

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF 1ST JUNE 2006
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1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Baker, Bennett, Quartly-Bishop, Saunders, Smith

Present:

Cllrs T Pepperall, Groom, Harris, Holloway, Pflieger, and 3 members of the public.

2 Housekeeping – the meeting was informed of the new fire drill, it was agreed that a full evacuation test will be carried out when more Councillors were present.

3. Minutes of meeting 4th May 2006

Amendment made to 8.12.9 to read 'do supply 1 ton bags', and minutes signed as a true copy

4. Local PC report. Not present.

5. County Councillor's report and questions arising.

The last meeting of M4 tunnel Scrutiny group laid down rules for better future consultations. Social Services and PCT have had £0.9B cut from their 2006/7 budget. Emergency budget meeting to be held at County to resolve budget issues.

6. District Councillor's report and questions arising.

Cllr Groom was appointed to the S.W.Regional Assembly, which gives her Cllr Groom 2 votes. AGM showed that resources from council house sales is helping to keep the budget down.

7. Parishioner's Question Time.

- a. A weed control van and two quad bikes were seen in the village. We are told they have done the weeds on most pavements and gutters.
- b. It was reported that the patch of grass towards Greatfield Crossroads has only been cut only once in the last month. The Chairman asked that the public let the new Groundsman settle in and catch up as he only started the years work schedule in the middle of April.
- c. The Chairman was asked to explain how funding for the Post Office was made up. *£6K Rural Renaissance, P.O. £6K, £1K Postmaster, and up to £1K LMPC. Funding has been approved - offer letter awaited. Meeting with postmaster Friday 2nd June to arrange the programme of work, starting with the alterations at Toomers.* Holborn Footpath project funding will be sought when quotations are received.
- d. At the AGM it was reported that the War Memorial Clock Fund's interest was taxed. Question was asked if there was not a more efficient way of holding these funds. It was agreed that any benefit of changing the status of the fund would be lost in admin charges. The Parish Council is not directly involved in the Trust Fund, or how it was set up.
- e. What is happening following the resignation of Cllr P Brimacombe - *the Clerk is waiting for NWDC to send out the vacancy notices.*
- f. Feedback was requested over the drainage problem at The Beeches. A drain which was tarmac'ed over near 2 The Beeches some while ago, later caused drainage problems, and needed a manhole replaced. Further concerns raised over a concrete cover (said to be a defunct sump) outside 1, The Beeches.

8. Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.

- A. Cllr Pflieger. Has located a company who will undertake a dummy run with a 7.5 ton vehicle to the spoil area at the cemetery. If this is successful then they will collect the 1 ton bags free of charge. The Charge will be made for the initial bag. In the meantime it was agreed Mr. M. Smith will be asked to remove and dispose of the existing spoil, £50 as before, as the site needs to be empty to load the new 'bag'. A method of holding the bag open is to be dealt with by the Cemetery 'task force'.
- B. Truck watch. Cllr Pflieger has spoken to Gloucester Trading Standards Enforcement Officer, who has offered to give this Council one of their signs. We need to advise the local police, NWDC, and WCC Highways. The Parish would be able to publicly police the area, but

finances could only be levied if NWDC and the Police take on any enforcement action.

C. May has passed, and NWDC have not been to Park Lane to resurface - further action to be taken by Cllr Pflieger. Chair to separately send a further request to WCC Highways.

D. Cllr Groom - reported vandalism by horses grazing - they have wrecked hedges, stiles and gates. The owner of the field to be asked to rectify the damage, and obtain the payment for same from the tenant. *Cllr Holloway offered to speak to M Smith and P Guest.*

E. An Express Skip (details given), travelling from Greatfield Crossroads has been witnessed going fully loaded through the parish. Residents of the Parish to be reminded to report incidents to the Clerk with details of where, name, registration, time & date.

F. Cllr Harris read out a report on lack of action over highway issues in the past year. It was agreed that his comments could apply to other areas in the Parish equally, and that as the road lies on the boundary with Swindon, they need to be part of the solution.

It was requested that a speed camera unit attend the stretch of road between the junction with Swindon and Common Platt prior to the next meeting, if possible – Clerk to action.

Item to be added to next month's agenda.

G. Cllr Holloway, had attempted to slow traffic along Lydiard Green, in protest, after his daughter had another near miss along the road. However, the outcome was a caution by the Police not to interfere with traffic.

Clerk to write to Thamesdown Transport - complaining, and asking them to remind their drivers to respect the speed limits in the village.

9. Report on matters arising from 4th May 2006 not on the main agenda.

8.12 - Spoil removal - see item 8a.

10.11. Presentation by Pre-School. – The School have agreed to let the Pre-School stay until summer 2007. A further meeting to be held on 14th June 2006, which will try to agree the parking guidelines to be set for the bus stop area adj. The Butts. Councillors were asked to fill out a preliminary survey to obtain their opinions on restriction options. Ownership of the area has yet to be confirmed by WCC who will then consult with us on restrictions.

(The above items are for information only).

10. Planning Applications

06/01281/FUL Erection of Triple Garage with Flat above at The Breeches, Greatfield.

This application would create a new dwelling in the Rural Buffer Zone / Countryside.

No justification can be seen for triple garage space or the flat above.

Change of use -

Unanimously Opposed.

06/01098/FUL Replacement Rear Conservatory at 8 Meadow Springs. **Supported.**

06/01238/FUL Erection of Single Storey Side Extn/Granny Annexe at 7 Park View Drive

Difficult to accept this application as a granny annexe, as it has no bedroom. As an extension the Parish Council had no objection.

No other adverse comment.

06/00154/FUL Erection of Five Detached dwellings at Walnut Tree Gardens (further revision).

Continued strong opposition.

06/00906/FUL Erection of first floor extension and single storey rear extension (revised) at 38A Stone Lane.

No adverse comments.

06/01334/FUL Two Storey extension to front and side of 45 Common Platt.

This application would almost double in size the original property. **No adverse comments**

except that it increases traffic volumes on a busy minor road and access is difficult.

06/01309/FUL Extension to dwelling at 4 Chestnut Springs

Support.

NWDC Permission Granted

06/00673/FUL Erection of bungalow at the rear of 4 Lydiard Green.

06/00697/FUL Erect New Storage Building and replace existing Sales Area, New Entrance Area and Relocate local Post Office within existing building at Toomers Garden Centre.

06/00682/FUL Raise Roof and convert Loft at 9 Chestnut Springs.

Permission Refused

06/00607/FUL Erection of four dwellings land adj. Lydiard Towers, Lydiard Green.

11a. Accounts (*incl. VAT)		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	243.75
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	58.41*
Inside Outside	Groundsman	260.00
LMPHall	Hire of Hall for meeting	16.00
Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust	Donation s137	25.00
Community First	Membership renewal	32.00
BT	JCH Telephone	11.81*
Scribe Ltd	Licence renewal	195.00
Transfer to	Bank of Ireland	6,000.00

The above accounts were proposed by Cllr Pflieger and seconded by Cllr Groom.

Income for June – Cemetery £450, SFC pitch fees £503.50, Lyd Plain £950,
1st half Precept £7,000, Total £8903.50.

11b. Approve accounts 2005/6. – deferred to July.

12. Committee Reports.

Recreation field. Reflectors - in hand.

An increase in fees to Shaw Football Club and Lydiard Millicent Cricket Club, as per the 7.9% precept, had been proposed by Recreation Field Sub-Committee, and was approved.

Cemetery – Groundsman doing well, Parish looking tidier.

Spoil - to be removed by M Smith when a ton bag to be placed.

13 Parish Plan.

Holborn Footpath. Westlea Housing had been waiting to inform their tenant of the proposed plans, but regrettably she has passed away after a long illness. Quotes to be sought shortly.

14. Parish Notice Boards

A new board is needed for The Street. Sliding Perspex doors were suggested to keep the elements out. A quote to have this purpose made to be sought.

An extra board by the gate to JCH to be discussed again in July.

15. Correspondence

Parish Hall – New regulations.

Local Authority Byelaws – A Discussion Paper.

16. Date of next meeting Thursday 6th July 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Minutes approved 6.7.06.