

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of meeting held on 2nd February 2006.

Present: Cllrs Pepperall (Chair), Bennett (V.Chair), Baker, Groom, Harris, Pflieger, & Smith.
Present: 10 members of public.

1. **Apologies**, Cllrs Brimacombe, Holloway, Quartly Bishop and Saunders.
2. **Minutes of meeting** 5th January 2006 were signed as a true record.
3. **Local PC report.** No report.
4. **County Councillor's report** and questions arising.
Police Comm. Consult. Group; Neighbourhood Teams, Police Support Officers, and extra teams (4 different categories) to be set up in N. Wilts - proved to be affective in S.Wilts.
WCC have set draft budget (prior to final figures from Government) of 4.95 %.
Tunnel under M4. Cllr Groom is speaking to a paper opposing it on 7th February at a WCC full meeting, where a further protest will be held.
5. **District Councillor's report and questions arising.**
Licensing rules continue to be confusing.
Budget to be set at District tonight, possibly 3.4%. There appears to be a surplus.
Enforcement is being better actioned. A Hook resident was refused retrospective planning and warned he may have to pull down the building.
The Pathway's for Change task group, visited Ledbury Hospital. It appears as a cluster of cottages on a one acre site. Even the maintenance and food provision is within the campus. It was considered a good prototype for future hospitals.
6. **Parishioner's Question Time.**
 - Mr Tapscott, on behalf of Village and Magazine thanked Cllrs Holloway, Pflieger & Smith for superb work on the cemetery grounds - it is worth the visit to see the improvements.
 - Re street lights at Church chicane - has a meeting taken place and what was the outcome? Would the Chairman please raise the matter with Andrew Wyatt, Safety Officer, WCC, following irrevocable damage to Hall wall.
 - Mobile speed limit signs have been seen in the County - it was again requested LMPC pursue this line of action. Previously NWDC said there were too many of them and the Police were unconvinced members of the public would be kept safe.
 - Following the fiasco on the school bus parking area, and comments in the magazine, conversation with police and highways, County will now reinstate the wording 'School Bus Parking only', This would restrict the area for parking only outside school hours. Meeting to be arranged with all interested parties to discuss further.

Walnut Tree Gardens. Chairman had spoken to NWDC Planning, and the application has not changed, merely re-submitted, which is thought perhaps to be a clever tactic, to reduce objections, and thereby avoid going to Committee. The original was withdrawn due to objections from WCC Highways, which it is believed the applicants feel they can overcome.

- Another parishioner has seen the plans, and reported that no 2's new detached garage and storeroom, of some 361 sq.ft, would make a better granny annex than a garage.
 - A request had been made for a TPO on The Walnut Tree; however, since then the owner has commissioned a report on the tree which says it is diseased, which would prevent any TPO. The Officer who deals with these in NWDC is currently away, but had indicated previously that the onus to have a tree assessed falls on the owner of the property. This seems the wrong way to implement such a request. Is the only way now (to get a TPO), to try to prove the tree is sound? Would NWDC commission an independent assessment of the tree?
 - Surface water will go towards Park Lane. It was mentioned that should the applicant be awarded planning permission, then a planning gain of a joint system should be imposed.
- Other possible planning objections were:
- Lobby over drainage.
 - Publicise perceived transport issues. Highways were previously unsure.
 - Over-development of site.
 - Low profile roof lines in at least three properties (Downs View, Park Lane and

- The Bakery) which will all be overlooked.
- Out of character with existing properties.
- Disruption of the 'Street scene'.

7. Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.

- Request for the path between Buryfield and Chestnut Springs to be regularly swept.
- Kerbs and gutters from Parish Hall to Garage were still appalling.
- Similarly many complaints made re the state of The Butts.
- 'One Stop' (now Tesco) lorry has again been seen travelling through the village to Purton. Cllr Pflieger offered as Transport Rep. to visit the depot and send the Clerk details.
- Greatfield pavements covered in moss and leaves.
- Hedge along Greenhill (Greensend) encroaching on the pavement again.
- Where is the tarmac for Park Lane? Cllr Pflieger has an appointment with MP James Gray February 25th.
- Question was raised over the poor resurfacing of Stone Lane last year which was to be re-done - when is it to be done? *(It is thought they did some patching - roads are usually repaired in the warmer months).*
- Bins still obstructing vision at Washpool bridge.
- Asbestos dumped in Bagbury Lane has been reported.

8. Report on matters arising from 5th January 2005 not on the main agenda.

Spring Clean update on 7.3 last month.

- There will be two sessions on Sunday 5th March, 09.30 - 12.30, & 13.30 - 16.30, starting at The Sun Inn.
- Lydiard Magazine has an article, and posters on main notice boards will be done shortly.
- Cllr Bennett has received some complaints about it being on a Sunday, but this is the quietest day for traffic, and the two sessions offers those who attend Church etc an opportunity to help later in the day.
- There are concerns over children taking part, if we advertise through the school.
- The Sun Inn Public House will be asked if we may stack the full bin bags overnight.
- Holborn to Washpool junction two members of the public have already done a cleaning session and collected 5 bags of rubbish. A letter from Chairman is to be sent to thank those volunteers. P/Cllrs and public were reminded that the pick-up sticks, tabards and bin bags are available all year round.

Wimpey's hedge has been cut, a letter of thanks to be sent.

Advertising of Groundsman job.

- Volunteers to take out some advertising cards would still be welcomed by the Clerk.
- The Link has been asked to place an advert in March and the local Wootton Bassett Free Ads have already printed the advert. Unfortunately the telephone number was incorrectly printed but two candidates have still managed to make contact with the Clerk.
- In January it was decided to try and place the advert in the Job centre rather than the Advertiser as they are free. However, due to the advert being a 'tender', they were unable to place the item.

(The above items are for information only).

9. Planning Applications

05/03279/FUL Single Storey Extension to Front & Rear, Extension to Garage and Detached Garden Room at 2 Chestnut Springs. **No adverse comments.**

06/00084/FUL Erection of two-storey front extension at 10 Forge Fields. Loss of parking space could be helped by increasing width of drive. **No adverse comments.** Except for observations that cars are parking on the pavement and restricting access.

06/00154/FUL Erection of five detached dwellings with associated garages and access, and erection of detached garage, Walnut Tree Gardens. (the same application in every detail as before.) Together with comments made in PQT, as before, unanimously **Oppose**

06/00177/FUL Single storey side extension, 1-2 The Elms, Shaw. **No adverse comments.**

NWDC Approvals

05/00292/FUL Erection of building for Forestry equipment, at Greatfield, Hook.

05/02760/FUL Erection of 2.5m Boundary Fence at Isca House, The Street.

Withdrawn

05/03010/FUL Erection of five detached dwellings at Walnut Tree Gardens

10.	Accounts (*incl. VAT)	£'s
10.1	Mrs R Leckie Salary	230.00
10.2	Mrs R Leckie Expenses	31.30*
10.3	Mr R Nicholas Groundsman	123.33
10.4	L M Parish Hall Hire of Hall for meeting	nil
10.5	Lydiard's Magazine Advertisement re Groundsman Contract	20.00
10.6	SFC White Lining	100.00
10.7	Avon Fire Extinguishers Inspection of appliances, JCH	21.50*
10.8	J Holloway Cemetery improvements	10.47*
10.9	T Pepperall JCH - tapes & bulbs, & broadband	32.03*

Direct Debit request sent for Thames Water supply at Cemetery and JCH.

The above accounts were approved by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Baker.

11. Post Office Funding – PC Contribution

A matching grant of £1,000 from Lydiard Millicent Parish Council is needed to enable the Grant application for £1,000 from NWDC Community Fund.

The Parish council debated whether or not they could justify spending tax payers money on a privately-run scheme. It was a high priority in the Parish Plan; the risk of losing the Post Office from Toomers changing hands was negligible as they would be sitting tenants and a valuable asset to the site. Some Parish Plan money has already been spent in the form of advertising. It was agreed to approve this application of £1,000 grant money.

NWDC Community meeting is to be attended by Chairman and Mr N Stone the Postmaster.

12. Committee Reports

- Mr J. Frost had re-cemented the tiles in a changing room and grouting was awaited. The Security lights had been adjusted.
- Play Area - new sign yet to be ordered.
- Cemetery phase two has been completed. Looking excellent. Membrane has been laid in bin store, with topping of Pea gravel.
- A wheelie bin has been donated, there may be another on offer if required.
- Leak on water tap has been fixed.
- Invoice from Blackfords due shortly as account was set up for ease of payment.
- Next tasks - Shed door on old cemetery shed.
- Gates to be cut and re-welded free of charge. Painted to match old cemetery gates.
- Quotes still awaited for removal of spoil.
- War Memorial Clock - a repair fund for future work on the clock - a report was given to the Lydiards Magazine and read out by Chairman. Thanks are due to the Trustee Cllr Baker. A report may be obtained at any time on request to Cllr Baker direct.
- Butts Pond - request last month for a risk assessment at the pond. The school do a risk assessment prior to allowing the children to enter. They will send a copy to the Council which will then consider any further decisions on the matter.
- It was noted that December time there was a hole in the Wire fence leading from the school to the pond. Cllr Groom volunteered to check if it was mended.

13. WCC community website.

A new initiative has been set up by WCC. Mr Windo has kindly offered to ascertain if it is suitability for us, and a report will be made in March.

14. Parish Plan

Holborn footpath - progress is subject to WCC or individual ownership of various strips of land. The Chairman will look at map archives at WCC on 7th February

Westlea Housing Association, who own No 11 Holborn, have no objections, but need to inform the tenant of the proposed work.

15. Lengthsmen visit 16th and 17th January 2006, and Parishioner's Letter

A strong letter of complaint is needed after another fairly unproductive visit by the lengthsmen, who cut hedges, which were on private land and were not on the list.

16. Correspondence

NWDC survey on Public Conveniences.

Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2006/7 – 2010/11 Consultation Responses – Info only.

Conservation Area Maps and Information – offered to Councillors.

Development Control 1st Feb 2006 – no items for LMPC

Thank you from L.M. Parish Hall for £500 received from LMPC.

Request by Citizens Advice Bureau for donation. Agenda March £25 proposed.

Request by Splash for a donation. Agenda March £25 proposed.

Reply from Power Electrics Limited – re convoy of Gensets early January 2006.

Code of conduct – update discussion paper

WCC Community Area Profile – reference material.

**17. Date of next meeting – Thursday 2nd March 2006 at 7.30 p.m., LMPHall.
The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.**

Minutes approved at meeting on 2.2.2006