

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

**Present:** Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), P Brimacombe, J Holloway, A Pfleger, E Quartly-Bishop, N Smith.

1. **Apologies** for absence: Cllrs B Baker, J Bennett, M Groom, A Harris, V Saunders.
2. **Minutes** of meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005  
The minutes were signed as a true record, subject to 3 amended Planning numbers.
3. **Local PC report.** Not present, no report.
4. **County Councillor's report** and questions arising. Apology – no report.
5. **District Councillor's report** and questions arising. Apology - no report.

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

A planning application for 5 new dwellings at Walnut Tree Gardens was discussed by residents attending the meeting.

The proposed application would increase the site by 125% extra housing - it was initially meant to be just 4 Houses across the downs.

Exiting on to the main road is already very difficult and currently many have to reverse out.

Difficulties already voiced with Park View Drive, also where drivers cannot see to exit.

Volume of construction traffic - blocking emergency routes into the Parish.

Park View Drive (Private Road) residents will refuse to allow access from there to the site.

State of existing trees and hedges. Is there a TPO on the Walnut Tree?

Private road owned by no 4 – have they agreed to allow access to the site?

Width of road is currently not big enough for two large vehicles, therefore vehicles may need to reverse on to the main road, The Street.

Application includes connection to mains sewage to the new houses, which will mean major disruption to The Street as it is dug up, leaving the only other access to Swindon via Stone Lane which is already very busy.

There are no lights and no pavements - would they need to be installed?

Parts of Park Lane are often under water. Mrs. Hughes gets trapped in her house by the storm water and her home is often only millimetres away from being flooded – this application would undoubtedly worsen the problem.

Farm land may be sought for parking, as the volume of construction traffic would be huge, (not an accepted planning reason). It is expected the developer will offer to use smaller vehicles, which may not happen in practice.

There are a number of mature trees on the site boundary, which would be within 80 ft of the new houses, and nearby residents fear that they will be asked to trim them. It is hoped that established right of use to the land for these trees will protect them.

Loss of privacy to No 8 Park View Drive, and 28 Park Lane.

Noise pollution to village and vehicle pollution from the 1,500 estimated delivery lorries per week, and service vehicles, which may need to reverse out and would have nowhere to park.

A number of elderly members live in the vicinity of the proposed site and emergency services to them could be seriously affected.

The Parish would prefer smaller starter homes if the development must go ahead.

So far we have had 6 letters and 3 phone calls in objection, apart from those present.

Two District Cllrs will need to object also to ensure the application goes to Committee, so that objections can be made in person..

The only other item that arose during Parishioners Question Time was an objection from a parishioner that the Council was to spend money on moving the Cemetery gates.

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

Cllr Pflieger was to take the issue of the large puddle in Park Lane to MP James Gray.

It was noted that there are two drains in Park Lane which are not connected - they have been there a long time and cannot cope with current conditions.

A dangerous stile was reported on the Swindon/Common Platt boundary. Cllr Brimacombe will report this to WCC Footpath Officer.

Mrs Stevens, entrance to Park Lane - reminder to WCC was needed by for a 'keep clear' box.

8. Report on matters arising from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005 not on the main agenda. (The above items are for information only). There were no matters arising.

### 9. Planning Applications

**05/02697/FUL.** Erection of Sheep Rearing Unit Land at Greatfield, Hook.

**No adverse comment** - in Lydiard Tregoze Parish.

**05/02685/FUL.** Two Storey Side Extension at 32 Stone Lane.

**No adverse comments.**

**05/02791/FUL** Erection of Dwelling and Det'd Dbl Garage on land adjoining 5 The Green, Lydiard Green.

With the exception that the hedge line and garage position seems to have been altered there was no difference to the planning application submitted in 2001, which NWDC refused;

**Opposed** unanimously, as before - 'detrimental to highway safety, and the site is in an unsustainable location and contrary to policy PPG13'.

**05/02868/FUL** Erection of Two Storey Dwelling at 4 Lydiard Green.

It is not in the conservation area, but is outside the planning line of the village framework although it could be described as ribbon development. The plan drawings have a mistake in that the proposed building is not drawn in the same direction on all the plans. Nevertheless,

**Opposed** unanimously for exactly the same reasons as No 5 above.

**05/02760/FUL** Erection of 2.5m boundary fence (replacement) at Isca House, The Street.

**No adverse comments** to the height of the fence but some concerns over the style of the fence - motorway fencing would be out of character.

Cllr Pepperall is Treasurer of the Northern Community Area Partnership, and asked the Council if they would support their application for a Social Co-Ordinator for out of hours adult and child activity in schools in our Area. LMSchool are keen to participate.

The Parish Council felt unable to support this until the residents of The Butts had been consulted, as the project could result in extra traffic in 'The Butts' out of School hours.

**05/03010/FUL** 5 dwellings in gardens of Walnut Tree Gardens.

**Opposed** unanimously and strongly, with the following comments to be approved:

Over-development of site - this was intended to be gardens, and is in a position where approval would attract other applications on a sensitive eastern edge of the village boundary.

Drainage issues - the impact on homes in Park Lane, where there is already a storm water problem, is of concern, as surface water drains in that direction, and we would ask for a separate Survey on this issue. This should call for a renewal of the very poor drainage system in Park Lane, to which the developers should contribute.

We have sent our concerns to WCC, Highways, on site access, where exit vision is very poor. Also, the road width of about 4.4m is not wide enough to facilitate emergency vehicles, especially if there is traffic parked on the road.

In addition to this, we are particularly concerned that the construction traffic and sewage connection works, will seriously affect the traffic flow on The Street. We can foresee gridlock here several times daily, for the next 6 months, on this already busy and recognised 'rat run', and we feel this is unacceptable to residents, and of sufficient importance in it's own right, for

a 'Refusal of Planning'. All construction traffic must be limited to between 10am and 2.30pm. Concerns are made on the loss of privacy to 8 Park View Drive, and to hedge and tree preservation around the site, especially to preserve the fine specimen Walnut tree in No.3.

### **Application Withdrawn**

05/02717/FUL Erection of Granny Annexe to rear of property, 27 Stone Lane.

10.	<b>Accounts</b> (*incl. VAT)		
10.1	Mrs R Leckie	Salary	230.00
10.2	Mrs R Leckie	Expenses (add to January)	nil
10.3	Mr R Nicholas	Groundsman	123.33
10.4	L M Parish Hall	Hire of Hall for meeting	15.00
10.5	Justin Holloway	New Chain Saw Blade – re Butts Pond	17.04*
10.6	Shaw Football Club	White Lining (3 months)	300.00
10.8	WCC	Gateway Signage	1,061.21
10.9	Br. Gas	JCH	13.68*
	B.T.	JCH	11.48*
	Mrs M Badcott	Bedding plants from Midge Hall Nurseries	30.00
	LM School	Prize from Best Kept Gardens, Poster competition	25.00
		Transfer to Bank of Ireland	8,000.00
	Already approved		
10.10	L M Parish Hall	Donation S137- re electrical replacements	500.00

The above accounts were proposed by Cllr Pflieger and seconded by Cllr Quartly Bishop.

Income for November £180 Shaw Football Club and £5.00 on the Cemetery.

### **11. Precept considerations 2006/7**

The only new suggestion to the precept consideration was for a Skateboard Park, which needs considerable space, and was felt would not be appropriate on the Recreation Field.

### **12. Committee Reports – to include War Memorial Clock**

Cllr B Baker had not sent a report on the War Memorial Clock Fund.

The Football foundation, who had granted a £75,000 grant towards the JCH, had called Cllr Pepperall to a meeting at Wilts.Co.HQ, to review progress, and offer help on the continuation of football at the Recreation Field. Their current grants incorporate a 21year duty to adhere to Football Association guidelines, but fortunately (they were reminded) only 5years when our grant was made. The penalty for non-compliance can be a request for a partial refund. They suggested an offer of finance to help fund new grass cutting equipment, and will ask Wilts Co FA to arrange a meeting in January with all interested parties. This could possibly extend their hold, so we will need to review any offer carefully.

The Chairman had been disappointed to find the Boules lights and Storshed lights had been left on for 48 hours, before being discovered on Tuesday morning. SFC will be reminded Play area sign not yet ordered.

More Dumping at Washpool lay-by has been reported and a suggestion had been made to request a no dumping sign. This was rejected, as was a removable post, as ineffective.

Cemetery improvements, three quotes had been received and were discussed.

The quotes were thought to be too high, and Cllrs Pflieger, Holloway, and Smith agreed to meet up and look at the job themselves.

Painting and repair of cemetery shed, was likewise deferred.

Groundsman's Contract. Advertising to be placed in local Advertiser, Gazette and Herald, West Swindon Link and Lydiard Mag. Mail shot to be sent from yellow pages lists.

Lydiard Magazine printer to quote for printing and folding of 500 copies of the Parish Accounts to go in January issue.

Parish Plan. Proceeding with path to Holborn. Meeting held with a Civil Engineer, Mr Smyth. Written to land-owners Mr Croucher and Mrs Moody. Owners of other fields now identified. The cost range of footpath is estimated at £40,000 to £75,000, dependant on volume of input from community. Some work will have to be done by WCC Highway approved contractors, which will be a large part of the total cost.

Pedestrian Crossing below Sun Inn Car Park, with gap in wall to pub Car Park, may be funded under school application to 'Safe Routes to School'.

Post Office at Toomers. Initial main application to Rural Renaissance now made.

### **13. Correspondence**

- 13.1 Wiltshire Highways Partnership - 3 month trial pilot scheme on Highways reporting. The Parish Council was not entirely happy with these new arrangements as it prevents personal contact with the Engineers.
- 13.2 NWDC confirmation of use of Clubhouse as Office (no application needed).
- 13.3 Regional Spatial Strategy Update October 2005 – Information only
- 13.4 WCC Reorganisation of the Police – Resolution for the Council's attention.
- 13.5 Single Payment Scheme – update October 2005 – information only.

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NWDC Budget meeting in Wootton Bassett on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005. Cllr N Smith may attend.

### **Late Correspondence**

Transport and Telegraph Newsletter issue 10 - 5 copies to share.

Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Development Control - Consultation 28.11.05 - 23.1.06

Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Core Strategy Dev't Plan - Consultation 28.11.05 – 23.1.06

- 14.** Date of next meeting – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 7.30 p.m.