

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 4th March 2004

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall - Chair, B Baker, P Brimacombe, J Holloway, A Pflieger, L Quartly-Bishop, D Revere,

1. Apologies: Cllrs V Saunders, M Groom, J Bennett, P Cole.

2. Confirm Minutes of 5th February 2004, item 13 should read ‘trees should be in by end of February 2004’. The minutes were then signed as a true record.

3. County Councillors Report:

Cllr Groom had given her apologies. Cllr Pepperall read out report for the approval of the P.C. relating to the motion to NWDC to request the calling in of the Southern Development Area, so that the road network could be reviewed, to lessen the effect on N. Wiltshire & ourselves.

4. District Councillors Report:

Cllr Grooms report stated that a number of civilian ‘Community Safety Support Officers’ had been sanctioned, one of which would be appointed to Wootton Bassett if the BBTC agreed, and would also cover our Parish.

5. Parishioners Question Time:

a. SN requested that should a disabled parking bay be agreed outside the church, that it be available for general public at non worshipping times - noted.

b. DT has had a road designer from another county look at the chicane, who said it was the cheapest form of road control, and other methods, including traffic lights could have been used. DT has spent numerous hours observing the situation, and says the chaos needs to be experienced to really get an insight on the problems - it is an accident waiting to happen, when drivers have less than 2 seconds to take in the signage, traffic, and react to what they see.

c. It was again highlighted that visitors to the village and school will be unaware of the new traffic calmed area. Should the Front Garden proposal for road tunnel go ahead, even more traffic will be generated, all trying to beat the other driver through the chicane.

6. Councillors reports of Parishioners queries.

1. JH reported that the new 30 mph. sign in Lydiard Green is obscuring vision from a private dwelling access - Clerk to contact Highways.

It was asked what provisions are being put in place to monitor the new reduced speed limit. Also it was usual for temporary blue warning signs to be placed in an area where the speed limit has changed - already requested.

2. EQB- Introduction of Wheelie Bins has begun. Non WB areas such as Park View Drive and Buryfields now have a collection of bags by a smaller van on Fridays. Doggie bins, and collection of litter are again random. Clerk to check when regular collections should be.

The Play Area bin in The Mews needed emptying - Groundsman to be contacted.

3. AP- a member of the public has tripped with a young child in her arms in Downs View, in one of the large potholes. Clerk has a copy of the letter, and will contact Highway for urgent resurfacing.

4. JH - Purton’s joint Boundary Stone with ourselves in Bagbury Lane was knocked

over, but has been temporarily righted - Purton P.Council to be notified to check its safety.

7. Report on matters arising:

P.Q.T. of 5.2.04 item 6. The Highway department reported that they had not needed to advertise the new traffic calming, as it was not subject to a traffic order, and was only a highway improvement.

New speed limits from Greensend to The Beeches in effect from 1st March.

Displaced & dangerous drain cover by Washpool junction replaced by Cllr. with thanks.

Thanks recorded and a letter to go to Mr Morse for the cutting back of Greenhill hedges.

Thanks recorded and a letter to go to Mr M Smith for the removal of the spoil from the cemetery.

8. Planning Applications

04/00341/TN3 - Erection of a 15m monopole on field no 3200 Lydiard Millicent.

Object - on the grounds that 'Orange' have not exercised due diligence in finding their site.

A second site in such proximity to the present monopole in 'Barretts Yard' could create a circular field of transmission across the playing field. It is preferred that 'Orange' find a more suitably distant site, away from the Rec. field, or make the 'Barretts Yard' site shareable.

04/00162/S73A Retention of existing building as variation to permission 02.00163.FUL, at Greenhill Nurseries. The reply date for this was 4.3.04 and needed to go in by Friday 5th. The meeting was adjourned while the Clerk produced the previous application from the files.

Object - Re-iterate the previous objections, and support NWDC current objections.

Late Applications- not on agenda.

03/03187/COU (retrospective) Use of private paddock for motorcycle practice and training on land at 37 Stone Lane Lydiard Millicent Swindon.

Object - on the grounds of noise pollution, nuisance, additional traffic on a dangerous road, smell pollution, and outside normal agricultural or countryside guidelines.

04/00480/S73 Change of use of land from residential to a mixed used for residential purposes and the display of goods for sale (renewal of 00-00807.Enf) at Ashfield House Common Platt. **Support** this application for permanent permission.

NWDC Consent Granted

03/03138/LBC Internal and external alterations at Pembroke House.

03/03139/COU Change of use from office to residential at Pembroke House.

Planning Appeal

04/00069/ENF Material change of use of land by the stationing of a mobile home at Brockhurst Farm Stables, Greenhill (retrospective). **Object** - re-iterate original objection, and support NWDC reasons..

Planning Appeal Decision

03/01267/OUT Land at Lydiard Farm (Bailey's Field) Lydiard Millicent.

This appeal was dismissed on 3rd February 2004.

9. Accounts

000959	Mr Nicholas - Groundsman (inc.FF firs)	£205.00
000960	NWDC Election charges May 2003	£19.00
000961	BT JCH invoice 22.2.04	£11.28*
000962	Lydiards Magazine Annual Sub (S.37)	£5.00
000963	L.M.P.Hall hire 5.2.04	£12.00
000964	Easy Computers - Laptop & software	£800.06*
000965	T Pepperall - JCH and Field expenses	£24.10*
000966	Mrs R Leckie - wages	£190.00
000967	Mrs R Leckie - expenses	£11.02*
000968	British Gas - JCH - amended bill	£25.39*

9a LMPHall are increasing their charges from 1st March 2004 to £15.00 per evening - agreed.

9b Cllr Bennett had sent a written report to the meeting, requesting the additional expenditure of £95.00 plus Groundsman expenses for the hire of a larger skip to clear the debris cut from Forge Fields right of way - this was discussed and denied. Burning the material was discussed. Hiring a shredder, as more environmentally friendly method, was preferred, chippings being returned to hedge. This item to be discussed with Cllr Bennett and other Cllrs, decision to made on cost of shredder. Thanks were recorded for Cllr Bennett's dedication to this task.

9c Consideration of a contribution towards 'Tunnel under M4' flyers. It was instead decided to produce our own flyer, with distribution by councillors. No contribution towards the cost of the Wootton Bassett leaflet. Replies to be received at Bristol by 19th March.

9d Mr Meredith requested renewal of the grass keep on Lydiard Plain (approx. 35 acres). He reported that he had recently repaired a fence knocked down by traffic. It was agreed to renew the lease at the same £1,000 pa rent. A formal review of the rental to be made next year.

Accounts approved, moved by Cllr Quartly-Bishop, seconded by Cllr B Baker, no objections.

10. Committee Reports

Club House - J Frost repairing cracks, replacing broken sensor. More water softener bought.

Recreation Field - Shaw FC have spiked the ground to improve drainage.

Cricket Club - has burned the hedge cuttings from August.

Boules - New catch required (see T Pepperall expenses)

- Boules sign with hire details to contact Mr I Church, fixed.

Play Area - Bark now needs ordering (clerk to obtain quotations).

- Junior Seats, RoSPA recommended higher seats, J Frost to carry out work.

Millennium - trees and bushes - Chair chasing Nursery & co-ordinating with recipients.

Footpaths - Letter received from Mr Richards - Reports that all the stiles have been replaced, some new ones, doggy holes put in, and some hedges have been trimmed.

Groundsman - Mr Nicholas will remove the tree cuttings from The Moors, as he fills wood chippings into Perrins Piece, now Mr Perrin has laid the membrane.

Highways team have left rubble outside 2 The Moors - Clerk will ask them to remove same.

11. Parish Plan

Approx 50 people attended the recent quarterly meeting, with useful responses on the topics.

4 Sub committees up and running - PP committee to decide when to present topic findings.

Half of the grant £1295 received, remainder is conditional upon amount spent.

Logo chosen at meeting - Mark Pepperall to be asked to produce finished product.

Expenditure will be checked by the PP committee, then ratified & paid by the Parish Council.

12. IT Equipment

The laptop has been chosen, see accounts. Grant now to be applied for from NWDC for £350. Net cost £330.90. Also agreed on a black and white Laser printer. Copier quote now needed. Web sites - Agreed Parish will run own web site, probably on a rental basis approx £18 pa. We have secured the domain name 'Lydiardmillicent.co.uk. Mr P Windo, has provided a great deal of help, and is happy to set up the web site on our behalf. A sub committee of Chairman, Cllr Holloway plus one member of Parish Plan, to make decisions on what is needed and the time scale involved. This will be crucial in deciding whether or not to pay for web site to be built quickly, or allow Mr Windo to evolve the site over time, with little or no extra cost. Mr Windo said he would continue to check out the various templates ready to go.

13. Road Narrowing scheme.

The Chairman had provided the Cllrs with a draft plan, and read out the 10 main points for discussion. WCC have put forward proposals to rectify the problems. However, District Council ask that this will be the final alterations, and we will not raise the problem again. Parish Council reviewed their proposals and agreed the response, with no guarantee that this would not be revisited if the new work continues to cause accidents.

It was requested that all white lines in the Parish be redone when they come to re-paint the roundabout. The cost of a flashing speed sign be requested, and the cost of re-instating the pavement along the wall of the Church even if we have to contribute. NWDC say official parking restrictions and yellow lines would take unacceptable cost & time.

Local Police to be asked to keep an eye on the road rage and bad parking situations.

14. Correspondence

Best kept village competition - next agenda.

Headstone request in old cemetery - Clerk will write to the Church.

Copy letter re highway repair on Common Platt to be forwarded to WCC.

Park Lane and Downs View repairs, - Cllr Pflieger will ask residents about the Downs View parking arrangements to compliment the land searches being taken out by WCC.

Review of Parish Electoral arrangements - no action required.

Town and Parish Council Post - post will be received by email on a three month trial basis.

A Strategy for Wiltshire - consultation document - no takers.

Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Forum - no takers

BTCV - possible project could be laying hedges in recreation field. First need to establish ownership of the hedges. - ask local landowners.

NWDC Planning control training sessions - next agenda.

WALC circular - see Items 3 Group Insurance (we have applied), 7 Freemasons (councillors need to state their interest in any local charitable connection), 13 UK Villages survey.

Late post - LM School Community Open Evening 19th March - to discuss their school travel plan - all will be welcome.

15. Date of next meeting Thursday 1st April 2004.

Meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.