the south side of Lydiard Towers, Lydiard Green, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon (SN5 3LP).

B: Proprietorship register

This register specifies the class of title and identifies the owner. It contains any entries that affect the right of disposal.

Title possessory

- 1 (11.09.2024) PROPRIETOR: LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL of Jubilee Club House, Meadow Springs, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon SN5 3NH.
- 2 (11.09.2024) The value stated as at 11 September 2024 was £30,000.

C: Charges register

This register contains any charges and other matters that affect the land.

- 1 (11.09.2024) The land is subject to such restrictive covenants as may have been imposed thereon before 11 September 2024 and are still subsisting and capable of being enforced.
- 2 (11.09.2024) The title as to the land tinted brown and tinted blue on the title plan is subject to a right of way on foot at with vehicles at all times in favour of 8 Lydiard Green. The extent of this right, having been

C: Charges register continued

acquired by prescription, may be limited by the nature of the user from which it has arisen.

NOTE: Copy statutory declaration dated 13 July 2006 made by Jacqueline Susan Pearce filed under WT252267.

- 3 (11.09.2024) The parts of the land affected thereby are subject to the following rights that are granted by an Conveyance of 7 Lydiard Green dated 19 June 1962 made between (1) Ivy Dorothy Mary Ricks and Madeline Elizabeth Smith and (2) Kathleen Mary Pickles (Purchaser) and affect the registered land:-

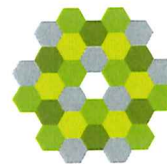
"Together with the right of footway as at present enjoyed to and from the said messuage and premises from the garden into the road leading from the crossroads to Lydiard Millicent over part of the premises belonging to the adjoining owner and coloured brown on the plan annexed hereto.....subject to the right as used by the occupiers of the three messuages at The Green aforesaid to procure water from the well on the property hereby conveyed but the access to the said well shall be by the side gate and around by the road an not across the garden of the property conveyed and subject also to the right for the adjoining owner of number 6 The Green aforesaid to enter upon the property hereby conveyed for the purpose of cutting and trimming the hedge on the west side of the property hereby conveyed which said hedge belongs to the said adjoining property".

NOTE: The road coloured brown referred to is tinted brown on the title plan

End of register

HM Land Registry
Official copy of
title plan

Title number **WT479049**
Ordnance Survey map reference **SU0885NW**
Scale **1:1250** enlarged from 1:2500
Administrative area **Wiltshire**



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This official copy issued on 20 November 2025 shows the state of this title plan on 20 November 2025 at 08:46:29.

It is admissible in evidence to the same extent as the original (s.67 Land Registration Act 2002).

This title plan shows the general position, not the exact line, of the boundaries. It may be subject to distortions in scale. Measurements scaled from this plan may not match measurements between the same points on the ground.

This title is dealt with by HM Land Registry, Weymouth Office.

Members are requested to NOTE the report and CONSIDER the expenditure.

Background

At the Parish Council meeting in November, the Council asked the Clerk to explore the feasibility of installing a bicycle trough to the steps at the Holborn footpath after a resident made a suggestion to do so.

A bicycle trough, or ramp is designed to aid cyclists with their bicycles up and down stairs without the need to carry their bikes, reducing the likelihood of injury or accident.



Troughs are available in galvanized steel or concrete, but for ease of installation and delivery, a steel trough is recommended.

Enquiries into the ownership of the steps have been inconclusive. Wiltshire Council have confirmed they are not part of the public highway. Land Registry has not provided any useful information, and residents of properties adjoining the steps have confirmed they are not in their ownership either. One resident advised that when purchasing his property, his solicitor made him aware that it was unclear who had responsibility for the steps at that time.

As the trough will need to be secured into concrete steps, it will be necessary to hire a heavy duty drill.

Risk

An enquiry has been made with Wiltshire Council as to whether permission for the installation requires any form of permission. At the time of publish, a response has not yet been received and so should the Council wish to proceed, it may want to consider deferring installation until Wiltshire Council have given advice.

Costs

Galvanised sheet steel trough (3 chutes and fixings): £156.75 (ex. VAT)

Hire of an SDS hammer drill and purchase of necessary drill bits: maximum of £50.00 (ex. VAT)

Total cost: maximum of £206.75

Costs to be met by a virement from the following highways and open spaces budget lines to the Holborn footpath budget line:

£200 from the street furniture budget line (£200 available)

£6.75 from the equipment and repairs budget line (£100 available)

Hayley Graham
January 2026

Members are requested to NOTE the report and:

- CONSIDER the options available
- CONSIDER the quotes received
- AUTHORISE the Clerk to make a grant funding application

Background

At the Parish Council meeting in October, a resident suggested that the Council might consider installing a defibrillator in Common Platt given there are none in the immediate area available 24/7. The Council agreed that the Clerk should explore the possibility.

Location

Having discussed with the resident, it was agreed that it would be best positioned in close proximity to the Council noticeboard and post box. Here there is a small lay-by which would enable vehicles to park up to retrieve the defibrillator.

Permission

Northern Highways at Wiltshire Council have confirmed they would have no objection to the defibrillator being placed within the public highway boundary.

Cabinet - Locked / Unlocked

Locking the cabinet will clearly minimise the risk of damage, misuse and theft, but is not recommended as the time taken to acquire the code to unlock the cabinet could be critical in administering first aid to someone in need. However, if the cabinet is not locked, neither the defibrillator nor the cabinet will be covered by the Council's insurers against property damage.

Power Supply

To ensure that the defibrillator is always ready for use, it should be kept in a cabinet with a power supply. SSEN have quoted to provide a power supply at a cost of £3,886.25 inc. VAT.

One company now makes cabinets that are solar and wind powered, allowing the defibrillator to be placed almost anywhere. These cabinets also have space for bleed kids (£75.00 ex. VAT).

Quote 1 (ex. VAT)	Quote 2 (ex. VAT)	Quote 3 (ex. VAT)
£3,200.00	£3,450.00	£3,549.79

The company offering quote 1 will personalise the cabinet with the Council's logo at no extra cost, if required.

The installation costs for this option is as follows:

Metal framework for ground installation	£150.00
Frame installation	£400.00
Groundworks	£550.00

Insulated Cabinets

Many defibrillators are kept in insulated cabinets in the absence of a power supply. These carry a risk that the pads may freeze in low temperatures. The defibrillator's operating temperature is 0°C-50°C, and its storage temperature is -20°C-60°C.

DefibSafe2 Cabinet

This cabinet has an IP66 rating (the highest available) protecting against harsh weather (including dust and water ingress). It has good thermal insulation and is double-skinned for strength and thermal efficiency. The cabinet comes with a 2 year warranty.

Quote 1 (ex. VAT)	Quote 2 (ex. VAT)	Quote 3 (ex. VAT)
£399.00	£491.68	£437.50

iPAD SPR Defibrillator

This defibrillator is an enhanced model of the one currently situated at the Jubilee Club House. It also has an IP66 rating, and has the benefit of both an adult and paediatric mode. The battery has a standby life of up to 5 years and comes with a 4 year warranty. The defibrillator itself comes with a 10 year warranty. The defibrillator comes with one set of adult/child electrode pads included.

Quote 1 (ex. VAT)	Quote 2 (ex. VAT)	Quote 3 (ex. VAT)
£795.00	£875.00	£894.00

Installation

The insulated cabinet can be fixed to a post, and will require a plate and clamps to do so at a cost of £193.50 (ex. VAT)

Wiltshire Council can supply and install a post on the highway at a cost of c. £300.00. The Council could raise this as a new Highway Improvement Form and proceed through the LHFIFG process. The next LHFIFG meeting will take place on 11 February, and its recommendations taken for approval at the Area Board on 4 March.

Alternatively, with the permission of the LHFIFG Chair Cllr Nick Dye, this work could be done outside of the LHFIFG process, although the engineer is currently working on a significant backlog.

Funding

The project may be eligible for a Hills Landfills Community Fund grant, applications for the next grant determination forum must be submitted by mid-February. These grants award up to 50% of the project cost, however 10% of any grant awarded would be due to the landfill operator as a Contributing Third Party (CTP) payment.

In addition, it is possible that the lowest quotes for both the defibrillator and cabinet may increase should the Council choose to wait for the outcome of a grant application.

Total Cost Options

iPad SPR defib, insulated cabinet, fixings and post installation	£1,687.50
iPad SPR defib, insulated cabinet, fixings, post installation and mains supply	£4,926.04
iPad SPR defib, solar/wind powered cabinet and all associated installation works	£5,095.00
iPad SPR defib, solar/wind powered cabinet, all associated installation works and bleed kit	£5,170.00

Ongoing Costs

Pads must be replaced when used, and have a shelf life of approximately 2 years.

Pads are currently £54.82 (ex. VAT) for 1 set of child/adult pads

The current cost to replace the battery in c. 5 years is £196.00 (ex. VAT)

Common Platt Defibrillator

Item 14

Costs could be met from General Reserves

Hayley Graham

January 2026



Solar & Wind Powered Defibrillator Cabinet

OPTIONAL REMOTE MONITORING

- No external power needed
- Can be installed anywhere
- Keeps the defib above 5°C
- Remote monitoring to alert of access or issues

Turtle Engineering Ltd spent 2 years, supported by a leading university in developing a completely self-powered defibrillator cabinet which can be installed virtually anywhere where it will get sunlight and wind.

Research showed that solar alone is not enough to support a heating system for a defibrillator in winter, which is why we include both solar and wind as standard.

Remote Monitoring:

Turtle's revolutionary remote monitoring system can be included with the solar and wind cabinet and will alert if

- The cabinet door is opened
- The defibrillator is removed from the hook
- The temperature is too low or too high
- The humidity is too low or too high
- The battery voltage is too low and requires attention

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1 x Advanced tubular wind turbine
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IP66 rated defibrillator cabinet ensures the defibrillator stays dry and free from dust.

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Separate cabinet for battery and control system ensures no confusion in an emergency.

Installation:

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A structural engineer should be consulted about the suitability of the ground, and it may be necessary to increase the foundations on their advice.

The solar panels can be rotated to face south before being secured in place and the wind turbine is free to rotate at all times. It is advised you use our install engineers to install and commission the cabinet once the concrete has been installed.



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- › Minimise the chances of damage or vandalism

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- › Tough and thermally efficient

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- › Ensures a stable fixing even on uneven surfaces

Protection against the elements

- › IP66 rated against dust and water ingress
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- › Air circulation fan prevents condensation
- › Safety cut out

LED Lighting

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- › Allows Emergency Services to pin-point your location



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- › Two year manufacturer's warranty
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DefibSafe2 Cabinet: Lockable and Unlocked

Product Codes

Product Code: 91001 (Lockable)

Product Code: 91006 (Unlocked)

Dimensions

APPLIES TO BOTH CABINETS

External Dimensions

Height: 625mm

Width: 440mm

Depth: 245mm

Depth including Lock Handle: 285mm

Internal Dimensions

Floor to shelf – 330mm

Width – 285mm

Depth with door closed – 160mm

Product Package

Cabinet; Installation Manual; Installation Template; 3 x washers; 1 x PVC Conduit Pipe; 3 x Expansion Bolts; 1 x UK Plug



Lockable
(with code pad)



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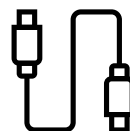
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- Stainless steel mechanical lock



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Members are requested to NOTE the report and CONSIDER the options available.

Background

At the Parish Council meeting in January, the Council asked the Clerk to explore support options in drawing up formal agreements for the tenancy of the land, and to contact the proposed tenant.

Tenant

The proposed tenant has confirmed his interest in the land at an approximate rental fee of £1,700 per annum, and has requested that the Council prepares a formal lease agreement.

Formal Agreement Support Options

Having spoken to rural land agents, there are 2 options available:

Grazing Licence

A grazing licence is done on an annual basis, and would be drawn up initially by a land agent, but thereafter can be updated each year by the Clerk and as such, no ongoing costs. It would see the Council retain management control of the land and would require the Council to address and fund any issues that may arise (for example, fencing, tree works). It would also keep the Council as the beneficiary of any grants which may become available in the future, should the land be eligible.

Farm Business Tenancy (FBT)

An FBT is usually a tenancy agreement for a fixed multiple year term. The management control would sit with the tenant and they would therefore have the responsibility to address and fund any issues that may arise. Should any grants become available in the future, the tenant would be the beneficiary.

It is important to note that the land agents have remarked at the low rental fee and as such, the Council may wish to include a provision to reserve the right to review rent on an annual basis.

Costs

	Agent 1	Agent 2
Grazing License	£650.00 - £850.00	£200.00
FBT	£750.00 - £1,000.00	£400.00

All prices are ex. VAT.

There is currently £192.00 in the Lydiard Plain professional fees budget line. The remaining cost could be met by General Reserves.

Hayley Graham
January 2026

Lydiard Millicent Parish Council Feedback: Community Governance Review 25/26

Introduction

This document has been produced as part of the Community Governance Review of the parish boundaries for RWB and Cricklade in response to the questions posed by the Governance Committee. It represents the views of Lydiard Millicent Parish Council following discussions with Wilts Council Governance Committee and representatives from Purton Parish Council, and outlines our opinion on the parish, the effectiveness of the council and the parish boundaries.

The Parish and Council

Lydiard Millicent Parish consists of the small village of Lydiard Millicent and the hamlets of Common Platt, Greatfield, Greenhill, Holborn, Lydiard Green, The Elms and Washpool. The parish is long, thin and predominately rural but has a boundary to the east with Swindon.

The Parish Council has 11 seats and has gone through significant change over the past 5 years, from a point where the council was in “special measures” and being run by Wiltshire Councillors, to our current position with a new Parish Clerk, and an active council with representatives from across the Parish who work hard for the residents. We take part in LHFIG, Area Board, Flood Resilience and other Wilts Council led initiatives.

We actively communicate with the residents in all parts of the Parish. Newsletters were produced and hand delivered to all residents in 2022, 2023 and 2024 with another one to be sent in the next few weeks. Neighbourhood Plan surveys were sent to all residents in 2025.

Our Neighbourhood Plan was made in 2021 and is currently being reviewed. There are representatives on the steering group from most areas of the Parish. One of the focusses of the plan is to maintain the gap between the village of Lydiard Millicent and Swindon.

Following several floods in Common Platt, recent work by our Clerk negotiating with Taylor Wimpey has resulted in ditches being cleared where the Ridgeway development joins The Pry. As a result, for the first time in several years, recent heavy rainfall did not cause any flooding and residents were very appreciative.

The Parish Council held very well attended VE Day celebrations in 2025 over the 3-day period working closely with the Parish Hall. As a result of the success of this event, the Community Field which is owned by the Council is now used by the Parish Hall and more joint events such as a fete in July are being organised.

Parish Boundaries

Following our meeting with the Governance team, we held a meeting with members of Purton PC to discuss the boundary between the two parishes, and have requested a meeting with Lydiard Tregoze. The information received was presented at our Parish Council meeting in January. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Councillors believe that the parish is working well as it is, so are reluctant to make any significant changes.

In the meeting with the Governance team, we discussed the possibility that Ridgeway Farm could be incorporated into Lydiard Millicent Parish to avoid the need to have wards in Purton. We are concerned that such a change would have a major impact on the dynamics and logistics of our parish, which is largely rural, and when we met with Purton PC representatives, they did not express a desire for this to happen.

It was also suggested that the houses of Linden Way, Beech Drive, Ash Close and The Willows could become part of the Purton parish as they are less rural than the rest of the

parish and more in keeping with Ridgeway Farm, however when we looked into this more closely, we realised that residents on Common Platt (shown below in orange) are actively engaged with the Council, and it's likely that they would prefer to stay within our Parish, following the work that our Clerk and Council have done to improve the flooding in the area. We work very closely with the residents and they are unlikely to have the same focus from a much bigger parish.



If these properties remain within the parish, the residents of Linden Way and the surrounding areas would be isolated from Ridgeway Farm, and would be unlikely to see any benefit from the move, although they would see an increase in Council Tax.

As a result, our preference is to keep the boundaries at the east of the parish as they are.

At the western and southern side of the parish, our only observation is that the boundary with Lydiard Tregoze at Greatfield is a little strange. Most of the residences and some of the trading estate are in Lydiard Millicent, whilst the rest is in Lydiard Tregoze. The map below shows that the boundary cuts through Greatfield Nurseries.



The following picture shows the entrance to Greatfield Nurseries looking south, showing the parish boundary at its entrance.



Compare this to the following picture from the Greatfield boundary looking north. The building in the distance is the house by the nursery entrance.



Our preference would be to move the boundary so that all of Greatfield lies within Lydiard Millicent. The road in this picture suffers from frequent flooding and if it was incorporated into Lydiard Millicent, we would be happy to investigate the issue.

Conclusion

We wish to remain a rural parish, and believe that the current arrangements work well for the residents. We are happy to encompass more small hamlets into the Parish and to work closely with them to their benefit.

We would also welcome working closely with Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council. We are concerned that with the development on the Royal Wootton Bassett side of the M4, it is only a matter of time until developers apply for permission for estates on the north of the motorway and the town moves closer towards our parish. This is of great concern to us as we see the countryside surrounding our parish of great importance. Lydiard Tregoze does not have a Neighbourhood Plan in place so one of our councillors who is involved in our NP development is now in discussions with them to see whether we can help them to develop theirs. We support development where it is appropriate and are identifying potential development sites within our updated Neighbourhood Plan but we feel strongly that building should be where the residents want it and not as a result of speculative applications.

We are unsure how the number of Councillors is calculated and would be interested to know how this is decided. We have considered the number of Councillors and feel that 11 is the correct number. We have representation from most areas of the parish and Councillors share the workload.