

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
11 January 2024
held in the All Saints Church, Lydiard Millicent
at 19:00 hrs

Councillors Present:

Cllr S Westwood, Chairman	Cllr S Chalker	Cllr D Coffey	Cllr C Hacker
Cllr M Allsop, Vice Chairman	Cllr S Hill-Wheeler	Cllr R Selwood	Cllr M Sharp

Others in Attendance: Three members of the public

Meeting Clerk: Andrew Roberts

Public Question Time:

- A member of the public advised that he had telephoned Wiltshire Councillor Bucknell in the first week of November about a water issue in The Butts but had not yet received a response. Councillor Westwood said that the Parish Council would chase up the matter.
- A member of the public mentioned that the area outside Bagbury Park is a mess with a lot of debris outside. Councillor Westwood said that the Parish Council would try to contact the Estate.
- A member of the public asked if there was any news about the gypsy encampment, Councillor Westwood said that she will contact the Director of Planning, Nic Thomas.
- A member of the public asked that the resident of 4 Chestnut Springs be contacted as the bushes outside the residence are becoming unruly.

Councillor Question Time:

Councillor Hacker asked that the Men's Sheds proposal outside Jubilee Club House be minuted and that Members are happy to go ahead with the proposal. It was agreed that, if planning permission is required, these costs will be covered by the developer and not LMPC. As the application is required by mid-March, it was deemed necessary for a decision to be reached at the February meeting and that the proposal be added to the Agenda. Councillor Hacker was asked to produce a proposal that could be discussed at the next meeting.

MINUTES

23.137 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Suleman, Wiltshire Councillors Bucknell and the Parish Clerk.

23.138 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensations received.

23.139 Chairman's Announcements

- The Chairman paid tribute to the Clerk's husband, Wiltshire Councillor Bob Jones, who had died the week before and who had been on the Interim Council for Lydiard Millicent. The Chairman said that thoughts were with the Clerk and her family.
- The Chairman advised that there were still two vacancies for Councillors on the Parish Council

23.140 Minutes

Members considered the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 7 December 2023. The minutes of the meetings were ADOPTED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23.141 Wiltshire Councillor Report

Members NOTED the report from Wiltshire Councillor Bucknell – main points:

- the Washpool planning application was refused
- the Clay Pits application was also refused under delegated powers by Wiltshire Council.
- the Wiltshire Councillor Planning Officer dealing with outstanding applications has left Wiltshire Council. Councillor Bucknell has asked the Director for Planning, Nic Thomas, to investigate.
- Councillor Bucknell has corresponded with the Officer responsible for the Local Highways Footpath Improvement Group to arrange a site meeting at Lydiard Green

22.41 The Mews and Recreation Field
Solicitors involved in the process have been instructed to apply for title absolute (WT455796) for the Recreation Field. MEETING UPDATE: Further to the application to upgrade the title for WT455796, the Land Registry has dismissed the request. More information has been supplied to see if the submission to see if the titles can be split.
22.82/23.19 Footpath Working Party
WC has been contacted regarding land management and the sowing of seeds. The Head of WC Natural & Historic Environment Department has given advice to be discussed at WP meeting. Replacement trees to be planted, types to be approved by Committee, before the planting season. Wiltshire Council has provided a tree planting guide. Both of these issues to be discussed at next WP meeting.
29 June – Question Time
A Resident asked if the Council knew what was happening with the land by the car sales area, as it has become very overgrown, with some of the trees having low branches that overhang the bus stop. The Clerk was asked to investigate - A resident has given the Clerk some information, which did not result in ownership confirmation
23.57 D-Day 80
Members AGREED to light the beacon on 6 th June 2024. A Working Group was formed, Councillors Allsop (also as Parish Hall representative), Chalker, Hacker and Westwood volunteered. The D-Day80 Working Group to contact the school and consider an evening event of commemoration
23.72 Lydiard Green Footpath Proposal
Historically, WC agreed to create a footpath from Lydiard Green to the rest of the village. Phases 1 – 4, were completed in 2017/2018, but Phases 5 – 10 were not completed. Enquires were made with the Local Highway & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG), but he could provide no information. WC Councillor Bucknell to investigate, at the Nov meeting he advised Members of his finding, he is to meet with Resident, Councillor Suleman and LHFIG Engineer to discuss further. See WC Councillor Report – Min. Ref.23.141
23.114 Jubilee Club House - Planning App is being considered by WC. Three Contractors are preparing quotes for February meeting.
Library Telephone Box - Quotes are being obtained to replace the door joint – A Contractor has visited.

- 23.143 **Financial Accounts – Members:**
- a. APPROVED the expenditure report to 4 January 2024.
 - b. APPROVED invoices for payment
 - c. NOTED the income report to 31 December 2023.

- 23.144 **Defibrillator**
- Members NOTED the report for purchase/lease of a further defibrillator for the village to be installed by the Jubilee Club House. Of the three companies considered, Members APPROVED Company A, a four-year loan scheme at a cost of £1800 (one thousand, eight hundred pounds, excluding VAT) which means that the loaning company maintains and replaces in the event of any repair etc

- 23.145 **Jubilee Club House**
- Members NOTED and APPROVED – costs met from Jubilee Club House Ear Marked Reserves
- a. the installation of a double wall socket to accommodate the CCTV system
 - b. The refurbishment of one of the showers to see if it works for the required Legionella tests on showers, by replacing the inside valve and fitting a new shower head, and the changing of the ball valve in the loft at a cost of £435 (four hundred and thirty-five pounds),
 - c. for investigations to take place on a possible water leak.
 - d. electrical work to be carried out regarding lighting in the Disabled WC and Referee Room as both light tubes needed replacing.

Members delegated actions to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk, Handyman and Parish Administrator. Costs to be set at £500 for Items a and d and £1000 if a leak is identified in c.

- 23.146 **Telephone Box**
Members NOTED and APPROVED the quote for £80.00 (eighty pounds) to repair the telephone box located on The Street which is used as a library. Costs to be met from Open Space 4100 Handyman Requirements.
- 23.147 **2024-2025 Precept**
Members NOTED the report and precept analyses. Members RESOLVED to set a precept for 2024-2025 of £64,151, an increase of £3.99 = 5.12%.
- 23.148 **Correspondence:** Members NOTED the following:
a) PCC Precept Survey is open until 29 January -<https://bit.ly/PolicingPriorityPounds>
b) The Parochial Church Council thanked the Council for donating the 1887-2000 maps of Lydiard Millicent which will be sold to raise money for the Nave Roof Appeal.

23.149 **Planning Applications**

To NOTE the following Wiltshire Council Decisions

Application Ref PL/2023/05939 - Full Planning Permission Address: 3 Greatfield, SN4 8EQ	Applicants: Mr and Mrs C Renno Proposal: Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Outbuildings and Erection of a Replacement Dwelling (Class C3) + Associated Works. Decision: Withdrawn by Applicant
Application: PL/2023/04820 – Full Planning Permission Address: Land at Clay Pitts, Greenhill.	Applicant: Mr M McDonagh Proposal: A material change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes with dayrooms and hardstanding ancillary to that use. Decision: Refused
Application Ref PL/2023/00424 - Full Planning Permission Address: Land at Washpool, SN5 3PN	Applicant: Mr E Keogh Proposal: Demolition of various outbuildings and erection of a 3-bedroom detached dwelling and associated works (Revised resubmission) Decision: Refused
Application Ref PL/2023/03323 - Householder Application Address: Lydiard Farm, The Street, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LU Proposal: Proposed widened access to property	Applicant: Mr A Hornby Decision: Approved with Conditions

Members NOTED the following application.

Application: PL/2023/10048– Full Planning Application Address: Jubilee Club House, Meadow Springs, SN6 3NH Proposal: Change 2 no. existing high ventilation windows to 2 no. larger tilt and turn windows, addition of double doors and steps (with rails) and addition of 2 no. high ventilation windows (reusing removed windows).	Applicant: LMPC
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Members NOTED the report from Group A

Application: PL/2023/010396 - Householder Application Address: Balinrait Farm House, Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LD Proposal: Demolition of four of the existing ancillary outbuildings including removal of concrete hardstanding. Erection of a new outbuilding of 184.2 square metres and refurbishment of the largest existing outbuilding. Members RESOLVED to make NO COMMENT to this application.	Applicant: Mr M Gilbert
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23.150 **Council and Community Representatives** - Members RECEIVED the following updates:

Area Board – Next meeting 17 th January 2024 in Purton Village Hall
Community Carers Group. Next meeting 31 January 2024
Community Safety Group – Next Meeting 12 January – Councillor Sharp unable to attend
Local Highways Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) – Members NOTED a report from Councillor Suleman - main points: • he attended the LHFIG meeting at Cricklade on 10 January. • the process for bringing forward projects would change to once annually from the next LHFIG meeting on 8 May. • Councillor Westwood asked that Councillor Suleman bring the list of potential projects to the March Council meeting for discussion • the revised proposals for Common Platt were welcomed by all although Wiltshire Council were not as supportive to making a bigger contribution

• Greenhill was discussed at length and that the LHFIG Officer, Martin Rose had made a site visit alone, but essentially came up with a similar proposal as before which Councillor Suleman, supported by Wiltshire Councillor Steve Bucknell, felt would be insufficient and that traffic coming out of Greenhill would still be at the risk of speeding traffic. • There has been no progress on the Greatfield topographical survey.
Speed Indication Devices (SIDS) – Councillor Chalker reported that the fastest speed collected in Washpool was 70 mph and 90 mph along Stone Lane

- 23.150

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.

Three members of the public left the meeting.
- 23.151

Land Issues

Councillors RECEIVED a verbal report from Councillor Hill-Wheeler regarding land issues.
- 23.152

Staff Issues

Councillors RECEIVED a verbal report from Councillor Allsop on staff matters.

Meeting Closed at 20.20