

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

**1. Apologies** for absence Cllrs B Baker, S Burley, A Harris, and J Holloway.  
**Present:** Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), J Bennett (Vice-Chair), M Groom, A Pflieger,  
 L Quartly-Bishop, V Saunders, N Smith.

**2 Housekeeping**

The Clerk issued the Fire Alarm instructions to 1 Parishioner and 7 Cllrs.

**3. Minutes of meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2006** were altered at item 13 exchange 'Joy Riders for 'Fun Riders', and Item 16 last line remove 'cut the hedge' and add 'remove weeds etc'. The minutes were then agreed as a true copy and signed.

**4. Local PC report.** - There was no report, due to the temporary closure of the Wootton Bassett Police Station. Sgt A. Harvey to be invited to attend the October meeting.

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

Cllr Groom had attended the South West Regional Assembly in Taunton regarding the SWRA response to the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review. A seminar at Trowbridge on the Countryside Access Forum had been very informative and will provide valuable information for residents across the County and in SBC.

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

Cllr Groom reported that after learning all about the licensing laws, District were soon to unravel the Gaming laws and their effect locally.

**7. Parishioner's Question Time.**

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that a developer was advertising on a coloured brochure, new homes called 'The Green'. It is believed these are the 5 houses at The Mews, now to be named 'The Orchard'. Mr. Ricketts to confirm.

**8. Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.**

- a. Possible pollution in ditch at The Elms - Cllr Bennett has asked the Environment Agency to locate the source of the foul smelling contents of the ditch, and the water leak on the road. Thames Water has denied that they have any foul water drains at that point.
- b. The footpath sign at Chestnut Springs/ Forge Fields roundabout had not yet been re-installed. WCC Rights of Way warden has been contacted, & advised that this task will be included in his maintenance programme.
- c. Cllr Saunders reported that Farmer Webb had removed 5 tyres from a ditch - Cllr Bennett offered to report the fly tipping.
- d. Lengthsmen, during their last visit, only managed to cut approx 20 metres of hedge in two days. It was commented on that the Village is looking grubby and it was hoped that the new Parish Steward scheme would be much more active. D. Everett, Highway Engineer, acknowledged the problem, and said he would have more control from now on. Parish Stewards first visit will be 17/18<sup>th</sup> October, and will need to cut around the road signs. A list of **all such road signs** disappearing into vegetation need **to be reported by Cllrs** to Cllr Bennett, who will compile a list and mark them onto a map.
- f. Groundsman to be asked to clear around the new welcome signs when they erected. Official thanks to be sent by the Clerk to those who had worked hard in the old cemetery.
- g. Chair reported WCC Highways are shortly to be taking action on the drainage problem between Chestnut Springs and the outlet on The Street below Badgers Brook.

**9. Report on matters arising from 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2006 not on the main agenda.**

- a. Wooden sign posts at the Church roundabout - Chair reported that WCC were going to repair the wooden sign post fingers. It had been previously reported that WCC could not supply new wooden posts, however this information was incorrect. – No time schedule could be given as the tradesman had many more to repair.
- b. Give Way sign by hump – WCC have forecast several months before replacement.
- c. Rural Buffer Zone flyers - approx. 24 replies had been sent off, others may have been sent directly. The total cost was under £85.

(The above items are for information only).

#### 10. Planning Applications

06/02101/TCA	Fell Rowan Tree at LM Primary School.	<b>Supported.</b>
06/02032/FUL	Erection of Side and Rear Extensions at 27 Stone Lane.	<b>No adverse comments.</b>
06/02183/ADV	Non Illuminated Post Office Sign, at Toomers G.Centre.	<b>Supported.</b>

**5 properties off The Mews** – Confirmation that 'The Orchard' renaming has been approved  
**Discuss Appeal** re No 1 The Mews, LM. Further discussions with Mrs Moody have revealed that her solicitors feel she still owns the piece of grass currently cordoned off. This problem is not a planning matter. Civil proceedings would likely be required to restore the status quo.

An **Appeal** is expected shortly on '**Greensend**', following the retrospective garden refusal.  
**Enforcement at Greensend**, over the unofficial business known as '**Heatwise**' is ongoing.  
**Enforcement action** is also ongoing against the caravan at Greenhill bottom.

#### NWDC Consent Granted

06/01716/TCA	Tree surgery work at The Old Rectory, Church Place, Lydiard Millicent.
06/01626/FUL	Extension to Reception Classroom, External Hard Play Area and Canopy at L.M.P.School, The Butts.
06/01278/TCA	Tree surgery to Walnut Tree, Manor House, Church Place.
06/01646/FUL	Replacement Conservatory at 10 Chestnut Springs.
06/01633/FUL	Pitched roof and Extension to Front Porch at 63 Chestnut Springs.

#### NWDC Permission Refused

06/01628/FUL Erection of two storey rear & garage extn, and Front Single Storey extn at 1 Church Place..

**WCC** Change of use of permitted extraction and landfill site to allow the disposal of hazardous waste at Parkgate Farm Landfill Site, Purton, for Hills Minerals and Waste Ltd.

#### 11. Accounts (\*incl. VAT)

		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	243.75
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	26.86*
Inside Out Ltd	Groundsman	260.00
LMP Hall	Rental for meeting	16.00
T Pepperall	Expenses, inc. RSS flyers	99.99*
HDB Group	Internal Audit fee	270.25*
Mr J Mills	Cemetery Tap repair	49.60
Impact Signs	Replacement disclaimer & door signs, Rec.Field	112.80*
K.S. Security Ltd	Post Office counter & equipment	3,597.50* + 4,856.63*
British Gas DD Statement for JCH, owing approx £20 – no action required.		

**Post Office** – Various urgent invoices will need to be paid between September and the November meeting and it was agreed that the Chairman/ Clerk and two signatories may raise such cheques as necessary up to £1000, for ratification at the following meeting. Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Groom, and approved. NWDC grant of £1000 applied for/awaited  
 Cheque drawn to transfer £5,000 from the Bank of Ireland to main account to assist cash flow on the P.O. venture.

**Income for August 2006** £300 from LMCC, half of annual fee.

**For Approval** W.C.C Welcome Signage, amended costs 1071.58  
 The cheque for Dial-a-Ride was cancelled as we have no residents currently using the service  
 Above accounts proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Pflieger, duly approved.

#### 12. Committee Reports.

**JCH** The Sportsfield sub committee met and made the following recommendations:

1. The lads on shed roof incident was something that needed to be prevented rather than acted upon. It was suggested that a deterrent such as downward facing spikes be fixed to the corners of the clubhouse to prevent unauthorised access. Police Crime Prevention Officer to be contacted for advice.
2. A list of key holders names, addresses and contact numbers will be requested from SFC

- and LMCC, as they cut duplicate keys for their own use. We can then retain a Key Register.
3. When the new notice board is placed adjacent to the driveway gate, a 'No Camping' notice will be permanently displayed.
  4. A deterrent is required beside the driveway gate to prevent motorcycles entering the grounds. A kissing gate was suggested but would impede buggies, and wheelchairs. A quotation for two offset bars will be arranged.
  5. Gutter repairs are needed. – Mr J Frost to be requested to do this, and to affix the bars.
  6. Now Cricket is over and Football has started, grass cutting will be done by Mr C Richards of Chestnut Springs, who has volunteered to do the cuts with his sit on mower, on a 'costs and expenses' basis.
  7. A big tree bough over the JCH approach road needs removing and quotes to be sought.
  8. A pair of roller boots was found on the Clubhouse steps on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. A 'lost' notice will be placed in the Lydiard Magazine – claims please to the Clerk or Chairman.
- Playground report.** Cllr Saunders reported the rocking horse seat needs attention, and the chippings are low. The posts which held the edging boards to the chippings need removal to prevent trip hazard. Next months report by Cllr Bennett.  
The replacement disclaimer notice will be erected shortly.
- Cemetery.** Final work on Spoil area to be done by Cemetery gang shortly.

### 13. Report by Highway Sub Committee.

The minutes, were circulated prior to the meeting and the Chairman updated the meeting on the status of the action points, 12 Major, & 7 Minor.

1. Footpath to Washpool turn. Awaiting call from volunteer Highway Engineer re costings.
  2. New extra Bus shelter at Greenhill. Ongoing.
  3. Footpath from Stone Lane towards Washpool. Swindon BC to be contacted for help.
  4. 30mph from The Elms to Stone Lane. Pending.
  5. VAS near The Beeches. Feasibility studies needed. Speed Camera signs only permitted in approved areas.
  6. Ditto near Toomers.
  7. Ditto at Washpool.
  8. Sun Inn Pelican crossing. Liaising with LMPS, funding needed.
  9. Butts School Parking area. Awaiting confirmation of ownership from WCC.
  10. Village Car Park (& new Cemetery?). Site still being sought for new cemetery - decision on Car Park deferred until then.
  11. Footpath to Toomers. Pending completion of 1.
  12. Footpath through Lydiard Green. Pending 1 & 2.
1. Replacement Priority sign at bottom hump. WCC say 3m.
  2. Missing 40mph sign near Washpool turning. WCC say 3m.
  3. New Welcome signs. Ordered and awaited. Cost approved.
  4. Asphalt needed at Cemetery entrance and ramp in Buryfields. Gang to be arranged.
  5. Park Lane drainage provision & resurfacing. Drainage being discussed – resurfacing unlikely, but reviewed annually.
  6. Greenhill bottom resurfacing. As per 5.
  7. Holborn Corner. Refresh white road markings – agreed, WCC to do.

Speed Camera Partnership - Cllr Bennett had approached this group and they do take instruction on occasion from Councils. If they came they would need to do certain checks initially, such as sample speed test, and source specific location which needs to satisfy the regulations on visibility and distance. Cllr Saunders asked to have Greatfield towards Hook, added to list of suitable sites. WCC say Private road warning signs are not allowed. Thanks were given to the sub committee, who will continue to action items as possible, and will review in 3 months.

**14. Parish Notice Boards** - No local quotations have been found to do a Perspex fronted notice board. Clerk to speak to Lydiard Tregoze as to where they obtained their new boards.

**15. Parish Plan.** See Post Office, item 11. No further items.

**16. Correspondence.**

WCC. Copy of Public Notices re decriminalisation of parking in NW.  
Wiltshire Young People's Opportunity Fund - Poster and info letter.  
Community First - Wheels to Work for 16+ who can't afford transport - Poster.  
Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service - Business plan 2006 - 2010 - briefing sessions - see Clerk.  
WCC Meet and Greet Evening - report.  
ROSPA Play Area inspection will take place during September 2006.  
Wiltshire Local Transport Plan - report – see clerk for details.  
EnCams - Town and Parish Council guide to local environmental issues - info only.  
NWDC Development Control Agenda 30<sup>th</sup> August - No items for LMPC.  
WCC reply to request for 'keep clear' box markings at Park Lane.

**17. Date of next meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in Parish Hall.**

**Meeting closed 9.25 p.m.**

**Minutes approved as amended, 5.10.06**