

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005**

**Present:** Cllrs T Pepperall (Chairman), J Bennett (Vice Chair), P Brimacombe, M Groom, J Holloway, A Pflieger, E Quartly-Bishop, N Smith,

**1. Apologies for absence** Cllrs B Baker, A Harris, V Saunders

**2. Minutes of meetings**

4<sup>th</sup> August 2005. Item 5 line 4 was changed to read 'The Regional Spatial Strategy had not been accepted by WCC and all District Councils and a review of the proposals demanded.'

They were then signed as a true record of events, there were no objections.

21st July 2005. Item 1 had several questions beginning with 'why', to be changed to 'Why'. Item on licensing hours on page 3 - Cllr Holloway had been accredited with a comment that Cllr Smith had made - this was corrected and the minutes were signed accordingly.

**3. Invitation for local PC to speak.**

Prior to PC Hulmes speaking the Chairman explained that the Post Office had been granted its planning application, and that it may in the future provide more traffic management challenges.

PC Hulmes reported that the village had been the scene of 6 crimes in the past two months, 3 of which had taken place at Toomers Garden Centre, 2 of which could have been avoided with more crime prevention initiatives in place.

It was requested by Cllr Holloway that all areas of the parish be included when the speed traffic surveys were carried out. PC Hulmes acknowledged this.

PC Hulmes announced that in the next week or two, an HGV Traffic Operation was to take place in the village, although there are few places to stop vehicles without causing traffic jams. It would help if all HGV signs were clearly visible and correctly placed to help the police operation.

**4. County Councillor's report and questions arising.**

Cllr Groom reminded the public and Councillors that a new 30mph speed limit will soon be implemented on roads into the village.

**5. District Councillor's report and questions arising.**

Cllr Groom reported that the protest against Wimpey's proposals to build houses in Lydiard Tregoze had gone well on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**6. Parishioner's Question Time.**

**6.1** It was reported that the lengthsman had only cleared approximately 25 yards in 2 days. They arrived approx. 9.30 a.m. and then left by 1 p.m. to empty their trailer, by the time they returned it was nearly time to go home.

**6.2** It was suggested that, when the Garage forecourt was re-tarmac'ed, it may have commandeered some of the footpath, which should be 3' wide.

**6.3** The Church Bus Shelter bin was overflowing and the bin men will not empty it because it had also been used as a doggy bin.

**6.4** The footpath sign at Chestnut Springs which had been uprooted the previous month had gone missing; the grass cutting team are to be asked if they took it for safe-keeping.

- 6.5** Thanks were given to Cllr Pflieger who had cut back the hedge at the end of Park Lane.
- 6.6** Greenhill road surface has another large bump in the road approx. opposite 'The Hollies'. The path past the Greenhill end turning circle has had a load of mud deposited in the puddle. This is presumed to be the spoil from the Cemetery, which had been agreed. However, a parishioner suggested that the spoil had been substituted with mud. The Highway engineers are to be asked for their opinion, and Mr Smith may need to be asked to remove the mud and clean up. It has been arranged for 20 tons of recycled road planings to be deposited there shortly, but the path first may need to be cleaned up.
- 6.8** Mrs P Guest asked Cllrs to support the Parish Hall's request for urgent funding - Agenda item 18.8. They have had considerable cost this year, and have rarely asked for financial help. Parish council may need to give a grant to trigger the further funding - Agenda item for October.
- 6.9** Noxious fumes from the back of Bagbury Park have been reported to Environmental Health dept.
- 6.10** Mr Windo reported that we had received over 200 hundred visitors since the re-floating of the web site. Like all web sites it needs new material to be constantly added. Hot Spots are readily visible and need changing. Further sites can be found using the links.
- 6.11** The Accounts, for approval tonight, were prepared using the 'Scribe' package, which is easy to use and encourages accuracy. Thanks were given to those involved in their preparation.
- 6.12** Mr Windo was also pleased to see that the 'Cemetery and Car Park' is Agenda item 12.
- 6.13** Cllrs were asked to speak clearly as often the general public could not hear them.
- 6.14** The hedge on the inside of the bend at Holborn corner has grown very wide and is now considered a road hazard, and should be cut back.
- 6.15** The hedge from Holborn at Badgers Brook was encroaching on to the road and the verge is now down to 8 inches. A letter was sent on 6 July to the owners of the field. An Email from WCC Highways advises 'if nothing happens within 4 weeks they will send a reminder'. If no response then, they will then cut it and bill them. It was agreed to chase this up.
- 6.16** There has been some confusion and lack of communication over the lodging of our comments against the new licence application for 'Riffs Bar'. NWDC gave out a fax machine number which was not accessible before the midnight deadline, and refused to accept the EMail. The advertising notice which Riffs Bar needed to display was a matter for debate, as Mrs Tye had felt it should have been displayed where it could be seen from the front of the public house. However, there appears to be no ruling on where this legal notice needed to have been placed.
- 6.17** Signing off the Annual Accounts. It was requested by the public for a space in a Parish Council meeting to discuss details of the accounts - this is scheduled for a future meeting. October's agenda will have an item for the Cllrs will debate how to publish the accounts to the general public, especially as it was not possible to have them ready for the 2005 AGM.

## **7. Councillors reports of Parishioners queries.**

- 7.1 Cllr Holloway confirmed that noxious fumes were indeed still coming from the back of Bagbury Park, to the detriment of his children's, and everyone's, health (see **6.9**).
- 7.2 The previous month's report from WCC Highways Dept mentioned that 'kerbing by the horse pond' could become a trip hazard and would need a handrail, etc. This was confirmed as becoming too costly for WCC to continue with the project.
- 7.3 An absence of issues from the 'Parish Plan' was noted in the Highway Engineers report. Some items can be discussed at the next visit, many need further work first.
- 7.4.1 Grass and shrubs on the wide verge near Greenhill crossroads - shrubs now not well maintained, and the grass needs cutting. It was agreed that the Groundsman could cut them back at a previous meeting. It was suggested they could be removed completely - October Agenda item.
- 7.5 Speed limit signs - Shrivenham PC paid for their flashing sign, reported to be £2,500 - question was asked if it was subsidised or if this was the full cost. Shrivenham PC to be contacted.
- 7.6 Two large containers are still by the Common Platt bridge – remind Highway Engineer.
- 7.7 It is thought that a new boundary wall at Stone Lane has encroached on the highway verge. This will be checked and reported to either NWDC or WCC if necessary.

## **8. Report on matters arising from 4<sup>th</sup> August 2005 not on the main agenda.**

- 8.1 Dog incident. A public apology was read out regarding the misunderstandings minuted in August. Put simply - it was a matter of two dogs not liking each other and the owners not separating them in time. Cllr Smith added his own public apology to The Sun Inn managers.
- 8.2 6, Common Platt hedge has been trimmed, but could be better - WCC may review
- 8.3. Witnesses to the lengthsman work had been covered in PQT - NWDC will be asked for a report on works carried out. Few of their requested tasks were completed - October Agenda item.
- 8.4 Cllrs Groom and Pepperall will liaise over how to make better use of the attributed fund allowance for the Parish, as we do not receive 5 full days work each year from the Lengthsman.
- 8.5 The wall and kerb at Millicent House still need treatment.
- 8.6 Holborn to Park Lane hedge still has not been cut.
- 8.7 The agreed letter, setting out the Parish Plan's position regarding possible boundary changes in the current review (no change please), will be sent mid September.  
(*The above items are for information only*).

## **9. Planning Applications**

- 9.1 **05/02012/OUT** Erection of dwelling on site of Old Pig Sty/Wooden Garage,

3 Wood Lane, Brinkworth. Comments were made that a pig sty should not qualify to be granted approval for a replacement residential building. There is no relevant footprint size, and we would suggest a site visit before any approval is given. **Objection to be sent.**

**9.2 05/01885/FUL** Vehicular Access on land at Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent. (opposite Garden Centre - currently a green field) Intended to be used for access to lorries collecting/cutting turf. The existing access is thought to be from the drive to the adjacent house, which may now have been disassociated with the field. The field is thought to be too small to have its own sustainable access.  
**Objection to be sent** on Road Safety and Access issues. 1 abstention recorded.

**9.3 05/01899/FRC** Woodland Grant Scheme - Consultation for 2 New Planting Areas at Oaklands, Wood Lane, Braydon. Parish Council agreed to **support** this application.

#### Late Planning.

**9.4 05/02020/FUL** The Piggery, Wood Lane, Braydon. Request for a new glass house, **no adverse comments.**

#### For Ratification.

Regretfully the two applications had not been brought to the meeting, but several Cllrs had seen the applications, with a majority spoken to by telephone.

**9.5 05/01891/FUL Garage to replace Car Port at 76 Chestnut Springs.**  
**Comment made** that it would be preferable to retain the hedge which would shield the bare wall.

**9.6 05/01976/FUL Replacement Vehicular Access at Lydiard House. Supported.**  
These were both **ratified** accordingly.

**9.7 NWDC Development Control Committee Agenda for 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005** at 6.00 p.m.  
**Item 18 – 05/01771/FUL** 79 Chestnut Springs. Replacement dwelling – recommended for approval by NWDC Officers. Following representations from Residents, Parish Council and District Cllr, planning permission was **refused** on grounds of being too large & obtrusive.

**Item 21 – 05/00940/COU** Post Office Cottage, 7 The Street - recommended for approval by NWDC Officers. Parish Council opposed strongly on insufficient parking grounds, but, in the absence of any adverse comments from WCC Highways Dept, **permission was given** by the Chairman's casting vote on both a site viewing, and the permission.

**Item 26 – 04/01241/COU** Greenhill Nurseries - Change of use of existing building to provide one new dwelling. A report of the Appeal, which was dismissed, decided that it was not possible for an Agricultural approval to be changed to a Residential approval on this countryside site.

**9.8 W.C.C. Speed limit order 2005**, copies of plan and public notice.  
It was agreed to apply for temporary new speed restriction signs in good time.

<b>10.</b>	<b>Accounts</b> (*incl. VAT)		£'s
<b>10.1</b>	Mrs R Leckie	Salary	230.00
<b>10.2</b>	Mrs R Leckie	Expenses (2 months)	117.50*
<b>10.3</b>	Mr R Nicholas	Groundsman	123.33
<b>10.4</b>	L M Parish Hall	Hire of Hall for meeting	15.00

10.5	British Gas	Jubilee Club House supply	15.71
10.6	Mr P Windo	Computer Software and maintenance charge	229.41*
10.7	T H Pepperall	JCH – Signs, Padlock & Keys, Nails	65.90*
		Computer Cartridge	<u>9.99*</u> 75.89*
10.8	Mr J Frost	Replacement of humidity sensor JCH	199.75
10.9	BT	JCH telephone	11.74

These accounts were proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Holloway, and approved.  
Receipts: Interest £59.48, Cemetery £5, JCH Hire £55, Millennium Maps £56.50, Total £175.98.

#### 10.10 Sign off Annual Accounts and the Declarations on the Audit Sheets.

It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Groom to sign the Statement of Assurance and to agree the Statement of Accounts in order that they may go to the External Auditor. It was agreed that there was a need to publicly discuss the accounts at the November meeting.

#### 11. Committee Reports

L.M.Cricket Club won their Wilts & Swindon 1<sup>st</sup> Div'n Sunday league.

More white lining is required for Football pitch marking.

JCH is now being used as the Clerks Office. Cllr Smith volunteered to obtain a storage cabinet. Play Area check by Cllr Baker, confirmation awaited. Next check by Cllr Saunders.

Cemetery sub committee still to meet. The spoil has been removed - quotes for framework of area to be sought asap. Solid post and side planking to be quoted for, by Bulldog, Kudos, Blackfords, Minety Fencing or Haynes Fencing.

Volunteer(s) needed to co-ordinate 'Open Gardens' for next year.

#### 12. Proposal to build new Cemetery and Car Park on land adjacent to The Beeches.

Everyone had now seen the draught plans. In view of the adverse comment from Beeches residents over the past two meetings, the P.C. now recommends seeking alternative options.

- The P.C. have few funds to purchase land, and with a precept of £12,000, would need to build up reserves over the 8 -10 years left on the old site, if a local solution is to be found.
- It was agreed we should ask local landowners for alternative sites (e.g. the Church Commissioners, Mrs Marklove, etc), although several previous approaches had failed.
- The potential problems of an open Car Park would need to be addressed.
- New proposals with costings should be submitted to Council when possible.
- We should still consider inviting Lydiard Tregoze to join our proposals, as they have a similar, even more pressing, need, and funds allocated for such a purpose.
- The legal obligations and regulations for new cemeteries need to be investigated carefully.
- It was agreed to leave the current proposal in abeyance, should Mr Hoare agree, until further investigations have taken place.
- The letters, which had been handed to the Chairman objecting to the scheme, will be kept on file, and the issues carefully looked at if the current proposal could and needs to be revived.

*10.00 An extra 15 mins to continue the meeting was agreed. Cllr Baker apologised and left.*

#### 13. Licence Applications

**The Sun Inn** licence has been approved. Licensing Hours will be 10a.m. until midnight, but 1a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. There will be a further 30 minutes before the premises close. Live Music will be restricted to a maximum of 20 occasions p.a. The owners have promised that no perceivable changes are intended, and that they do not wish the staff to work extra hours. Any problems can be reported to the Parish Council, who will liaise with the Managers and Owners where necessary. The P.C. are grateful to the Owners for the considerate amendments they have made to the licence application, and their wholehearted co-operation and open-ness.

**Riffs Bar.** The Parish Council had sought sight of the licence application mentioned in the August Minutes and needed to act quickly to prevent missing the deadline for comments.

The in-accessibility of the fax machine prior to the midnight deadline, and the refusal to accept the Email, because of its size, and which was unavoidable when the Representation had to be sent on the official Forms given, may well be a case for the relevant Ombudsman. In addition, the 'Official Notice' was not seen by any objectors, and its position, if exhibited, needs to be ascertained. It was certainly not on the front of the Public House.

A strong letter is to be sent to NWDC Licensing Dept, whose response (if any) will be reviewed by Cllrs, then a decision taken on further action.

They have applied for, and been granted, Licensing Hours to 02.00, Late Night Refreshments and Opening Hours to 03.00, plus open 24 hours for Non-Licensed activities. On Special National Sporting Events, Licensing Hours end at 04.00 and LNR's will be served up to 05.00.

Residents will have to suffer any problems for the time being, but not, necessarily, without complaint to the appropriate authority, or the Riffs Bar owners.

Residents are asked to keep a log of un-social activities, as evidence will be required to enable a new hearing to be called if necessary. It is also necessary to advise the Licensing Authority of problems at the time, or the following day, so that they have an official record of complaints. Likewise the Police should be similarly notified where the concern is theirs.

**HGV licence for 37 Stone Lane** was passed by the Traffic Commissioner. The 'Hearing' was attended by the Chairman and several parishioners, who all spoke regarding our concerns. The permission was for two 7.5 ton vehicles, basically during normal work hours.

#### **14. Parish Plan**

The Sub-Committee are to meet at the weekend to formulate the first task (Holborn), and then approach residents with specialist knowledge for help, and to report back at the October meeting.

The S/Comm. will need to seek P.C. approval for any major projects and any funding needs.

The Sun Inn owner, Mr J Johnson, has already offered assistance either towards a footpath from the Sun Inn car park, or in relation to a 'Crossing' across the road at the Car Park entrance.

**15. Cemetery Fees** - No comparative figures yet available – deferred to October meeting.

**16. Chairman's Broadband** - Deferred to October meeting.

#### **17. Clerk's Office Provision at JCH**

The trial has been successful so far, so there is now a need for a lockable steel cabinet (£149.00 plus vat at Changeware in Wootton Bassett). Cllr Smith may be able to obtain a suitable one as a donation. He will send dimensions of the proposed cabinets to the Chairman.

#### **18. Correspondence**

**18.1** Decision of Traffic Commissioner on 37 Stone Lane HGV License Application - see **13**.

**18.2** Local Works Summer 2005, campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill.

**18.3** WCC Provisional Local Transport Plan 2006/07 – 2010/11. Five copies for circulation - comments by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2005. Cllr Smith to review.

**18.4** Swindon B.C. Local Plan 2011. Policy DS2 'Strategic Development Areas' and Policy T12 'Other Road Schemes' (including Croft Road to Hay Lane link) are available for inspection on [www.swindon.gov.uk](http://www.swindon.gov.uk), and Swindon libraries. CPRE are going to the Ombudsman, as the Local Plan was pre-empted by Swindon BC, who gave themselves planning permission.

**18.5** NWDC Parish Review Consultation Document. – no items for LMPC.

- 18.6** Wiltshire Rural Housing Association. Ten copies of an information leaflet.
- 18.7** Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan 2016 – modifications on [www.swindon.gov.uk](http://www.swindon.gov.uk)
- 18.8** LMPHall - seek funding for New Fire and Safety Regulations work - October agenda.

**Late correspondence.**

Flooding at Cherry Briar Close has **not** been solved. WCC are still asked to fund repairs.

**19. Date of next meeting** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed 10.25 p.m.

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**These minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman at the October meeting.**