

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 3RD NOVEMBER 2005**

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall - Chair, J Bennett, P Brimacombe, J Holloway, A Pflieger, E Quartly-Bishop, & V Saunders.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs B Baker, M Groom, A Harris, N Smith.
2. **Minutes of meeting 6th October 2005.**
The Minutes were adjusted at 6.5 to read Pavement from 'Manor Farm Wall to the Church Wall and opposite' still need weeding.
3. **Local PC report.** There was no report.
4. **County Councillor's report and questions arising.**
Cllr Groom had asked the Chairman to make the Parishioners and Cllrs. aware of a petition against the proposed tunnel under the M4, and for as many present as possible to add their signatures. Volunteers were sought to help lobby for further signatures on Saturday morning at Borough Fields, Wootton Bassett.
5. **District Councillor's report and questions arising.** There was no report.
6. **Parishioner's Question Time.**
 - 6.1. Leaves in The Butts and along The Street are making it difficult to walk safely.
 - 6.2. At the entrance to field opposite the horse pond, large stones which were holding one of the pillars upright are disappearing and the pillar may now become a safety issue.
 - 6.3. The Drain/Gulley sucker had been seen in the village but had not attended to The Butts or Greatfield Crossroads, as requested.
 - 6.4. Residents were reminded that they can write and lobby Cllr Sturgess to object to the proposed hazardous waste at Purton.
 - 6.5. A report on the War Memorial Clock was requested by Cllr Baker for the next meeting, and noted that Cllr Baker would be happy to receive donations for the same.
 - 6.6. Parish Cllrs were asked to look at the impression that their Notice Boards give to residents and visitors to the parish. It was requested they be replaced by covered boards.
 - 6.7. The Council's Web site had tied 9th out of 14 in a subsidiary competition of the Best Kept Village. Observations were raised with regard to possible improvements to our Web site. Our Webmaster mentioned he had not received the November Agenda before the meeting. He also suggested that the old Communicate web site was counter-productive, in making it harder for the public to access our new site.
 - 6.8. A tree is hindering entrance to The Close - thought to belong to No 1, The Close.
7. **Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.**
Residents of Park Lane are still waiting for some work to begin on their many large pot holes and drainage before the winter sets in.
8. **Report on matters arising from 6th October 2005 not on the main agenda.**
Farmer Marklove has cut the hedge at the back of Park View Drive, and the footpath is clear. Cllr Pflieger is still considering the Open Gardens task and will first contact Cllr Baker. (The above items are for information only).

9. Planning Applications

05/02539/FUL Single storey extension to provide 'quiet' teaching area and store room at Lydiard Millicent School, The Butts. **Support.**

05/02582/FUL Single storey rear extension and external alterations at Church Farm House, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent. **Support.**

05/02525/FUL First Floor Extension over garage at Shangri-la Cattery, Common Platt. **No adverse comments.**

05/02535/TCA Tree Surgery to Leylandii Tree, 4 The Street, Lydiard Millicent. **Support.**

05/02717/FUL Erection of granny annexe to rear of property at 27 Stone Lane. Chairman had telephoned several councillors, application received since posting of Agenda, and replies were due by 30.11.05, **Support.**

05/02704/TCA Tree surgery work at Lydiard Millicent School, The Butts, L M. **Support.**

NWDC Refusal

05/02012/OUT Erection of dwelling on the site of pig sty, 3 Wood Lane, Brinkworth.

NWDC Permissions granted

05/02269/FUL Amended plans for information only, Erection of replacement dwelling at Bracebridge House, Wood Lane, Braydon. Permission granted received at same time.

05/01508/FUL Two storey and single storey rear extension at 38 Stone Lane, LM.

05/02255/TCA Pollard six willow trees at Lydiard Cottage at 17 Lydiard Green.

05/02020/FUL Glass House at the Piggery Wood Lane Braydon Wiltshire.

10. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

		£'s
10.1	Mrs R Leckie Salary	230.00
10.2	Mrs R Leckie Expenses (2 months)	83.22*
10.3	Mr R Nicholas Groundsman	123.33
10.4	L M Parish Hall Hire of Hall for meeting	15.00
10.5	Thames Water Water supply to JCH	56.26
10.6	Thames Water Water supply to Cemetery	19.66

Payment to Mr M Smith for removal of Spoil from Cemetery of £50.00, had been overlooked; this was added to the above payments.

Accounts proposed by Cllr Holloway, seconded by Cllr Bennett, approved with no objections.

10.7 Precept considerations 2006/7

Groundsman contract had been reviewed and Cllr Bennett had prepared a new draft for Cllrs to look at. Cllrs considered the contract item by item and agreed to put it for tender, as the Mr Nicholas had tendered his resignation wef 31st March 2006. This will be published in the local newspapers. The likely cost is estimated to be significantly higher.

Notice Boards with doors

It was agreed that £500 be precepted for 2006/7 on a rolling replacement programme.

Cemetery

The sub committee had met and agreed work on fencing the spoil area. A full specification to be given to prospective contractors.

Clerk to ask Rev Knight how the Church is progressing on registering the old cemetery as closed, as an amount may need to be precepted for this.

Playground sign needs replacing.

Repair of Highway finger post at the junction at the top of The Street. Clerk to enquire if WCC do like for like replacements as it is in the Conservation area.

Printer/copier – required for the JCH, as currently Clerk transports her printer daily.

11. Committee Reports

Recreation Field - bill for October cut awaited. Grass is long again, another cut requested.

Butts Pond, Willow tree bough on edge of pond has now fallen into water and will root itself. Clerk to ask Taurus to quote for its removal.

Cemetery Sub Committee

1. Right-hand edge to fit feather board panel on concrete posts; concrete area on right for dustbin area; replace back wall with flat-block wall, and new side wall to existing concrete area. Fit 3ft sturdy board fence to front of area.
2. Remove existing gate back level with end of shed, with new posts, and fit new pedestrian gate on left to fit wider space. Re-site Notice Board on Shed wall.
3. Re-furbish, and apply preservative to, Shed door. Strengthen, or replace down-pipe.

12. Parish Plan Projects

Post Office in Toomers, draft grant application has been returned by the Community First advisor with some possible amendments.

Suggested Crossing by Sun Inn, would require footpath to be accessed via Sun Inn car park by the metal barrier. Traffic reports would be done by WCC if grant progresses. The only available funding is through the Safe Routes to School, application from the school. WCC then cost and recommend proposals as a process of the application. The Parish Council agreed to write an appropriate letter of support by the end of the month.

Footpaths. Land owner discussions currently ongoing.

13. Lengthsmen's visits

The Clerk has again requested a schedule of the work carried out last time, and discussed with NWDC better ways of allocating a full days work, without them leaving part-way through the day, e.g. after filling the lorry, to do some sign washing, or leaf sweeping, etc.

14. Cemetery Fees

The Clerks spreadsheet of comparative fees was discussed and new prices agreed, which will now be printed and published. The Clerk will look at possible ways for 'ring fencing' income, for Dec/Jan meeting.

15. Chairman's Broadband

Nothing yet to report.

16. Clerk's Office Provision at JCH

Chairman had sourced a mobile phone (Nokia 2100) at £24.99, pay as you go, plus minimum top-up charge. This was agreed and Chairman will purchase.

17. Correspondence

WALC County Circular, 10/05 - two copies - General Information.

Wiltshire Draft Municipal Waste Management Strategy – Consultation. No action at present.

CPRE Best Kept Village Poster Competition – it was reported that the School had won joint first prize in the Children's Poster competition.

NWDC Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area 2 invite items for agenda, meeting 7.12.05.

Invitation for Chairman to attend Civic Carol Service, Chippenham Town Hall, 18.12.05.

Initial Police Learning & Development Programme - opportunity to suggest subject areas.

WCC Mobile Library Service, new schedules from 31.10.05. - to Lydiards Magazine.

NWDC Public Spaces and Local Plans Panel meeting - 26th October 2005.
L.M. Parish Hall Wall - correspondence with WCC re possible lighting of Chicane

Victoria History of Wiltshire - more information on the Parish requested. Clerk to provide.

Posters for the Wootton Bassett Christmas Lights Evening.

18. Date of next meeting – Thursday 1st December 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.00p.m.

Minutes approved 2.12.2005.