

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING 4<sup>TH</sup> May 2006**

**Present:** Cllrs Pepperall (Chair), Bennett (V/Chair), Groom, Harris, Pflieger, Quartly-Bishop, Saunders and Smith, + 16 members of the Public.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs B.Baker and J.Holloway.

**2. Minutes of meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2006**

**Amendments to:-** **Item 4** – Police ... change 'N Wilts' to 'Wilts'. **Item 10.9** line 3 add 'of the Primary School' after 'Ofsted inspection'. **Item 12** Cemetery, line 3 omit 'replacing/tidying up' and add 'fixing to new gate'. The Minutes were duly signed as a true record.

**3. Local PC report.** Cllr Groom offered information on local crime. Four youth between 15 and 17 years are suspected to have committed criminal acts in Buryfield, £80 stolen.

Residents need reminding to keep doors locked whilst they are in their gardens.

Investigations proceed.

PC Hulmes & Insp. Levitt to be invited to meeting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, re school bus area.

The police have watched traffic speeds from Cllr Holloway's driveway, and indicated that a speed gun session was needed on that stretch of road.

Cllr Saunders requested that police cars regularly speeding through Greatfield be checked.

***Councillor Harris arrived.***

**4. County Councillor's report and questions arising.**

James Gray, MP, had a response from Deputy Prime Minister who was unwilling to be involved in the M4 Tunnel decision.

Question, Do you think the tunnel will go ahead? Don't know, but the Task Group is very good and are taking evidence from a number of individuals. Their report is expected in June.

NHS 'Pathways for Change' - public response to the cuts are needed; transport costs are being directed to WCC. The choice of hospital will result in some longer journeys, and with the proposed cuts in services, make the costs higher. A Task Group is proposed to look into the resulting increased transport costs. Meetings to help organise public responses are being held locally in Wootton Bassett and Cricklade. It is questioned whether we should have a Community Hospital in this area. The Parish Hall offered the use of their notice board to put up a summary of the Pathways for Change document.

**5. District Councillor's report and questions arising.**

Gaming Rules now approved - District Councillors are waiting for a seminar.

Good Guide for local people mentioned in May Minutes - Planning Department are working on a design code but it is a complex subject. In the meantime the advice is to speak directly with the Planning Department, explain what you should like to do, and they will advise whether or not the plans are worthy of submission, thereby saving money on rejected plans

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

The Sportsfield sign in Chestnut Springs is missing and drivers are speeding around Chestnut Springs looking for the Sportsfield. Temporary sign to be put up as soon as possible, whilst a request to Highways Department is made for a permanent replacement.

The village is looking tatty at present despite paying average of £1,000 per year on rates. *It is expected that the public perception of the village will improve once the new Groundsman has established himself.*

Road verges overgrown through the village. Unimog (a new One-operator vehicle which can repair surfaces, drain clean etc.) may be able to deal with this. Request to be made to WCC, who will keep a running log of jobs requested and dealt with. This to replace the Lengthsman system in due course. System will run on a jobs allotted not days per year.

A drain was reported as flooding outside 2, The Beeches. *Clerk to report to Clarence.*

A request was made to check that the new groundsman has public liability licence, and waste disposal licence. *This is automatically checked by LMPC.*

It was reported at the April meeting that the Wheelie bin in the Cemetery was not required by the new Groundsman. It appears that the Parish Hall caretaker pulls it out weekly for collection with the Hall Wheelie bin - Chairman to resolve this issue with the Parish Hall.

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

Cllr Harris reported more speeding along Washpool, and HGV Vehicles using the route. Sunday mornings young drivers are driving up to 70 mph in a circular route from West Swindon, through Washpool and back. *Clerk to make Police aware of this activity.*

Traffic speed sign, leaning 15% to port, along The Street, by traffic hump. This was reported to Clarence and will be chased up by Cllr Bennett.

Residents of The Close cannot cut their bank in The Street due to an overhanging hedge. *Clerk to write to owner of hedge.*

If it is a general planning reason not to raise roof levels past their original ridge height, why was the loft conversion allowed at 2 Park View Drive, (appl'n No. 05/01157/FUL). This is now approx. 4' higher than the original height, raising roof over ridge height. *Clerk to check.*

Cllr Saunders reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> layby in Greenhill are full of dirt and gravel just past 'Springfield'. Job to be listed for Unimog.

#### **8. Report on matters arising from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2006 not on the main agenda.**

7.5 Reply re lack of temporary 30mph signs. Highway Department replied that they had believed the area to be street lit, which would have required temporary mobile signs. As it is not then the 30mph repeater signs are deemed sufficient.

6.2 A white van has been seen, parked up in our village.

8.12.9. Spoil removal. Travis Perkins do supply the 1 ton bags. *Cllr Pflieger to check for alternatives.*

12. Chain tripped over at JCH - the two reflectors which had been placed on the posts have been vandalised. Alternatives were discussed.  
*(The above items are for information only).*

#### **9. Planning Applications**

**06/00906/FUL** Erection of first floor ext'n and single storey rear ext'n at 38A Stone Lane.  
**No adverse comments.**

**06/00971/CLE** Use of Caravan as Residence, The Stable Block, Woodside End, Greenhill. NWDC Enforcement officer had not been able to establish mis-use over the past few years. Two letters of support had been received from other residents of Greenhill. PC unhappy on the grounds that it has been subject to Enforcement action for 3 yrs, it is in the Rural Buffer Zone, and permitting residency could set a precedence for a full planning application.  
Application **strongly opposed.**

**06/00937/FUL** Front, Side, and Rear Extensions at 79 Chestnut Springs, L.M. PC would like concerns from the neighbour at 78 Chestnut Springs over loss of light at rear considered, but, without other objections, agreed to  
**No adverse comments.**

**06/01051/FUL** First Floor ext'n above garage and detached dwelling to side at 1 The Mews. Amendment to 06/01051/FUL, extension on other side of dwelling - **No adverse comments**

Re the additional detached dwelling to side of 1 The Mews – this will make a significant and deleterious change to the street scene, it is a clear over-development of the site, and will cause a lack of highway visibility for neighbours leaving their driveways. **Strongly opposed**

### Amended Plans

**06/00154/FUL** Five Dwellings on Walnut Tree Gardens, Lydiard Millicent.  
Shows footpath clearly taking some of parishioners' gardens, and the parishioners' concerned have made it very clear they do not wish to sell their land to facilitate this footpath.  
Application for this and each of the previous reasons given - still **unanimously opposed**.

**06/00607/FUL** Four Dwellings adj. to Lydiard Towers, Lydiard Green.  
Slight amendments have been put forward together with a Landscape report of the area which is naturally disposed towards the applicant, and misses out salient facts as detailed in our original response. This application continues to be **strongly opposed**.

### NWDC Permission Granted

**06/00433/FUL** Alterations and Ext'ns to 9 The Crescent.

**06/00451/FUL** Five Dwellings adj. The Mews, Lydiard Millicent - lengthy conditions apply.

**06/00225/FUL** Two storey side ext'n at 1 The Mews, Lydiard Millicent.

10.	Accounts (*incl. VAT)	£'s
10.1	Mazars External Audit y/e 31.3.05 (2005/6)	141.00
10.2	J Frost Maintenance work at JCH (2005/6)	76.37*
10.3	Mrs R Leckie Salary	243.75
10.4	Mrs R Leckie Expenses	*
10.5	Inside Out Ltd Groundsman	260.00
10.6	L M Parish Hall Hire of Hall for meeting	16.00
10.7	SFC White Lining	100.00
10.8	Community First Insurance renewal	788.61
10.9	SBC 8 cuts @ £40 paid by LMCC	376.00
	<b>Credits Rec'd -</b> LMCC Grass cutting	320.00

*The above accounts were approved by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Pflieger.*

**10.10** Mr Meredith – Discuss grass keep fee for year 2006/7.

It was agreed to increase the rent by 8% in line with Parish Council precept, and, as previously agreed, half of the Rural Payments subsidy received be shared with Mr Meredith. The grass keep rental will be reviewed in more detail by February 2007.

**10.11** Following a presentation by Lydiard Millicent Pre-School prior to this meeting the Councillors were asked to consider supporting the building of a permanent site for the group. It was agreed to support the need for a permanent site for the group in the Parish, and a letter of support to be sent by the Chairman to the group.

A proposal was made by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Groom to provisionally allocate £1,000 towards the groups fundraising. The vote was 4 against and was not carried. However, a group will be set up to investigate the strategy and practicalities of this venture - d Cllrs Smith and Pepperall, Mr D Tapscott, Mrs L Pierce together with a member of the Pre-School committee will form a working party and report back to the July meeting.

A Parishioner asked how a planning application could have been submitted if they were still looking at sites and sizes of possible buildings.

### 11. Committee Reports.

SBC have been asked to carry out a second cut of the Recreation Field. There should be no more until the autumn, as LMCC take over from this weekend.

JCH - there has been a surge in SFC meetings and presentation evenings are to be booked.

The new Groundsman Mr Steve Keye of Inside Out Ltd has begun work in the Parish.

Cemetery group - some gate work to be completed.

Notice boards - suggestion made to replacing board in The Street, to be Agenda item in July.

### 12. Parish Plan.

Post Office grant approved in principle - assurance of accessibility from the village needed and details of when the footpath along Stone Lane is due. *Reply not until 2008 or beyond.*  
In the short term, they were reminded of Lydiard Link which is available to take parishioners. Clerk would become a Link Driver to do journeys to Post Office and back, if a high take up on the Link Scheme results in a glut of requests. A subsidy to The Link Scheme was suggested.

Holborn footpath, our local contact, surveyor Steve Smythe, is moving to Kent, and he has given the Council names of firms to help draw up plans. Chairman will take WCC Chief Engineer D.Everett to see the route on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**13. Correspondence**

1. Donation request from Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. - *Agenda June*.
2. Hay Lane/Croft Road Link Scrutiny Task Group - invitation to speak 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10-3, regarding SBC M4 tunnel - Cllr Groom and Chairman attended.
3. Community First News Spring 2006 + membership renewal forms. *Agenda June*.
4. W.A.L.C. Newsletter April 2006.
5. N.A.L.C.'s report on new Audit Regulations coming into force 2009, for earlier reporting of Parish accounts.
5. Transport Plan 2006/07 - 2010/11, CD Rom and summary documents - no takers.
6. Pathways for Change – Consultation document - Cllr Groom urges PC and residents to respond to this document. *Email link to be sent to Cllrs by Chairman. Chair also to add to Parish web site.*
7. NWDC Dev't Control Committee Agenda 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006 – no items for LMPC.
8. NWDC Travel Scheme 2006 - *See Clerk for application forms.*

**14. Date of Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2006 7.30 p.m. Parish Hall.**

**15. Date of next meeting Thursday 1st June 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

**9.50 p.m. Close of meeting.**

**Minutes approved 1.6.2006.**