

Minutes signed by Cllr T Pepperall Chairman on the 7th July 2005.

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF 2ND JUNE 2005**

1. **Apologies for absence;** Cllrs B Baker, Cllr E Quartly Bishop, and Cllr P Brimacombe.
2. **The minutes** of 28th April 2005 were signed as a true record, there were no objections. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 5th May 2005 were signed as a true record. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 5th May 2005 were deferred to July 2005.
3. **Co-option as Councillor** - Mr Andrew Harris was proposed by Cllr Pepperall and seconded by Cllr Bennett. Co-option approved and Cllr Harris welcome to Council. The Declaration of Acceptance form was duly signed and witnessed by the Clerk. Cllr Harris will sign the Register of Interest in July.
4. **Speaker** Ms A Stribling (now Mrs A Conlan) of the Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership came to talk about possible future projects for the parish. Regretfully the project early in the year had failed due to lack of response, but was thriving in Purton, and has since formed a fledgling dance group. The youth of Lydiard Millicent are still welcome to join in. Several reasons were put forward for the lack of response, e.g. poor advertising, and wrong time of year. Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership (WYAP) is supported by, SBC, WCC, NWDC, and is for 13-21 year olds to get youth projects such as Music, Dance or Arts and Drama up and running. Suggestions offered to Mrs Conlan for reaching the age group of 13 - 21 were, to do flyers to Secondary Schools, to advertise in the Lydiard Magazine, Church Youth Club and Church Notice Board. Mrs Conlan explained that she does taster sessions in schools but have been unable to obtain a free session with Wootton Bassett School. Cllr Groom will talk to the Governors about this. Although the funding available had been used, the Parish Council would still be able to use the Youth Workers, if they were to come up with a suitable project and could help fund it themselves.
5. **Invitation for local PC to speak.**
PC Hulmes attended the meeting to answer various Parishioner questions. He began with a brief explanation appertaining to the road traffic accident at the end of May. The accident had occurred whilst vehicles were parked on the stretch of Church Place between the entrance to The Butts and The Beeches. A car had stopped to allow an oncoming car to pass the line of parked vehicles. Whilst waiting, car 2 also came from the west, and failed to stop in time, ramming into car 1, pushing it up over the pavement, to the north. Car 2 bounced off car 1, and ended up against the wall opposite, to the south. It was an unfortunate fatal incident, which is subject to ongoing investigations and until that has been completed PC Hulmes was unable to comment further and more directly on the subject.

Members of the public asked PC Hulmes, in the light of the accident what was he going to do about the parking of cars along this stretch of road, and were astonished to note that he was not proposing to change anything. The road does not have any road markings prohibiting parking and is wide enough to pass a parked vehicle. It creates a natural chicane which slows the flow of traffic. It was preferable to the chaos which used to occur with cars parking in and around the entrance to The Butts, and he has been working closely with the School, the P.C. and, most importantly, the parents of the schoolchildren to solve the parking problems at the school run times.

This caused outrage because some residents of Lydiard Millicent felt that the long line of parked vehicles directly caused the accident, as it is very difficult to pass more than 12 parked vehicles safely with a blind bend at the end of the road. It was asked if there was a ruling was on how long a row of parked cars can be - there is no ruling on this. Manoeuvring a car out of The Beeches is very difficult at the best of times and is made harder when a number of vehicles are parked near The Butts.

Some residents will be attending the Coroners Court Enquiry and will ask PC Hulmes to repeat his comments from the Parish Council Meeting. PC Hulmes agreed that they had the right to do so.

The residents said they would call 999 the next time there was a long line of traffic similar to that of the accident day, and report an obstruction. PC Hulmes agreed they could do so.

PC Hulmes explained that if double yellow lines or other methods of traffic restriction were felt to be necessary then parishioners should ask their Council to request this from the WCC Highways Dept. The Police have no control over the installation of highway markings.

Arthur Beltrami, Chair of Governors, LMPS, was unhappy with the way PC Hulmes had been spoken to during the meeting and pointed out that the governors and parents actually had a good working relationship with him. He had been involved along with NWDC and WCC to draw up the safe routes to school Travelwise plan, and LMPS had won a grant of £26,000. A further £4,000 has been allocated to help ease the parking situation. Everyone is able to attend the School Safe Routes meetings and he is always available, if members of the public wish to speak to him.

PC Hulmes was asked to comment on the speeding along Lydiard Green, especially near the bus stops, an exceptionally dangerous place to be and another accident waiting to happen. She offered her driveway as a suitable place to park with their speed guns.

It was noted by a member of the public that problems with speeding have actually increased since the 30 mph limit was extended, as drivers seem more likely to stick to 40 mph than 30mph. He also agreed with other members that plain bad driving was the cause of the problems in the village.

Cllr Holloway enquired if the accident would add sufficient history to the road to qualify for a permanent camera safety unit to be fitted. Answer, very unlikely, but the Collision Enquiry Unit collates every accident and it would be looked at.

PC Hulmes was told about a bus driver who had been negotiating the chicane recently while using his mobile phone and it was thought to be the same driver who had tipped his bus over near Greatfield Cross Roads earlier in the year. Thamesdown Transport had not wanted to know, and had indicated they were not responsible for their drivers.

6. County Councillor's report and questions arising.

The Rural Buffer is due to be reduced in size and more thought needs to be given to how the Parish will be protected. NWDC say that the Open Countryside Policy will adequately cover this!!! Cllr Groom has written to say that the West should be equally protected as are large areas in the East by Sw. BC.

Waste is again in the spotlight. WCC & the 4 D.C.s have been awarded up to £100,000 by DeFRA, to do a 'compositional analysis' - despite WCC being in the top quartile of authorities, and recycling 27%.

Wiltshire Conservationist have won a National prize for conserving various items, previously saved, such as cement, bicycle wheels, Bronze Age pots etc, as well as repairing and conserving the pots themselves.

7. District Councillor's report and questions arising.

Swindon Joint Study has agreed on 16,000 houses which is an improvement on the original 24,000. Wimpey Homes are applying to build at Lydiard Tregoze and Cllr Groom asked the Council to consider supporting WCC's objection to this. This was approved and a letter will be drafted shortly.

The Northern Area Community Partnership was officially launched on the 25th May at RAF Lyneham and included a tour and refreshments. It was a good evening but clearly some members of the public did not understand the aims of the Partnership. The Parish Council can help by delivering their 'Plans'.

NWDC will be holding a 'funding surgery' on Wednesday 8th June 2005 in Purton. Everyone welcome.

8. Parishioner's Question Time.

Arthur Beltrami, Chair of School Governors, enquired if there was a proposal for a crossing, or upgrade of the footpath to the rear of, the Sun Inn. Reply, these are issues being looked at under the Parish Plan

It was mentioned by a resident that the school ought to have been replaced many years ago, and in fact there had been proposals to site it at the far end of The Beeches but resident objection had obstructed this. Why had there not been any attempt to review this since?

This question, with the permission of the Chairman, had been directed at Mr Beltrami, over the rumours that the school was to increase its numbers significantly. Mr Beltrami replied that there would be a rise of 17 children only, and that there would now be seven class rooms, with a year group per class. This improvement has taken five years to achieve.

The School does not allocate places. Parents' applications are sent to the LEA, who allocates places up to six months or more in advance. New families moving into the catchment area after the allocation period, occasionally mean that class size may increase, as the school is bound to take children in their area.

A resident attending the recycling centre in Purton had been told that the cardboard recycling skip was all window dressing and that it still ended up in the landfill. Other residents have heard similar comments. Cllr Groom offered to investigate this at WCC/NWDC.

Rev. P Knight, addressed the meeting and asked if there could be shared discussions over the parish cemeteries. This was agreed and the Cemetery committee will arrange a date to meet with Rev. Knight. There is still a general concern over the condition of the cemetery in general. Reply - there is work in hand on the cemetery, and improvements will be seen soon.

The National Probation Service has offered the provision of labour for various parish maintenance works. The Chairman will be meeting their local representative together with Mr Beltrami shortly to discuss the offer to benefit projects from the Parish Plan. An update to be given in July.

The Chairman was directly questioned about his personal opinion of the vehicles parking along Church Place towards The Butts. He replied that he was less happy when the parking was at the top of The Butts and was disappointed with parents not using the Sun Inn car park. There is a need to find better parking arrangements. The Chairman noted that this specific incident will have focused Councillor's minds. It was asked why LMPC has not purchased the piece of land adjacent to the Parish Hall for car parking. Reply - repeated requests for this piece of land to be sold to the Council have failed, as owners have wished to keep it for future possible development.

The footpath along The Street is growing weeds which are inhibiting access for walking along with twin pushchairs, or pushchairs with small children.

Returning to speed issues, it was requested that LMPC ask about the possibility of 30mph repeater signs being placed more frequently. Reply - WCC Highway Engineer has said they are at the standard distance.

It was requested that future minutes display both the income and the expenditure. This was agreed.

Parish Notice boards have been reported as being in a poor state, with rusty drawing pins and tatty out of date material, in particular the Cemetery Notice Board. Doors to the others were suggested a new Cemetery Fees notice will be placed as soon as the new fees are agreed.

Now the weather has improved, can the white lining work be carried out at the Church Bus Stop area.

Due to a driver sending her car repair bill to WCC after damaging it along Greenhill, some remedial pothole work is now being carried out. It currently looks like a chequer board, with many holes being missed. It is thought that these may not be deep enough to meet required criteria.

Potholes, were reported at the westerly end of village near Greenhill crossroads and on the Left-hand side of Stone Lane - both have been reported to Clarence.

9. Councillor's reports of Parishioners queries.

It is thought that a plumbing business is being carried out at Greensend, as up to 6 vans are regularly seen early in the morning meeting on site – this property is already under review by NWDC.

Bus Stop overgrowth at Lydiard Green was reported again. The Chairman, Mrs Holloway and the Groundsman to meet shortly to discuss this.

Hot Spots. 7.5 ton sign

Park Lane - where is the resurfacing? Not on this years list. Chairman and Cllr Groom have been chasing this up with no success. A recent water leak in Park Lane has disturbed the tarmac which had been laid in pot holes earlier in the year.

Cllr Saunders had nearly been pushed off the road by a yellow bus - what can be done about the buses? A recent meeting that Cllr Groom had attended may have the desired result of empty buses going via Coped Hall. It was suggested that a demonstration with placards might help driver attitude.

Cllr Harris enquired if anything can be done about the bridge at Washpool, and road rage when they cannot pass each other. He also reported that joyriding occurs at Washpool at all times of the night. He also noted that Washpool was within the 7.5 ton limit where heavy vehicles should not be travelling.

10. Report on matters arising from 28th April 2005 not on the main agenda.

The School light does need to be left on but will be adjusted downwards, and checked on regularly. (The above items are for information only).

11. Planning Applications -

05/00040/COU POST OFFICE COTTAGE. Change of use to form only one dwelling and more office accommodation. - **Object** to this application majoring on the lack of parking.

05/01157/FUL Loft Conversion and Single Storey Rear Extension at 2 Park View Drive.

No adverse comments.

05/01201/FUL Creation of 2nd Vehicular Access at 30 Stone Lane **Object** - second access considered an unnecessary additional hazard, unless it replaces the original access, due to speed & volume of traffic on Stone Lane.

Late Planning

05/01346/FUL 25 Greenhill Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, new front porch. There was a house on the plot 38 years ago, where the extension is sought. **No adverse comment.**

05/01296/TCA Tree Surgery works at Lydiard Millicent C of E School, The Butts. **Approved.**

Application withdrawn - 05/00624/FUL - six semi's on land adj. to Lydiard Towers.

NWDC Permission granted

05/00447/FUL 10 The Moors, Drop Kerb.

05/00717/FUL 4 Lydiard Green, Replace existing roof over utility, and first floor extension.

12. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Mrs R Leckie	Salary	£230.00
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	£131.61
Mr R Nicholas	Groundsman	£123.33
Shaw F.C.	Line marking	£100.00
L.M. Parish Hall	Hire of Hall Parish Council	£15.00
Community First	Insurance renewal	£742.37

Late invoices.

British Telecom	Telephone JCH	11.73*
Mr Nicholas	Replacement cheque for April	£123.33

Discussion on 3 Gateway signs by WCC £2,098 no VAT. Agreement on adding 'Welcome To'. However further discussion needed on whether or not to separate the Speed part from the Welcome.

Discussion also took place on where they will be situated; it is not necessarily a straight forward replacement of original signage. The money has been budgeted for, and although it was mentioned that there are more worthy projects to spend this amount of money on, they can be precepted for individually. Cllr Harris asked if the Council had considered Flashing signs. This had been previously costed - Clerk to bring figures to July meeting.

Discussion on Taurus quote for Pond Platform repairs £410.00 + VAT- Agreed.

Discussion on donation to CPRE Judicial Review re tunnel under M4 - £100 pledged under Sect 137.

Community First Membership 2005/6 - £32.00 - Agreed.

The above Accounts were proposed by Cllr Pflieger and seconded by Cllr J Bennett - no objections.

13. Committee Reports

Recreation field - Weed kill has been ordered. - needs a dry windless day.

4 Football presentations will add £100 to accounts.

JCH - agreement was given to allow SFC to put bolts on the back of the building to secure goal posts through the summer.

Player's entrance sign needs replacing.

Boiler extractor has been showered with gravel.

Spotlight and Camera on the roof, have being twisted by youths - Chairman has tightened them up.

Play area - fence has been repaired, and gate catch mended.

Many teenagers are congregating on the playing field, from various parishes, and are intimidating the younger children. PC Hulmes to be asked to check occasionally in the evening.

Cemetery - spoil to be taken away - Cllr Holloway to seek help again from Mr M Smith.
 Cemetery Notice board needs a new coat of paint.
 Undertakers have all confirmed that the gate can be moved forward, and quotes can now be sought from Ian Church, J Frost, and Humpit 07930 850954.
 Undertakers are all happy with Church lay-by turning circle.

14. **Cemetery Explanation Sheet.** Deferred to July.
15. **Parish Plan Priorities Sheet.** Sheets to be completed by Councillors, showing their 'top ten', to bring to the July meeting.
16. **Standing Orders** - Deferred to July 2005.
17. **Post Office Update-** 3 Grants have been applied for, results awaited.
18. **The Butts Pond** - See Accounts.
19. **Church Chicane** - Still waiting for repairs.
20. **Parish Spring Litter Pick** - update

Cllr Bennett was very grateful for those few who turned up - they collected 12 bags of rubbish and various ironmongery. Gloves and litter picks had needed to be returned. Cllr Bennett proposed that the Council purchase a dozen litter pick sticks at £7 for orders over £50, free delivery. Agenda July.

21. **Parish Clerk's Office Provision.**
 Due to impending building work at the Clerk's home the 'working office' will be moved to the JCH for a Month's trial. Shelving and telephone line to be arranged.

22. **Road Traffic Accident**
 Need to wait for Coroners report in the short term - long term need to pursue land for a new car park.

23. **Correspondence** - due to time constraints only a few were dealt with, Councillors had access to the correspondence after the meeting.

- a. **Letter from P H Hall**, 4 Holborn re the state of roadside hedges in the parish - defer to July.
- b. **Letter from LMPHall** - reminder - re parking in car park (Dec 2004 letter in hand).
- c. **Letter from LM School** - wishing to still use The Butts Pond as a future facility when repaired.
- d. **NWDC Local Plan 2011** - <http://www.northwilts.gov.uk/suggested-pre-inquiry-changes-5.doc>.
- e. **Wiltshire Association of Local Councils** - county circular 05/05.
- f. **National Joint Council for Local Government Services** – Circ. 1/05 - Car Allowances 2005/6.
- g. **Best Kept Village** - Posters - not necessary.
- h. **NWDC Public Spaces and Local Plans Panel** Agenda 24th May 2005.
- i. **NWDC** - re Goods Vehicle Operating Licence. - Advice sheet on dealing with these applications.
- j. **The Northern Area Community Partnership** - launch of their plan on 25.5.05 at 7.00 p.m.
 Councillors and delivery persons required, to deliver the launch documents.
NWDC - Casual vacancy - there were no requests for election by the statutory date, we can now co-opt. - Possible co-option of Mr N Smith in July.
- k. **Land and Mineral Management Ltd** - hard copy as requested by Clerk on the Parkgate Farm Landfill, non technical summary.
- l. **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** - Waste Reduction Projects.
- m. **Swindon B.C.** - supplementary planning guidance notes. www.swindon.gov.uk
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Development Forum - Invitation to the first meeting.
- n. **W.C.C.** Invitation for two Councillors to attend a 'meet and greet' evening on 23.6.05 or 29.6.05. - Chairman and Vice Chairman to attend.
- o. **NWDC Development Control Committee** Agenda for 1st June 2005 - no items LMPC
- p. **NWDC Housing Strategy Consultation** - hard copy now available to read.
- q. **W.C.C. Statement of Community Involvement for Wiltshire** -consultation from 20.5 - 4.7.05.

Late Correspondence

- r. **NWDC Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area 2** Committee agenda for 8th June 2005.
- s. **NWDC Community Area Awards**; funding surgery Wednesday 8th June. - Parish Hall Committee member to attend.
- t. **North Wiltshire Flower Festival** is not being run in 2005.
- u. **Kennet and North Wiltshire Primary Care Trust** - newsletter.
- v. **Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board** - Open day on 11.6.05. www.cjsonline.org/lcjb/Wiltshire.
- w. **Age Concern Wiltshire** - Volunteers required.

24. **Date of next Council Meeting, Thursday 7th July 2005 LMParish Hall**
Meeting closed at 10.30 p.m. (after extension agreed by members).