

Lydiard Millicent Parish Council
Minutes of the 2006 Annual Parish Meeting
25th May at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Hall

1. Welcome and Introduction. The Chairman welcomed seven members of the public, and two family members helping in the kitchen area.

Apologies: Cllrs Harris and Bennett.

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), Baker, Holloway, Pflieger and Saunders.

2. Annual report by Chairman

The Chairman's report was read out and a copy is attached.

3. Statement of the Parish Council Accounts for the year 1.4.05 - 31.3.06
To receive Councils' observation's on its finances for the current year.

The public and Councillors had a copy of the Income and Expenditure.

The Chairman briefly went over the accounts and answered any questions.

Funding had been set aside for Gateway Signs and Bus Stops, which basically covered the excess amount of Income over Expenditure. Future funding was explained for the Parish Plan Post Office and Footpath projects.

4. Report by Cllr Baker on the War Memorial Clock - see reports below.

5. Reports/Statements from representatives of voluntary and charitable Parish bodies.

Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall

It had been an exciting year, and much had been achieved by the Parish Hall.

A new kitchen was fitted out in stainless steel furniture, and a new boiler was installed in the summer. The main hall, bar, entrance hall, toilets etc had been decorated by volunteer help. The hall floor was resurfaced during the Easter break.

A new fire/heat detection alarm system had been installed and licensed together with new outside lighting, especially useful in any emergency.

A major water leak necessitated a new water pipe across the car park and into the Hall.

All of the above was supported by major fund-raising and generous donations from all the users of the Hall, and from NWDC Community Area 2 and LMPC. Fund raising events had been:

A Celebration for Peace Supper in July 2005.

A Mince Pie and Coffee morning in December 2005.

A Tabletop Sale in February 2006.

A Hot Cross Bun morning during Easter 2006

And a Bangers and Mash Evening in May 2006.

Parish Hall AGM to be held on Thursday 15th June 2006 with Cheese and Wine refreshments.

War Memorial Church Clock Fund

Cllr Baker reported that it had been a good year and that £335 in donations had been received after the Annual push in November.

The total saved to date is £2,608.42. It was noted that this account carries tax as it is in a single name. The possibilities of ways to achieve gross interest will be discussed.

Lydiard Millicent Lunch Club – no report.

Lydiard Link

Reported that they are going well, but still require a few extra volunteer drivers to do occasional journeys. There are currently around 12/15 journeys per month. Full details of the Lydiard Link contact details and services are placed regularly in the Lydiard Magazine, and are on the Web site.

6. Receive reports from any other invited bodies.

Lydiard Millicent Church – no report

Lydiard Millicent Magazine

The Magazine continues to flourish, with no lack of advertisers and subscribers, quite a number of who do not live here but appear to enjoy the variety of items reported, in particular the Planning which excites a large amount of interest.

More locally the magazine is popular for information about the events circulating the village, such as sickness, injuries, births, deaths and marriages.

The Parish Magazine now advertises on the village website, and is printed in Purton by Rick Dixon who also handles the Purton Magazine, which is helpful when items of shared interest occur.

They happily carry news of the Parish Hall Committee's work, and keep us all up to date with Club activities. Although the Church and School have their own magazines and newsletters, the Lydiard Magazine reaches all ages and beliefs, and aim to be supportive but not competitive with other organizations in print.

Thanks was given to the magazines cast: Helen Poulton the new Treasurer, Liz Packham overseeing deliveries and advertisements, and Terry Sumpter who advises and assists whenever needed, and the Printer Rick Dixon who corrects and improves where necessary.

Hot News that there is at last a lady who is retiring at Christmas and is considering whether she would like to take over the magazine – so, as they say - 'watch this space'.

7. Consider resolutions of which written notice of a min. 7 days has to be given - none.

8. Any other items of Community Interest.

Park Lane surface and drainage is still causing concern.

The new policy on burial was challenged when it came to light that a mistake had been made in allowing the Late Henry Wallace a resting space - the Clerk will check the

electoral roll in future.

The corner of Stone Lane needs checking as the road is breaking away and concerns were raised over the water pipes, which may be damaged by traffic.

The footpath at the top end of Stone Lane is too narrow - hedging needs cutting back to the original iron fence.

Truck Watch, mentioned by Cllr Pflieger, is a voluntary monitoring system which allows members of the public to watch and report offending vehicles. More information will to be brought to a full Parish Council meeting.

9. Date of the next meeting - May 2007

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