

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Thursday 9th January 2003

Present: Cllrs Pepperall Chair, Groom, Quartly Bishop, and Saunders.

Apology was made to all who were at the meeting, for the hastily re-convened meeting in the Church, as neither Clerk nor Chairman had re-booked the Parish Hall after re-scheduling the meeting from the 2nd January. Mr J Ricketts was thanked for opening up the Church, and Rev. Knight also for permission for use.

1. Apologies Cllrs Baker, Brimacombe, A Cole ,P Cole, and D Revere.

2. Confirm Minutes The minutes were signed as a true copy.

3. County Councillors Report

The need to be aware of tricksters who are preying on the elderly was reiterated.

Reminder of the recycling of Xmas cards and trees at Purton.

W C C were purchasing six new environmentally friendly cars.

WCC has refused the Site Owners permission to infill municipal and hazardous wastes on the landfill site at J16, - the Government wants less landfill especially Hazardous waste.

Help the Aged have received a Community Funding Grant.

Purton held a public meeting for NWDC - Cllr Groom attended on behalf of LMPC and had stated that the amended RBZ offered in the new Local Plan is still not wide enough.

Next meeting 21st January and a further meeting in March 2003.

4. District Councillors Report -

D Cllr Packham arrived after the Planning, and gave his report.

The Budget consultation responses are all in and thanks were given that L M P C entered a response. Top items were Environment, Recycling, New Business and Housing with items such as Arts, and Museums coming near the bottom.

D Cllr. asked those present what kind of increase is a fair figure, The Chairman offered a personal suggestion of 5% - D Cllr said that sort of figure should maintain the status quo.

Waste Collections caused a few discussions, as many residents had not believed their bins would be emptied on New Years Day. For the record, the present policy at N W D C is to collect rubbish every weekday, except Christmas Day, and Easter Monday.

Flooding had also been a big problem for NWDC with calls jamming the switch boards.

5. PQT

a. Mr Blackmore enquired whether the Council had received plans to modify or build upon the Golf Course, owned by Mr Moody. Answer - no knowledge of this - will watch.

b. Push Bike which has been chained up at the Bus Stop at the bottom of Chestnut Springs now needs removing, as no one has claimed or removed it.

c. Could a request be made, for more drains in The Butts as it still floods.

d. Doggy Bins are still a problem.

e. Drain beside the Garage has water pouring out of it. BT Manhole.

f. Mrs Reed thanks the Council for adjusting the lights on the Jubilee Club House. One external light was desensitised as it came on when steam emitted from boiler.

6. **Councillors Reports** of Parishioners Queries. There were none.

7. **Report on Matters Arising.**

Noise at Riffs Bar. The Clerk was informed by the Environmental Dept. that no calls had been logged since early September. Residents are reminded that such noises need to be reported directly to the Environmental Dept. at NWDC.
Salt Bins in Greenhill. No one present knew if the bin has been delivered. Clerk to report to next meeting.
Litter Bins for Laybys. Clerk to write.

8. **Planning Applications.**

02/02824/FUL 8 Greatfield - Side and rear and garage extension. There was little change to prior appl'n - insufficient to warrant our asking NWDC to change their minds.

02/020504/FUL 9 Chestnut Springs - Single storey front and rear extension.

This application has subsequently been approved. No need to discuss.

02/02579/FUL Erection of store for hay and farm implements land at Greenhill.

No adverse comment already sent, there were no contrary opinions.

02/02790/FUL Single Storey extension to the Jubilee Club house.

This application could not be discussed by the Council (in minutes for reference only).

NWDC Approvals

02/02504/FUL Single storey front and rear extensions at 9 Chestnut Springs.

02/02178/COU Change of use of shed and erection of new shed for use as cattery at Shangri-La, Common Platt.

02/02606/FUL Side extension at 3 Holborn.

02/02570/FUL Extensions and alterations to dwelling at Sundown, Holborn.

02/02428/COU Change of use of land to garden at Merrywood, Greenhill.

02/02105/TCA Fell one conifer tree and tree surgery work, at Lydiard Farm.

Cemetery Memorials.

a Application for Branscombe - standard - agreed.

b Application for Thomas - requested a wedge shaped, raised at back end, and taking up more space than normal. This was a first request of this size and shape, and had been discussed with the Cemetery Sub-Committee prior to the meeting. It is felt that it would be a trip hazard and make mowing much harder. Application was refused, but the second option of purchasing the adjoining plot was agreed to allow for a longer flat stone.

9. **Accounts**

000832	Southern Electric - Jubilee Club House	£17.47
000833	G & C M Saunders - one months maintenance	£110.00
000834	R A Nicholas - Line Marking	£67.50
000835	T Pepperall - Key Fobs - Jubilee Club House	£14.00
000836	Mrs R Leckie one months salary	£185.00
000837	Mrs R Leckie - Expenses- included Inkjet cartridge	£94.93
000838	J E Frost - PC Sums & Extras (unsigned - Clerk of Works to agree)	
000839	A R Woodward - Clock Chimes (unsigned - waiting confirmation of payee)	

Accounts proposed by Cllr Quartly Bishop and seconded by Cllr Saunders - no objections.

10. Venue for 2003 meetings. A short discussion was held over the paying of rent for the Parish Hall versus the free Jubilee Clubhouse. Cllr Quartly Bishop, raised several points - the hall is more central and the access roads to the Jubilee Clubhouse could be difficult to manoeuvre in frosty/snowy weather. However, building is ours and available. Decision delayed until next month due to lack of Cllrs present.

11. Leaf Clearance The possibility of using or purchasing machine from Purton is not an option, they are going to hang on to both machines for the next year. An option to purchase machine for LMPC was mentioned, too costly for this years budget.

12. Parish Lengthsmen are due in the village again on the 14th and 15th January, extra jobs added to their list, to include clearance of the ditches adjacent to the laybys in Greenhill.

13. List of Parish Maintenance It was agreed to obtain a quote to paint the gate at cemetery. Wobble Log still trying to obtain a bolt. Signs get choked up with bindweed. Bus Shelters need cleaning - check G Saunders contract; - Mrs Willies offered to paint the Church Bus Shelter again in the Spring. List will be added to as and when jobs come up.

14. Committee Reports.

Due to the cold conditions the meeting being held under, these were as brief as possible:

- a White Lines to be completed in Car Park.
- b Ext. Light has been adjusted on Jubilee Clubhouse.
- c Planning for Storeshed has been lodged with N W D C.
- d Quotation awaited from Builder for Storeshed.
- e RoSPA report has been compared with previous year - similar - no problems.
- f New Bark Chippings have arrived for the Play Area, spreading shortly.
- g Boundary Stones - total cost will be approx £2,500, £1500 from Millennium Fund.
- h Monthly Playground Report done by Cllr Saunders (next month Cllr Baker).
- i Organisation still required for the Boules Piste.
- j Cemetery - Notices are up requesting no new planting on plots from 1.1.03.
- k Link Scheme - more volunteers needed. Request made to share the Parish Website, agreed provided other charitable organisations within Parish are given same opportunity.

l Mobile Library - running with only the driver soon, volunteers being sought by the L.Link to help assist the less able, on a fortnightly basis.

15. Correspondence.

Interesting items:-

- a Letter from Mr Bennett re: Millicent in South Australia. The Chairman will write, after liaising with other interested parties, such as LM School and Twinning Association.
- b Track at the bottom of Greenhill, still unresolved. Not Highways. Clerk to ask Mr Meredith if the interpretation by the Countryside Agency of Lydiard Plain is accurate, and if it covers the piece of track in question.
- c NWDC - Standards Committee - Cllr Geoff Yates of LTPC is our Representative.
- d Wootton Bassett T.C. - Community Transport Meeting, 23/1, - regarding a Link Scheme, asking for surrounding areas to join the meeting to discuss the wider issue,

before they make a decision on whether or not to go alone or as a larger encompassing scheme. Chairman will try and attend.

16. Date of next meeting Thursday 6th February in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.