

**These Minutes signed as a true copy by the  
Chairman Cllr T Pepperall on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005**

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING 6TH OCTOBER 2005**

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

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr B Baker, Cllr J Holloway.

**2. Minutes of meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005**

Item 8 had an extra number added and the other numbers needed amending, to encompass the observation on the lengthsman's work.

It should be noted that Cllr Baker left at 10.00 p.m. at the end of item 12.

Item 10.10 - change October to November.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Pflieger.

**3. Local PC report.**

A couple of minor crimes, and a burglary at the Sun Inn public house dwelling.

Thefts from Toomers and Bagbury Park accounted for 50% of the parish crime.

Checks had been made on the movements of 7.5 ton vehicles over a period of 4-5 hours in September. This resulted in 6/7 warnings and a couple of tickets issued. This had included the Washpool area as well as the village.

PC Hulmes was aware of the damaged Parish Hall wall but there were no witnesses to the accident, and he could not search all the garage records to find who had towed it in.

The school was to receive a letter to inform new parents about local parking protocol.

PC Hulmes was asked to keep a look out for the Hills Waste vehicles coming through, in the light of the hazardous waste application on the tip in Purton.

PC Hulmes was asked how often the police had been called to Riffs Bar. It is not in his area but he has attended the site rarely and the last time for noise abuse was in 1999. Other occasions have been for burglary, not anti social behaviour.

The Chicane has caused more anguish, and many near misses, notably at a recent wedding. Complaints need to be directed to WCC, Education - Safe Routes to School, not the police. It was stated, by a member of the public, that traffic would go a lot faster without it, and that the road is much safer now than pre-chicane.

P.C. Hulmes suggested that we consider having the area lit as most accidents occur at night.

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

**4.1.** NHS undergoing 'Pathway's For Change', - third consultation next month.

**4.2.** Enormous audits are taking place in the Police Authority. Then they will be assessed hopefully against reduced 4,000 groups, not 6,000.

**4.3.** Cllr Groom attended a Seminar at John Watson House, on sophisticated aids to help people remain longer in their homes. Details with the clerk.

**4.4.** At a seminar on Learning for Disabled, she witnessed the progress of change, one year on, from residential home, to custom-designed homes. The participants of the scheme were very happy, more confident and mature.

**4.5.** Hills Waste, Purton - Residents are urged to lodge protests over hazardous waste plans. Road access is not good and the application goes against the Local and Emerging Plans. Richard Paget, Purton ex-Councillor, or Marie Webster, WCC Environmental Dept., can help, if more information is required by the public.

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

- 5.1. An application for funds from the Area 2 Awards Scheme has been received from the Parish Hall for £1500. This application will be stronger if LMPC have contributed.
- 5.2. Swindon B.C. has objected to the proposed application from Wimpey homes to build 200 houses on the edge of Lydiard Park, and have sent a letter to the Inspector that the Rural Buffer Zone needs to be protected.
- 5.3. Tunnel under M4. Another meeting about this will be held at the W.B. Memorial Hall at 7pm on Nov 7th. Large-scale maps have been produced to show where all the traffic lights would be situated, and concerns will be raised over what happens if they fail.
- 5.4. Cemetery provision is also proving troublesome in Cricklade. And the Town Council are consulting relevant Home Office papers. It would seem appropriate to collectively seek advice from NWDC, as the lack of burial ground space is not just a local issue.

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

- 6.1. Car Park & cemetery proposal at The Beeches – *shelved to search for an alternative site.*  
Can the 7 original residents have an official update – *agreed, Chairman to send.*
- 6.2. Thanks were given for the good remedial work to the path at the end of Greenhill.
- 6.3. Had the Parish Council received a report from the Lengthsmen with regard to the work carried out on the pavements Church to the Beeches – *Not yet.*
- 6.4. Comments were given ahead of the Councillors discussion re: lighting for the chicane.  
The lighting will be too late - the problem is how drivers are warned of the chicane. A Safety Audit may help, but lights would not prevent day-time accidents.
- 6.5. Pavement from Manor Farm Wall to The Church Wall, and opposite still needs weeding.

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

- 7.1. Request was made for the 'new layout' sign at the chicane to be removed as it is no longer new and does not aid the traffic situation. It is redundant street furniture.
- 7.2. 'Road Narrowing' sign along Manor Hill is hidden by vegetation. *Clerk to write*
- 7.3. Mr Crouch has cut his hedge from Badgers Brook to other side of Holborn.  
Wimpey's own the opposite side and have agreed to cut their hedge. Commitment of agents received on Washpool corner to The Elms to cut their hedges. Cllr Bennett to remind them.  
Cllr Pepperall has asked Westlea Housing to cut back their hedge at Holborn corner.
- 7.4. Removal of bins at Washpool bridge – WCC reminded
- 7.5. Footpath adjacent to Baileys field needs keeping clear of cars.
- 7.5. Greatfields drains are blocked, and need cleaning before winter – *Clerk to ask NWDC.*

**8. Report on matters arising from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 not on the main agenda.**

*(The above items are for information only).*

- 6.2. The garage fore-court. – this was never a footpath (confirmed by Cllr Quartly-Bishop).
- 6.3. Church lay-by Bus Shelter bin has been removed by a conscientious parishioner -  
*Clerk to order a replacement bin.*
- 6.4. NWDC grass cutting team confirmed that they have the footpath sign. *Clerk action.*
- 6.9. Noxious fumes from Bagbury Park - monitoring sheets have been sent to 2 parishioners.
- 7.6. Speed limit signs, Clerk to contact Shrivenham PC.
- 7.7. The boundary wall mentioned on Stone Lane has been checked and looks OK.
- 8.2. Common Platt hedge has been cut back, but a number of tree roots are still a hazard.  
New fencing is being erected.
- 9.8. Speed limit order. The Clerk has written and received confirmation that temporary signs will be erected when the speed limit comes into force.

Cllr Saunders mentioned that the speed reduction signs from Greatfield Crossroads to the village are very close together and time is not given to slow down from 60 to 40 mph. Soon to change to 30 mph, she requested that the WCC Highways consider revising the signage .

## 9. Planning Applications

**05/01508/FUL** Single, and Two Storey Rear Extension with Pitched Roof at 38 Stone Lane.  
**No adverse comments.**

**05/02255/TCA** Pollard six Willow Trees at 17 Lydiard Green **Support.**

**05/02269/FUL** Replacement Dwelling at Bracebridge House Wood Lane Braydon.  
We have **objections** on this application. It will be at least two or three times the original footprint, and, although probably not over-development of site, it certainly cannot be described as a replacement dwelling. LMPC feels that it is a misrepresentation to advertise it as such. It is a major extension hiding under the term of a replacement dwelling. *Clerk* - Request clarification on what 'replacement' means, and that this development follows planning guidance.

**05/02336/LBC** Installation of 30 Solar Heating Tubes at Grove House Lydiard Green.  
It was noted that this is a Grade II listed building. **Support.**

**Late Planning and approvals.**

**05/02443/FUL** Erection of cattle building at Plain Farm, Braydon. **No adverse comments**

**Licensing** of Sun Inn, NWDC **approved.**

**Planning Appeal** on 79 Chestnut Springs. *Clerk to reply as original comments-* **Oppose.**

10.	Accounts (*incl. VAT)		£'s
10.1	Mrs R Leckie	Salary	230.00
10.2	Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	nil *
10.3	Mr R Nicholas	Groundsman	123.33
10.4	L M Parish Hall	Hire of Hall for meeting	15.00
10.5	Scribe 2000 Ltd	Accounts package	195.00
10.6	TH Pepperall	Add'l keys, JCH	18.00*
		Payment for Digger at Greenhill	40.00
10.7	HDB Auditors	2004/5 Accounts	258.50*
10.8	Playground Management Ltd	RoSPA playground report	£138.65*
10.9	Avoncrop Amenity Products	Pitch marking liquid	183.02*
10.9a	NWDC	Development Control Minutes	28.50

Receipts: Cemetery£105, Mill.maps£55 +Postage£1.50, Wayleave£6.90, VAT£1,265.13.

### 10.10 LM P Hall funding request

LMPH have applied for a grant from NWDC and other organisations for electrical work.  
It was agreed to grant the Parish Hall £500 to endorse their application to NWDC.

**10.1 – 10.10** Proposed by Cllr J Bennett and seconded by Cllr V Saunders – Approved.

**10.11 2004/5 Accounts** discussion of means of Publishing.

It was agreed to publish the accounts on the Web site, in the Lydiard Magazine (possibly a leaflet which LMPC will fund), and, following the Clerk's trial at the JCH, members of the public may visit the Clerk there on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.00 and 12.00.

### 10.12 Precept considerations 2006/7

The Councillors were asked to list items to propose for 2006/7:-

**10.12.1** To employ a handyman to work alongside the Groundsman.

**10.12.2** Increase Groundsman's hours.

(Cllr Bennett to examine the current tasks and suggest a new schedule)

**10.12.3** Funds to improve the look of the Parish generally.

**10.12.4** Regular sweeps of specific roads.

## 11. Committee Reports

New white line liquid has been purchased for football pitches.

Second-hand filing cabinet – has been supplied by Cllr Smith. Grateful thanks given.

Play area sign was broken by a football, this has been put back together, but may need varnish or glue to keep in place.

The CCTV camera has again been turned to face the hedge. - *to be adjusted by Chairman.*

RoSPA playground report has been received – *no urgent matters.*

Cemetery Sub-Committee – to meet, Cllrs Saunders, Baker, Holloway and Chairman.

Open Gardens Co-Ordinator – no offer from magazine ad. - Cllr Pflieger will consider the role.

**12. Shrub Beds** near Greatfield Crossroads.

It was agreed to ask the Groundsman to merely cut them back and maintain them for a year. It may be necessary to check if we have a section 106 agreement for the bushes.

**13. Licence Application, Riffs Bar**

As there has been no reported unsociable activities since the new licence was agreed, LMPC decided not to pursue their complaint to NWDC about the way the licence deadlines were handled. The information will be kept for future use.

**14. Parish Plan Projects**

**14.1** The proposed replacement Post Office/Shop project is still proceeding.

**14.2** A volunteer Quantity Surveyor, and funding (e.g. land fill tax credits, grants) are needed to proceed with the preparation of laying new paths in the parish.

WCC to be asked if they do documentation packs needed to quote for the footpaths.

**14.3** Ian Porter of the Probation Service has been in contact with Mr. Beltrami, Chair, School Govnrs, and needs LMPC consent to start work on footpaths, either from The Sun car park to past the Garage, or from The Butts to Grove House. The Probation Service will provide costings and the labour – *review option re 'crossing' by car park entrance.*

**15. Lengthsmen's visits** - *agenda item for November.*

**16. Cemetery Fees** Clerk now has several comparisons and will compile a report to be sent out before next meeting.

**17. Chairman's Broadband**

The Chairman explained that he was using the internet far more for parish purposes, and his phone bills were rising towards a comparative broadband cost. Often emails were too large for his dial-up system to cope with. He felt it would be cost effective to have broadband installed and asked if LMPC would pay for half his fees.

It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Bennett that the Council pay the whole of the Chairman's broadband charge. This was approved. Chair to report update next meeting.

**18. Clerk's Office Provision at JCH**

The trial use of the JCH has been successful and the installation of a lockable second-hand storage cupboard has been very welcome.

The Clerk and Chairman carried out a risk assessment for lone workers, and determined that the Clerk should have means of keeping the inner doors closed, until such time as visitor's had been identified - *a door chain will be provided.*

The relocation of the existing emergency telephone was considered but not thought to be cost-effective. A pay as you go mobile phone to be used by the Clerk will allow incoming calls from the public and emergency calls out by the Clerk – *suitable phone to be sourced.*

It was confirmed that the Clerk's use of the Hall need not preclude other room rentals.

**19 Correspondence**

Lighting for the Chicane was discussed – it was agreed that it may prevent accidents occurring at night, and may enable speed cushions to be added from The Beeches end to slow traffic. This would also stop parking on the side of the road, but would necessitate street lighting. WCC Highway Department to be asked for advice, when any plans would be advertised, and opinions sought.

Swindon B.C. Statement of Community Involvement and Questionnaire – *ignore.*

NWDC Housing Strategy 2005-2008 Consultation – *Hard Copy to be ordered, and Cllr Groom to advise the Council accordingly.*

WCC Rural Facilities Survey 2005 – *ignore*

Letter from Mouchel Parkman re bus stop clearway markings at Manor House (Church Stop). Chairman had spoken to Mr D Everett prior to the meeting and established that these markings can be time limited, which will still enable school/church parking. Confirm the order and send with the Parish's concerns for this proposal (i.e. other possible uses).

**20. Date of next meeting – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005 at 7.30 p.m.**

WCC has asked for the name of a Transport Rep. - Cllr Pflieger agreed to consider this. *Clerk*

*to find out more details.*

**The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.**