

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
30 April 2025
held at the Jubilee Club House, Lydiard Millicent
at 19:00 hrs**

Councillors Present:

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

Others in Attendance: 67 members of the public and Wiltshire Councillor Steve Bucknell

Meeting Clerk: Hayley Graham

Public Question Time: A member of the public asked for the name of the Chairman.

Councillor Question Time: There were no Councillor questions.

MINUTES

24.288 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were RECEIVED from Councillor Coffey. No apologies were received from Councillor Smith who was not present.

24.289 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

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

24.290 Planning Applications

Due to public interest and in accordance with Standing Order 1a, the order of planning applications to be considered was changed at the discretion of Councillor Westwood.

Application: PL/2025/03211 – Outline planning permission – some matters reserved	Applicant: Greatworth Property Mgrs Ltd
Address: Land off Meadow Springs, Lydiard Millicent	Closing Date: 15 May
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	

Standing Orders were SUSPENDED for public comment. Many members of the public highlighted their concerns regarding this application, particularly in relation to:

- flooding issues, specifically at the bottom of The Street / Badgers Brook and Holborn
- the ineffectiveness of the mini-roundabout on The Street to access Chestnut Springs
- exacerbating current congestion around Meadow Springs when the Recreation Field is in use by football teams, with emergency services' access in mind in particular
- insufficient return period of the proposed storm tank
- wildlife and the environmental impact.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

Wiltshire Councillor Bucknell explained the planning application process and advised that due to the imminent elections, he has already called in this application to be considered by a Wiltshire Council Committee. At this time, it is not clear whether this will be the Northern Area Planning Committee or the Strategic Planning Committee but would recommend members of public attend the Committee meeting when it has been determined.

Members of the public were encouraged to each add their individual responses to the Wiltshire Council planning portal, ensuring that objections refer to any relevant planning policies. Should access to the internet not be viable, responses can be sent to the Clerk to be passed to the planning officer, or a letter can be posted directly to Wiltshire Council.

Standing Orders were REINSTATED before Members discussed further. After discussions:

Members RESOLVED to CALL IN the application to be determined by a Wiltshire Council Committee on the following grounds:

- the development would be on land within the Local Gap as identified in the Lydiard Millicent Neighbourhood Plan
- concerns relating to a single point of access
- Lydiard Millicent's status as a "small village" does not require it to accommodate additional development
- additional pressure on utilities, infrastructure and exacerbation of existing flooding issues to nearby dwellings
- ineffectiveness of the mini-roundabout at the key point of access to the development from The Street
- concerns around wildlife and the environmental impact.

64 members of the public left the meeting.

Application: PL/2025/03061 – Householder planning permission Address: School House, 5 The Butts, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LR Proposal: Construct an outbuilding for storing garden and recreational equipment. Install a gravel-topped hard standing in front, with road access facilitated by removing the existing wooden fence and lowering the ground level (no pavement or curb removal required)	Applicant: Mr Halladay Closing Date: 16 May
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Members RESOLVED to COMMENT on the application in support of the representation from Rights of Way detailing the impact on LMIL50.

Application: PL/2025/03078 – Householder planning permission Address: 13 The Beeches, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LT Proposal: Extend house to include a side extension, conservatory, separate annex, and 1st floor	Applicant: Mr & Mrs Dubey Closing Date: 23 May
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Standing Orders were SUSPENDED for public comment and REINSTATED before Members discussed further. After discussions:

Members RESOLVED to CALL IN the application to be determined by a Wiltshire Council Committee on the following grounds:

- scale of height
- insufficient parking
- loss of light and privacy to immediate neighbour.

Application: PL/2025/03184 – Prior approval Part 3 Class Q: Agricultural buildings to dwelling houses Address: Greenhill Farm Nurseries, Greenhill, RWB, SN4 8EH Proposal: Notification for Prior Approval Under Class Q for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwelling house (Class C3) and for Associated Operational Development (renewal of extant prior approval Ref PL/2021/08442)	Applicant: R Titcombe Closing Date: 16 May
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Standing Orders were SUSPENDED for public comment and REINSTATED before Members discussed further. After discussions:

Members RESOLVED to COMMENT on the application in relation to the lack of driveway / parking space.

Application: PL/2025/02340 - Outline planning permission – some matters reserved Address: Land at Midge Hall Farm, Swindon Road, RWB Proposal: Outline permission for residential-led mixed use development comprising: up to 425 residential dwellings (Class C3), mixed-use Local Centre (non-residential uses to include Classes E and F2), a Primary School (Class F1), employment land (Class E), public open space and associated access, infrastructure and ancillary works. All matters reserved except for access from Hook Road and Swindon Road.	Applicant: Catesby Estates Closing Date: 2 May
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Standing Orders were SUSPENDED for public comment and REINSTATED before Members discussed further. After discussions:

- Members resolved to OBJECT to the application on the following grounds:

 - impact on local infrastructure due to increased traffic
 - impact on parking around Lydiard Millicent CofE Primary School
 - pressure on NHS facilities
 - risk of flooding.

Meeting Closed at 20.08 hrs