

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2004**

**Present:** Cllrs T Pepperall - Chair, B Baker, J Bennett, P Cole, J Holloway, A Pflieger, L Quartly-Bishop, D Revere, & V Saunders.

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs P Brimacombe and M Groom.

**2. Confirm Minutes** The minutes were amended as follows: item 8 - 03/03176/COU to read '3' metres from Oil Pipeline. Minutes were then signed as a true record.

**3. County Councillors Report:** Credit Card Fraudsters in Wiltshire, News Release, read out.

**4. District Councillors Report:** NWDistrict Area Committee had met to discuss land use. Lydiard Tregoze had been allocated 250 houses SE of Lydiard Millicent. This was refused. The site for Lydiard Millicent had previously been rejected and dismissal was upheld.

**5. Parishioners Question Time:**

1. Concern was raised over the level of bark in the PlayArea under the swings in view of the raised wooded edges. More bark will be added in the Spring.

2. Concern was raised about additional radiation from a second communications mast.

3. Objection raised over the proposed new dwellings bottom of Mews - general consensus was that the community did not want starter homes, as Landlords buy them for rental. The 'Arboretum' should remain. Objections were raised over the selective traffic survey, - WCC guidelines were being challenged. The traffic survey was also done at an inappropriate time of day and not for long enough. It omitted the Recreation Field traffic. An Access was discussed through Mr Moody's land, but concerns were then raised that unless the houses were turned around, a circular rat race would occur should the roads be joined. It was suggested a full survey taking into account the average age of the community and the prospect of larger families with cars replacing the current residents in the next 10 years and the impact on Chestnut Springs and The Mews generally.

A resident had printed policy guidelines from the Local Plan to assist the Parish Council.

4. Mr Wicks was pleased to report that the hedges along Greenhill had been cut back and thanked the Council for their efforts. The pot holes were mentioned, and the Chairman was able to report that the general state of the road, and ditches were being surveyed.

5. Unfortunately Mr Wicks had been the subject of malicious gossip, in the Public Houses in the Parish, which he believes originated from Councillors and immediate friends and family. The Chairman apologised - Council business should not be so discussed in such public places.

6. A request was made by Mr Tapscott as to when the original advertisement was placed in local newspapers for the traffic calming measures adjacent to the Church. Clerk to enquire. On the subject of the chicane a quick hand poll was made from those present at the meeting to see whether or not the residents felt it had improved the situation or made it worse.

The result was 50/50 with several people commenting that the pavement was an asset, but the right of way through the traffic calming made it dangerous for drivers, with risk of road rage.

7. 4 x 4's are still parking on the pavement end of The Butts, preventing wheelchairs and pushchairs from passing without going onto the road.

**6. Councillors reports of Parishioners queries.**

a. Cllr Pflieger - had been approached by residents of Park Lane about the state of the

road. Children are getting wet feet when they walk to or from school in the rain. Even a small amount of rain completely floods the centre section of the road.

6. b. Cllr Bennett - asked if any progress had been made over the fly tipping at Washpool. Clerk asked who owned the field, Cllr Holloway offered to find out.

### **7. Report on matters arising:**

6.1 Still chasing Greenhill bins.

6.2 Fly tipping at Washpool road - bricks have now been dumped. Landowner to be sought to ascertain if they have placed the rubbish there to dissuade courting couples etc.

6.3 Fridge or microwave on Stone Lane - had been removed.

6.4 No report on the stiles.

6.7 Area around Redstone Construction building, L.Green Ind'l Est., had been cleared.

7.b Chairman read out our report on potential improvements to the Church road narrowing scheme including:- extending the 20 mph area to beyond the junction with The Butts, a thick yellow line between highway and the bus stop/church parking area with no parking between 7.00 and 19.00 daily, the kerbs needed to be edged in red reflectors, and bollards with reflectors are required, no parking signs needed on the bus space by The Butts, but also complaints of too many signs in a Conservation Area.

7.f The Conifers around Forge Field sub station to be cut on the following Saturday.

7.e The skip hire for Forge Fields was questioned on grounds of cost. Item 7 4.12.04 £75 for skip hire. Chair to investigate alternatives.

### **8. Planning applications February 2004**

03/03139/03138/FUL/LBC Pembroke House, - information only.

03/04042/FUL Two storey side extension and new access at 32 Stone Lane.  
No Adverse Comments.

04/00036/FUL 38 Stone Lane Two storey side/rear extension -  
No Adverse Comments.

04/00173/FUL Five Dwellings adj. The Mews - Objection - Chairman and  
Clerk to detail all relevant points.

04/00164/TCA Remove Two Trees at All Saints Church Lydiard Millicent  
Orange Personal Communication Services Limited - Proposed site Perrins Fruit and Veg.  
We would prefer they shared with location B, or site it slightly further back on Perrins land,  
away from the Rec. field, re concerns over children being caught between two sets of waves.

### **NWDC Permissions Granted**

03/03176/COU Continued use of existing building for commercial vehicle  
garaging at 37 Stone Lane.

04/03000/FUL Three Stables with Tack Room, Plain Farm, Braydon.

### **9. Accounts**

000952	The Lydiard Link	£321.87
000953	Thames Water Cemetery/JCH	£96.58
000954	Mr R Nicholas Groundsman	£180.00
000955	Mr T Pepperall Expenses	£35.25
000956	L.M.P.H. rent 4.12.03	£12.00
000957	Mrs R Leckie wages	£190.00
000958	Mrs R Leckie expenses	£73.02

The accounts were proposed by Cllr Revere and seconded by Cllr Quartly-Bishop, the cheque book was duly signed.

9a. The Clerk reported on the Bank of Ireland identification procedure. It appears that an auditor/Bank or similar can sign the copies. Clerk suggests that she obtains the original identifications and arranges to have the copies signed on mass by our Internal Auditor.

**10. Report on Parishes on Line evening** attended by Clerk and The Chairman. £350 grant is available to Parishes enabling them to go on line with NWDC, not linked to whether or not we purchase IT equipment or software from them, Cllr Holloway to confirm. Web Site providers were advertising on the evening. Web site can be used to gather information needed for the Parish Plan, but we needed to be in full control of our Web site, more research into this needed, as most internet providers offer a web space, Mr Peter Windo has volunteered to help set up our own Parish web site.

**11a. Wiltshire Highways** confirmation they are to jet clean the culvert at Greenhill bottom, and are looking into the siting of a weight restriction sign.

**11b. Wiltshire Highways** sent literature outlining requirements in obtaining lower speed limits. To gain a lower speed limit a speed survey is required, to ascertain the average current speed of the traffic. A 20mph limit is generally permitted only where traffic is travelling at up to 24mph. and then usually in conjunction with traffic calming.

**11c.** 20mph limit also discussed from The Butts to Church Place

**12. Parish Plan** Grant has been approved from the Countryside Agency £1,295, plus £500 from NWDC Community Funds, and £200 from Solve (Community First). Quarterly public update meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm, LMPHall.

### **13. Committee Reports**

Clubhouse, J Frost to repair cracks, plus a few odd jobs at his hourly rate. Youngsters kicking ball against the side of the JCH is making the walls very dirty, creates a lot of noise and keeps the security light on - appropriate sign needed. Construction of a play wall was discussed, perhaps adjacent to the end of the Car Park, but alternative positions are sought.

Play area, It was agreed to ask RoSPA to carry out the Disability Discrimination Act inspection when they carry out the next annual inspection in September.

Millennium, trees and bushes need to go in very soon.

### **14. Correspondence**

Ringway Parkman annual review, NWDC review of urban capacity and housing policy, First News newsletter and WALC County Circular no 1/04 are all available to read from the Clerk.

### **15. Date of next meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004.**

Meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.