

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING 5th January 2006

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Baker, Brimacombe and Groom.
Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), Cllr J Bennett (Vice Chair), Cllrs Saunders, Quartly-Bishop, Pflieger, Holloway, Harris, Smith.

Attendance: Public numbered eight.
2. **Minutes of meeting 1st December 2005** were agreed as a true record, subject to: Item 13.6. 'Treasurer' to be substituted for 'Chairman' of NCAP.
3. **Local PC report.** - No report available.
4. **County Councillor's report and questions arising.** No report.
5. **District Councillor's report and questions arising.** No report.
6. **Parishioner's Question Time.**
 - The Butts still needed sweeping, & Park Lane needs new drainage - Chase both.
 - Parking had been an issue over Christmas with the local PC booking residents, parked on the bus area adjacent to The Butts. These have since been revoked and agreement is needed over the future use of the area with NWDC, Parish, School, and Police, bearing in mind the proposals in the School's 'Safe Route to School' grant application.
 - Riffs Bar was reported at being quiet over the Christmas period and the new licensing laws had apparently not been abused.
7. **Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.**
 - It was noted by a Cllr's wife that the village had 'no Christmas spirit', and many other villages, both large and small, had managed to at least put up a tree. This was noted and diarised to return to the Agenda in September 2006, when the Parish Hall could be asked if they would support having a tree in the grounds, or we could seek an alternative site.
 - Cllr Harris, reported that there were still four barrels (compost bins) at the side of Washpool Bridge, which are unsightly and could potentially create a traffic accident.
 - Request was made for an earlier date for the annual Spring Clean - Sunday 5th March. Cans and bottles are easier to see earlier in the year before the hedges are in leaf. There was a short debate as to why mainly Councillors take part and members of the public did not support this. Earlier and better publicity is thought to be required, e.g. the School could be approached to send copy letters to parents. Cllr Bennett to co-ordinate this event.
 - The second lay-by along Lydiard Green has again been used for fly tipping.
 - Bagbury Lane has had asbestos dumped approx. 200 yards from the road.
8. **Report on matters arising from 1st December 2005 not on the main agenda.**
 - Groundsman adverts - Current quotes for an advert in The Advertiser was £250. This could be cheaper by reducing the lineage. A recommendation was agreed not to place this advert.
 - Purton have a magazine, and cards in strategic places such as Toomers and Walfins were suggested. The Job Centre had been recommended as they do free advertising.
 - Last month's suggestion for a Skateboard Park on the Recreation Field was raised again. It had been felt that there was insufficient room and that it was not in an area where incidents could be clearly seen. It was also noted that it was low on the Parish Plan list of priorities. An alternative site could be sought, but costs of supervision and equipment would be very high in relation to the precept.
(The above items are for information only).
9. **Planning Applications**
05/03148/FUL First Floor Extension to rear at 8 The Beeches. **No adverse comments.**
05/03233/FUL Front and Rear Extns, Rooms in Roof, 5 Greenhill. **No adverse comments.**

05/03200/S73A 'Greensend', L.Green, Change use from Agricultural to Residential. **Opposed.**
 Adequate garden exists - Fringe development - Granting residential status could establish an opportunity for further development.
 A short discussion was held on the plumbing business being run from the site (Heatwise).
 It is said to be storage only, but should be subject to usual commercial overheads.

NWDC Permissions Granted

05/02791/FUL Erection of new dwelling and detached double garage at 5 The Green.
 05/02704/TCA Tree surgery at Lydiard Millicent C of E School
 05/02685/FUL Two-storey side extension at 32 Stone Lane.
 05/02697/FUL Sheep rearing unit on land at Greatfield.
 05/01885/FUL Amended plans (info only) on vehicular access to land at Stone Lane.
 05/02865/FUL **Withdrawn** - Two storey dwelling at 4 Lydiard Green.

10. Accounts (*incl. VAT)	£'s
10.1 Mrs R Leckie Salary	230.00
10.2 Mrs R Leckie Expenses	73.64
10.3 Mr R Nicholas Groundsman	123.33
10.4 L M Parish Hall Hire of Hall for meeting Price rise to £16 from 1 st January 2006	nil
10.5 Membership renewal for Society of Local Clerks	69.00
10.6 J Holloway Cemetery Improvements phase I	153.01*
10.7 T Pepperall Door Chain for JCH, £1.99*, incl. in Clerks expenses.	
10.8 White lining	100.00
*Thanks' were recorded for the three Cllrs who had worked so hard on the Cemetery upgrade.	
Late Account items	
10.9 Parish Hall (S.137 Grant already approved for electrical work)	500.00
10.10 Clerk – new Printer	80.00*

Accounts approved, proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Quartly Bishop.

Discuss RoSPA Safety Inspections – Should we include Butts Pond?

It was agreed that a safety assessment is needed on The Pond, and that a Parish led initial assessment was needed in the first instance, followed by quotes from reputable agencies such as Taurus, Wildlife Conservation Groups, RoSPA, and W.B.T.C's advisers.

Direct Debit forms for Southern Electric and Gas have been sent and monthly figures should be available in February 2006.

11. Precept 2006/7

- Councillors had been given a copy of the proposed precept calculations prepared by Chairman, Vice Chair and Clerk prior to the meeting.
- The main items for discussion were the provisions for the Cemetery improvements and Groundsman costs. These had been already accounted for in the calculations.
- The possible provision of a footpath in Holborn was debated. A large increase in the precept would be needed to achieve the £100,000 estimated costs for the project. It was agreed that Government loans could be sought for this kind of project, but careful grant applications and increase of precept in future years was the best way forward. Councillors were unhappy about substantially increasing the 2006/7 precept without feedback from parishioners on a well-costed project. Clerk to approach NWDC about the percentage of a £100,000 project that would be allowable on the 2007/8 precept.
- The Footpath along Stone Lane was also discussed. It was agreed to wait and see how well the Holborn project proceeds, and the new Post Office's success over the next year.
- It was agreed that the precept for 2006/7 be set at £14,000.00.

12. Committee Reports

JCH - Groundsman has cleared rear gutter at the back of JCH, and swept entrance road.

Cemetery - Path has been treated for moss.

Spoil area - to be completed by end of Jan by the Cllr team.

Entrance gate - decision made to leave in current position, but with a new gate.

Shed - to be completed by the Cllr team - in hand.

Cemetery Tap is leaking and needs a new washer - Cllr team to deal with.
Spoil needs removing again, before the Cllr team can finish their work. Clerk to source contractors, and ask Swindon and NWDC how they deal with their spoil.

Post Office - Grant applications in, waiting for approvals.

Holborn Path - A Civil Engineer and former resident has carried out a survey of the project. His assistance is much appreciated. Funding options are now to be sought.

13. Lengthsmens visit, 16th and 17th January 2005.

The Lengthsmen are to be asked to clean The Butts and The Street of weeds and leaves.

14. Correspondence

Invitation to attend one of the WCC budget meetings: - 17th, 25th, 26th, or 30th January - see clerk for full details. No takers.

Emergency Planning - newsletters Dec. 2005 - Information only.

'Power Electrics' Convoy had been observed travelling through the village 5th January.

Following telephone calls by Cllr Holloway to the company, the Clerk will write to Bristol office and confirm that they must not return at the end of January via the same route. The HGV route will be recommended and a breach of this could result in legal proceedings.

15. Date of next meeting – Thursday 2nd February 2006 at 7.30 p.m., LMPH.

Above minutes were approved by LMPC on 2.2.2006.