

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

Councillors Present:

Cllr S Westwood, Chairman Cllr S Chalker Cllr S Hill-Wheeler
Cllr M Allsop, Vice Chairman Cllr R Selwood Cllr M Sharp Cllr M Suleman

Others in Attendance: 8 members of the public and Colin Tydeman (Parish Handyman)

Meeting Clerk: Tina Jones

Public Question Time: A request for a sign warning of ducks on the road has been made to Wiltshire Council, following the death of a duck from a vehicle

MINUTES

23.191 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Coffey and Wiltshire Councillor Bucknell, Councillor Hacker did not attend.

23.192 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Member re-adopted the Code of Conduct issued in accordance with section 27 of the Localism Act 2011. No Declarations of Interest were made and no requests for dispensations were received.

23.193 Chairman's Announcements

- There are still two vacancies for Councillors.
- There was an administrative error in the precept calculation consequently the precept increase of £1.43. Councillors may be able to address this in the new financial year.

23.194 Minutes

Members considered the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 7 March 2024. The minutes of the meetings were ADOPTED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23.195 Planning Applications

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council decisions:

Application Ref PL/2024/00155 - Householder Application Address: 57 Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3NB Proposal: Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension, Existing garage conversion and erection of a new detached garage.	Applicant: Mr & Mrs Thompson Decision: Approved with Conditions
Application Ref PL/2024/00156 - Full Planning Permission Address: Brockhurst Stables, Greenhill, SN4 8EH Proposal: Erection of a detached garage	Applicant: Mr M Wason Decision: Approved with Conditions
Application Ref PL/2023/08459 - Full Planning Permission Address: Badhan Manor, Wood Lane, Braydon, SN5 0AH Proposal: Erection of new stables together with change of use of associated agricultural land for equestrian purposes and additional change of use of agricultural land for redefined garden area revising application 19/09880/F.	Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Badhan Decision: Withdrawn by Applicant
Application Ref PL/2024/01880 - Prior Notification, Agricultural Road Address: Hildrop Farm, Greenhill, SN4 8EH. Proposal: Proposed hardcore track and concrete yard renewal	Applicant: Mr M Wakefield Decision: Prior Approval Not Required

Members NOTED the report from Group B and considered the following applications

Application: PL/2024/02035- Full planning permission Address: Plain Farm, Lydiard Plain, SN5 0AL Proposal: Renew/Extend area of concreting in the farmyard under Catchment Sensitive Farm Support Scheme	Applicant: Rawlings & Davis Ltd
Members RESOLVED to make NO COMMENT on this application	

Standing Orders were Suspended for public comment on Application PL/2024/0049, and were REINSTATED before Members discussed further.

Application: PL/2024/00649- Full Application Address: 19 The Beeches, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LT extension and new roof over accommodate rooms in the roof - Revised Plans submitted	Applicant: Mr and Mrs Sturman Proposal: Proposed side and rear extension and new roof over accommodate rooms in the roof - Revised Plans submitted
Members RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application for the same reasons as given for Planning Application PL/2021/09418 (13 The Beeches) which was refused. The OBJECTION to Planning Application PL/2024/00649 is that the development by virtue of its scale, bulk, mass, form, positioning and design features which would result in harm to the character, appearance and visual amenity of the locality; and harm to and loss of residential amenity by virtue of overbearing impact, loss of outlook; loss of privacy and overlooking and loss of daylight. As a result, the Council believes the proposal is therefore contrary to Wiltshire Core Strategy Core Policy CP57 (i) (iii) (vi) (vii) (xi) (Jan 2015). Members requested that if it was possible would Wiltshire Councillor Bucknell CALL IN the application.	

5 Members of the public left the meeting

23.196 **Financial Accounts – Members:**

- a. APPROVED the expenditure report to 26 March 2024
- b. APPROVED invoices for payment
- c. NOTED the income report to 22 March 2024

23.197 **Clerks Report**

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. See Minute Reference 23.204.
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. See Minute Reference 23.206.
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 not completed. Enquires were made with the Local Highway & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG), but he could provide no information. WC Councillor Bucknell to investigate, he is to meet with Resident, Councillor Suleman and LHFIG Engineer to discuss further: CLOSED See Minute Reference 23.199.
23.179 Jubilee Club House Trees
Members NOTED that all the trees behind the Jubilee Club House are rooted in the bank of quite deep drainage ditch. Members considered and APPROVED the recommendation to have them professionally assessed.
23.181 Play Area Inspection
Members NOTED the inspection and the issues raised. Members APPROVED a sum of £400 (four hundred pounds) for surface work and time adjustable gate closers. Concerns were raised regarding the Play Tower Decision was deferred until the Handyman could consider the options available
23.184 Holborn Footpath
There are two specific places along the footpath where the holes are very deep and currently filled with water. After discussions, Members AGREED for contractors to be approached for quotes to fill in the holes and to redress the whole length.
23.186 Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group
Councillor Suleman, to provide a summary for the April meeting of the projects currently being addressed by LHFIG, and the potential schemes for the Parish Council to consider putting forward to LHFIG before the 8 May deadline CLOSED See Minute Reference 23.199.

23.198 **Grant Application**

Members CONSIDERED the application received from Wiltshire Search and Rescue, after discussions, Members APPROVED the request for £163.20 (one hundred and sixty-three pound and 20p).

- 23.199 **Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)**
Members RECEIVED a verbal report from Councillor Suleman based on the summary report of current projects, these being: Common Platt, Greenhill Crossroads, Greatfield and speeding outside the Parish Church. A meeting to take place with Wiltshire Council representatives on 11 April to look at the projects. Members considered and APPROVED two new projects: Lydiard Green Footpath and speeding at Lydiard Plain. Projects to be prioritised at the next meeting for submission to LHFIG by 8th May.
- 23.200 **Parish Newsletter**
Councillor Westwood gave a verbal report. Following discussions concerning ways of distributing. Members AGREED to delegate to Councillor Westwood and Sharp to investigate further.
- 23.201 **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Council**
The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Thursday 30 May at the Jubilee Club House starting at 6pm with refreshments from 5.30pm. Councillors Westwood, Allsop and Suleman volunteered to help with elements of the Annual Meeting (to include refreshments, reports, display boards and content). Local organisations to be asked to give/provide reports. Councillors Allsop and Chalker gave apologies as unable to attend.
The Annual Meeting of the Council will take place before the Parish Meeting on Thursday 2nd May in All Saints Church, starting at 7pm.
- 23.202 **Flood Plan**
Members RECEIVED a verbal report from Councillor Westwood: The public meeting held on 16 March was useful, more flood areas were identified. The Flood Map provided by Wiltshire Council has been completed showing all areas of concern and returned. Wiltshire Council operatives have been seen out and about in the area, but no formal response has been received. Two residents volunteered to enroll for the Emergency Plan.
- 23.203 **Correspondence**
Members NOTED the invitation to virtually attend the Neighbourhood Parish Forum being held on 17 April. Councillor Sharp volunteered to join the meeting, Clerk to make arrangements.
- 23.204 **Footpath Working Group**
Members NOTED the report, main points: The hedging that denotes the border with 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. Member of the Working Party proposed for hedging to be planted to discourage any access, adding to the wildlife habitat. The type of replacement trees to be confirmed. Members RESOLVED to spend up to £1000 (one thousand pounds) to plant new hedging and replacement trees, met from Ear Marked Reserves set aside for Footpaths/Lydiard Green.
- 23.205 **Jubilee Club House Improvements**
Members NOTED that Wiltshire Council has confirmed that the project is not CIL liable, the improvements work has started and will be finished by the latter part of May. Members ACCEPTED the plumbing quote of £1,468.00 (one thousand, four hundred and sixty-eight pounds). Min Reference 23.161.
- 23.206 **D-Day Commemoration**
Members NOTED the report from the Working Group: Main Points: The Parish Council will be lighting the Beacon to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings at 21:15hrs on 6 June 2024. There will be a blessing prior to lighting the beacon and refreshments will be provided in JCH. There will be a cost for gas for the beacon and refreshments.
Members APPROVED a budget of £250 (two hundred and fifty pounds). The school may be holding an event, report to be presented at May Council meeting
- 23.207 **Council and Community Representatives** - Members RECEIVED the following updates:

Area Board – Next meeting 26 June at Clyffe Pypard & Bushton Village Hall.
Community Forum Safety Group – Next meeting on 11 April
Local Highways Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) – Next meeting 22 May

Parish Hall – Next Meeting 8 April. Councillor Sharp reported that the play held was well received. On Easter Sunday a bakery van came to the hall and was well supported by residents, the bakery van will be returning on a fortnightly basis.
Speed Indication Devices (SIDS) – Councillor Chalker reported: Washpool recorded a top speed of 66mph, 14.4% of vehicles were speeding. Stone Lane, a top speed of 85mph, 2.7% of vehicles were speeding. Devices to be moved from Greenhill and Greatfield.

23.208 **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.

3 Members of the public and the Parish Handyman left the meeting

23.209 **Land Matters**

Members discussed the recent letter from the Solicitors and APPROVED the suggested way forward.

23.210 **Staff Issues**

Councillors RECEIVED a verbal report from Councillor Allsop. Interviews are taking place for the position of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

Meeting Closed at 20.46