

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
7 September 2023
held in the All Saints Church, Lydiard Millicent
at 19:05 hrs

At 18:30 hrs there was a presentation by David Jarvis Associates on behalf of Hills Homes regarding a potential development.

Councillors Present:

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

Others in Attendance: 9 members of the public and Wiltshire Councillor Bucknell

Meeting Clerk: Tina Jones

Public Question Time:

- A resident raised his concerns on the potential increase of Traveller sites in areas around Lydiard Millicent.
- A resident asked when the tree work would be completed at Lydiard Green. The Clerk advised that the Contractors would be returning soon, the delay was due to issues with machinery.
- A resident asked why Contractors were not mowing Lydiard Green, because they were not attending, a resident was mowing it weekly. The Vice-Chairman pointed out that if a resident was regularly mowing it, then there would be no necessity for the Contractors to cut. The Council to make enquiries.
- A resident advised that traffic survey strips were in place in locations around the village. Councillor Sharp advised that these had been requested earlier in the year by the Parish Council, and the data gathered from the strips were for instigating a Speedwatch Team.

MINUTES

23.64 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Westwood.

23.65 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

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

23.66 Vice-Chairman's Announcements

- The Council has one vacancy, if anyone is interested to contact the Clerk.
- Work on the Lydiard Green trees is near completion.
- The Lydiard Millicent Preschool needs a Treasurer. The voluntary Treasurer role is for 1-2 hours per week, with 7 x 90mins virtual meeting a year. If the position is not filled by the end of September, the Preschool can no longer operate and would have to temporarily close. If anyone is interested to contact the Clerk for further details.
- Members AGREED to move the agenda Item relating to The Mews further up the proceedings.

23.67 Minutes

Members considered the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 3 August 2023. The minutes of the meetings were ADOPTED as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

23.68 Wiltshire Councillor Update

Members NOTED a report from Councillor Bucknell – Main Points:

- August was a quiet month with not many meetings to report on.
- There was no update on either the Restrop Road planning application or on the enforcement case on the adjacent site
- He explained Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council's plans for discussing the Local Plan – see Minute Reference 23.75.

23.69 The Mews – Grass Cutting

After many years, following a review of land ownership Wiltshire Council has stopped cutting land that does not belong to it, this includes a strip of land at The Mews. Residents of The Mews have asked if the Parish Council can take on the cutting in the interim while ownership is investigated, as it looks very unkept and not in keeping with the neighbourhood.

Members pointed out that there are many areas in the Parish not cut by Wiltshire Council, in these cases either the residents cut them, or they are left wild. Members were reluctant to commit to the cutting of the area, as residents of those other residential areas not being cut would have to contribute for this residential area to be cut through the precept.

Members AGREED that more research was required into its ownership, Clerk to make enquiries and to find out how much it would be to cut it. Councillors Sharp and Suleman offered to cut the area for the residents over the weekend.

One member of the public left the meeting.

23.70 Clerk's Report – Members NOTED the report

PQT – 7 April (b) and 22 June 2022 (b)

A resident asked if a footpath could be put at Lydiard Green. UPDATE: The creation of a footpath at this location was originally agreed in 10 phases by CATG. Phases 1 -4 were completed in 2017-2018. The Clerk has contacted WC regarding the instigation of phases 5 – 10, which would connect Lydiard Green to the rest of the village. Cllr Hill-Wheeler supplied information from CATG archives and a LMPC report regarding phases 1-4, no information for phases 5-10 has been found. CLOSED – see Minute Reference 23.72

22.41 The Mews and Recreation Field

Solicitors involved in the process have been instructed to apply for title absolute for the Recreation Field. Land Registry is being chased in respect of the application.

Councillors Allsop and Westwood have visited the Mews, residents were invited to make comment - residents' suggestion for 2 x planters to be taken forward, residents have agreed to maintain – to be considered at a future meeting. CLOSED.

22.82 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. Clearer signs have been requested – signs received CLOSED

Working Party to move forward with information for notice board content, feedback requested from residents on Lydiard Millicent WW2 history. Meeting Update: No information received from residents, boards to be drafted. CLOSED

23.19 Lydiard Green Trees

Trees work almost completed. Clerk is liaising with Wiltshire Council regarding the replacement trees to be planted, replacements for approval by Committee, before the planting season. Meeting Update: Councillor Hill-Wheeler asked for the pill box window to be looked at.

22.107 Community Emergency Plan

Members agreed to write a new Community Emergency Plan with all Members contributing to the document, Councillor Hill-Wheeler leading on the updating process.

23.23 LHFIFG

The Clerk was requested to contact WC regarding the installation of the poles for the speed indicator device at Greenhill Crossroads. Pole in situ – CLOSED.

LHFIFG Engineer has confirmed the Parochial Parish Council's request for traffic calming is on the October agenda CLOSED.

29 June – Question Time

A Resident asked if the entrance to the Industrial Estate could be tidied up, recently a large lorry had to unload outside the Estate, causing traffic issues. There is ample parking within the Estate, but unit owners do not encourage it. Resident to send further information to the Clerk. Letters Sent

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

Letter sent to the owner of the property on the right of the entrance to the Parish Hall Car Park, asking them to remove the low branches overhanging the footpath

22.39/23.52 Play Area Tower
Members RESOLVED the repair of the Play Tower. See Minute Reference 23.52
23.55 Grant Application
Members considered the grant application from Carer Support Wiltshire. As there were a number of queries with the application, Members AGREED to defer the decision until the next meeting. The Clerk was requested to ask a representative of the organisation to attend to answer questions. A representative was unable to attend the September Parish meeting
23.56 Jubilee Club House
Members accepted services offered by the Architect, Officers and Working Group to look at the design options once drawn up. Councillor Hacker advised the plans should be available for the next meeting
23.57 D-Day 80
Members AGREED to light the beacon on 6 th June 2024. A Working Group was AGREED and formed, Councillors Allsop (also as Parish Hall representative), Chalker, Hacker and Westwood volunteered. The D-Day80 Working Group to contact the school and consider a parish evening event of commemoration.
23.58 Community Field Fencing
Members accepted a quote, Contractor notified – work to commence next week.
Jubilee Club House (JCH)
Councillor Allsop has successfully contacted Royal Mail and JCH is now on the postcode finder on the Royal Mail website. CLOSED

23.71 Financial Accounts – Members:

- a. RECEIVED a verbal update from the Clerk, Members AGREED to hold the August invoice, pending a discussion between Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Parish Handyman relating to outstanding August tasks.
- b. APPROVED the expenditure report to 30 August 2023.
- c. APPROVED the income report to 30 August 2023.

23.72 Lydiard Green Footpath Proposal

Members NOTED the information. CATG (Community Area Transport Group) originally 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 CATG Engineer (CATG is now known as the Local Highway & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)), but he could provide no information. Councillor Hill-Wheeler located some CATG archive paperwork. Wiltshire Council has confirmed it does not own the verges from Lydiard Green to the Greenhill Crossroads. Members considered the way forward. During a Suspension of Standing Orders, WC Councillor Bucknall asked for all paperwork to be sent to him for investigation. Standing Orders were Reinstated.

23.73 Play Area Tree

Members considered the recommendation to remove the self-seeded Horse Chestnut close to the Play Area fence, located outside of the hedge line. Following discussions, Members APPROVED its removal for Health and Safety reasons. Clerk to obtain quotes. Members AGREED to plant a replacement tree in a more appropriate position in the Community Field.

One member of the public left the meeting.

23.74 Handyman Requirements

Members considered the request from the Parish Handyman to purchase an Ego Leaf Blower Kit (comprises of a Leaf Blower Head, 4 Ahr Battery and Battery Charger) to help with maintenance at the Playing Fields and other areas of responsibility. Members APPROVED the purchase, at a cost of £349.17 (ex. VAT), costs to be met from EMR Handyman's Equipment.

23.75 Local Plan

Wiltshire Council has published the Local Plan ready for consultation.

- Pre-submission Draft Plan public consultation will take place from Wednesday 27th September 2023 to Wednesday 22nd November 2023

A drop-in-session will be held on Wednesday 11th October 2023 from 3pm to 7pm in Royal Wootton Bassett Library.

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council has invited the Parish Council to attend a public planning committee meeting on the 21st September 2023 for a presentation about the Local Plan impact on Royal Wootton Bassett and the surrounding areas. The meeting will focus on this topic only giving a chance for questions. Following discussions, Councillors Chalker, Hacker and Sharp agreed to attend the meeting.

23.76 **Review of Neighbourhood Plan**

Following discussion, Members AGREED not to review the Neighbourhood Plan until after the Local Plan is adopted.

23.77 **Correspondence**

Members NOTED the correspondence received:

- a. Area Board Climate Strategy Update
- b. Waste Sorting at Wiltshire Household Recycling Centres
- c. PCC's Rural Crimes Survey Digital Toolkit
- d. Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch AGM invitation

Three members of the public left the meeting.

23.78 **Planning Applications**

Members NOTED the following Wiltshire Council Decisions

Application: PL/2023/04290 - Householder Application Address: 8 Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent Proposal: Single Storey Rear Extension and Associated Works	Applicant: Mr L Cole
Application Ref PL/2023/02030 - Full Planning Permission Address: 39 Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent Proposal: Sub division of 39 Stone Lane in order for the annex to be used as a dwelling	Applicant: Mr P Birch

Members considered the following applications:

Application: PL/2023/04820 - Full Planning Permission Address: Land at Clay Pitts, Greenhill. Proposal: A material change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes with dayrooms and hardstanding ancillary to that use	Applicant: Mr M McDonagh
Members requested that WC Councillor Bucknall to CALL IN this application. The Parish Council objections are attached as an appendix.	
Application: PL/2023/05939 - Full planning permission Address: 3 Greatfield, SN4 8EQ Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of a replacement dwelling, detached annexe (class c3) and associated works	Applicant: Mr & Mrs Renno 2023
Members RESOLVED to make COMMENT to this application: Section 1.2 of the Design and Access Statement states "The proposals comprise demolition of existing dwelling + outbuildings and erection of a replacement dwelling, detached annexe (Class C3) + associated works on 3 Greatfield, Swindon, SN4 8EQ". There is no mention of the annexe on the plans (this was included on the previous application) Section 2.16 states "Although the property is currently occupied, Figures 9-14 undoubtedly indicate that the building is incapable of retention in its current state". It is difficult to assess the state of the building from photographs, LMPC would respectfully request that a professional report to confirm this be provided. Section 2.9 states that the property "benefits frontage onto Greatfield". The property is on a narrow, single track side road off the main Greatfield road to the rear of Greatfield Garden Centre (as shown on the plan in section 4). The existing building has space to the side of the house for cars to access the rear of the property for parking. LMPC would request that the replacement building should also allow for this access. The reason for this is that parking on the verges on the main Greatfield road already causes problems and safety issues for people accessing houses fronting onto the main road. Any additional cars forced to use this very limited space would likely exacerbate the problems. We would also respectfully ask what arrangements are being made during the demolition and construction to ensure that vehicles do not block this narrow lane and do not add to the parking problems on the main road. Section 6.4 states "Foul drainage to discharge into existing main sewer". Other buildings in this side road have septic tanks and are not connected to the main sewer. Please could this be confirmed	

