

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Thursday 8th January 2004

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall - Chair, J Bennett, P Brimacombe, P Cole, J Holloway, A Pflieger, D Revere, & V Saunders.

1. Apologies: Cllrs B Baker, M Groom, E Quartly Bishop.

The Chairman welcomed all present and wished them a Happy New Year. He reported that Cllr. Groom had undergone a hip replacement operation and was doing well.

2. Confirm Minutes of 4th December 2003 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

3. County Councillors Report: Chairman reported that Cllr. Groom wanted to remind everyone that comments on the SBC Local Plan and the Front Garden Vote were needed, a sample letter with Pro's and Con's/comment sheets were available from the Chairman. This was read out and agreed upon.

4. District Councillors Report: There was no report on the night.

5. Parishioners Question Time:

a. Mr New reported that the view up The Street from the Chestnut Springs entrance was being hampered by a hedge, thought to belong to No 1 The Street. - this will be looked into.

b. Mr Ricketts - reported that there are a lot of potholes in the village. It was suggested that we swamp CLARENCE with reports of them, and use the Web site to highlight the exact positions.

c. Mrs Reed - commented on the rubbish collection Rota over Christmas and New Year. This had apparently been a trial collection process. The lists had been posted on the notice boards, but many residents had no idea when they were to receive a collection.

d. Mrs Reed - troubled with youngsters playing football against that JCH door again. She had spoken to them after a ball had come into her garden. It has ceased again at present.

Possible use of five a side net, or a purpose built wall was discussed.

e. Mrs Reed has been contacted by a member of the public about a dead fox near Holborn Bus Stop. She enquired of the Parish Council what the process is to remove them.

f. Mrs Redford was concerned about the expenditure on millennium map framing when funds were needed to plant the trees in the near future. The Chairman assured her that the trees would still be funded.

g. Mrs Willies reported that buses were driving over her path and verges - Bollards needed.

6. Councillor's reports of Parishioners queries.

i. Cllr Saunders asked about the requested bins for the Greenhill laybys, as without them, fly tipping continues to be a problem - WCC to be contacted.

ii. On the aspect of fly tipping, it was reported that a truck load of vegetation had been tipped in the layby near the Washpool junction WCC to be contacted.

iii. There is a fridge or microwave in the ditch along Stone Lane - WCC again.

iv. Cllr Brimacombe reported two broken stiles - he is reporting them to C Lovelock and will ask when the materials will arrive to repair. . Mr Arnold had asked us to chase WCC.

v. Cllr Pflieger had again caught the One Stop Shop van, travelling through the village on Christmas Eve, and had sent a letter to the transport supervisor, to warn them they will be reported to the Police next time they are observed. Chair suggested it was better for the Clerk

to write, to give the request an 'official stamp'.

vi. Cllr Holloway enquired when the new 30 mph limit through the village was to take effect. Clerk to check.

vii. Cllr Holloway asked for an update on Redstone Construction, Bagbury Park. Clerk did not have any news to report.

7. Report on matters arising:

a. Mr R Gibbs, WCC, Chair, and Mrs M Groom visited several highway sites recently. Possibilities of laybys in Greatfield being laid officially would need consent of the land owners, however, the first 6' is County Rights of Way, - this project is to be costed. Bottom end of Greenhill - a report to be written and project costed re ditches and brook. The Butts was clear on that day.

b. Road narrowing by church - being re-assessed by Ringway Parkman; they also have received several parishioner complaints. Chair will chase report.

c. The hedges along Greenhill have been cut back by Mr Morse.

d. The Golden Yew half way along Greenhill on the bend appears to belong to No 4, the Highway department is writing to ask for this to be cut back, or they will do it.

e. Back of Forge Fields - waiting for a suitable spell of weather.

f. Conifers in Forge Fields near sub station - Groundsman to do shortly.

g. The old cemetery. It appears through local knowledge that the church never applied for a closure order. This means they do still have the full responsibility for the upkeep. The Clerk will need to advise the Church, and suggest that they either pay Mr Nicholas the going rate to continue cutting the area, or supply their own Groundsman.

8. Planning Applications

03/03176/COU Continued use of existing building for commercial vehicle garaging in association with external parking, at 37 Stone Lane Lydiard Millicent.

The Parish Council had received no complaints about the traffic or garaging arrangements and has no adverse comments to this renewed application. However, they would wish to mind the District Council of this properties history, and would ask if the the concrete hard standing is to be permanent and how deep the foundations. We would also wish to point out that the pond which has been dug on site in the last six months has no planning approval, and is thought to be within 6metres of the Oil Pipeline.

NWDC Planning approvals

03/02587/FUL Satellite dish at 80 Chestnut Springs

03/02879/FUL Garage with hobbies room over at The Hollies Greenhill

NWDC Planning refusals

03/02691/OUT Dwelling to rear of 23 Stone Lane

03/02958/S73A Conversion of sales building to private dwelling at Greenhill Nurseries.

NWDC Planning enforcement

Land at Brockhurst Farm Stables Greenhill Hook - Mobile home to be removed within 4 months of 16th January 2004.

Swindon B.C. asked for comments on a proposed Public Entertainment Licence for Nine Elms Public House Shaw Lane Swindon. There were no adverse comments, however, it was suggested we check that Mr Woods of 2 The Elms Shaw, had been advised of the application.

9. Accounts (* include. VAT)

000944	Mrs Leckie wages	£190.00
000945	Mr Nicholas Groundsman	£180.00
000946	LMPH December payment	£12.00
000947	Southern Electric - JCH	£181.23*
000948	Mr Walker - map frames	£200.00
000949	J E Frost Final payment JCH,Car park	£1248.44*
000951	Mrs Leckie expenses	£67.53

Five maps had been sold over Christmas.

Donation was considered for 'Splash' - agreed but check how much we sent last year.

Accounts proposed by Cllr. Revere and seconded by Cllr. Bennett - no objections.

10. Committee Reports

Recreation Field - Groundsman is unhappy about mud on car park. He will suggest Shaw F.C. invest in some hedgehog brushes concreted in adjacent to the car park.

JCH - Spotlight bulb which had fused before Xmas has been replaced by Mr Frost, whilst he inspected the cracks which have appeared. He is happy to use some of the left over paint to repair them, at his normal hourly rate - possible up to £50.

JCH - Signs supplied by Shaw F C's suppliers. However, one of them is too big, Sub-committee to discuss the options.

Play Area- Cllr. Baker away, therefore no report. Cllr. Saunders next month.

ROsPA report highlighted the need for more chippings and for the height of the junior swings to be raised. Information needed from the suppliers, as no obvious way shortening the chain.

Millennium Account is now empty, since the £200 used to pay for more frames, £90 has been received. The Trees and Shrubs will still be purchased and this project will go ahead within the next couple of months.

11. Parish Plan

Cllr. Pepperall has sent off grant applications. The main application was delayed as the Countyside Agency needed to see how much the other grant partners were offering.

LMPC has resolved to fund any shortfalls in the those grants. £1,000 had already been budgeted in the precept. Unanimous approval.

Two of the first topic groups have been set up, 1 - Footpath and Cycle Paths (copy of draft to be sent to Cllr. Brimacombe) and 2 - Post Office provision. The Survey has revealed 85 responses from the 500 send out. The comments received unanimously agreed the need for a shop and post office. There is another possible candidate to take over the post office, who is preparing a business plan at present; she has been given a copy of the survey results.

12. Update on Clerks remuneration and equipment.

The Chairman and Clerk are to attend a seminar at NWDC offices on 27th January to hear more about the offer to fund 33% of the cost of a laptop and software.

The Chairman and Clerk had visited the Inland Revenue offices to initiate the process to allow the Clerk to transfer from self employment to employment. There will be no cost to the Parish Council as the Clerk's income is below the tax and NI thresholds.

It was suggested that the Clerks hours be increased to 28 hours per month from April 1st, to be reviewed again October 1st - Diary to be kept of actual hours worked.

13. Correspondence

Parishes on-line - 27th January 2004 - Clerk and Chairman

Parish Boundary Review - comments had been sent.

WCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan - given to Cllr. Brimacombe to read and report back.

NWDC Public Spaces and Local Plans Panel - the Chairman had skimmed the report - no apparent issues for LMPC.

WCC Parish and Town Council Emergency Planning Exercises - the Chairman read out texts from the report, and thanked Cllr Bennett & his parishioner volunteers for taking part.

WALC circular - Clerk to check with NWDC on mileage allowances for Officers.

Various Newsletters and any of the above - available to read from the Clerk.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on the 5th February 2004 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.