

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 3rd July 2003

Present: Cllr T Pepperall - Chair, J Bennett, P Brimacombe, P Cole, M Groom, J Holloway,
E Quartly-Bishop, D Revere, & V Saunders.

1. Apologies: Cllr B Baker.
2. Confirm Minutes. The minutes were amended - 7b change 'meeting' to 'exercise'; delete word 'further' before 'training days'; Accounts, receipts, should have read '4/03';
item 16 add 'Lydiard Green' to item Ref. Registered Land; - and signed as a true copy.
 - 2a. Co-option update. Due to the advertising procedures, we were unable to co-opt until the August meeting, once the necessary notices have been displayed.
3. County Councillor's Report and questions arising.
Cllr Groom updated the Cllrs on the progress of the Primary Care Trust. Information is being sought with reference to the national state of the PCT's financial burdens at their outset, and for WCC to scrutinise the finances of the Trusts more fully.
Cllr Groom has discussed yellow lines for The Butts with WCC Highway officers, G Hiscock and A Wyatt, which may not necessarily have the desired effect. Better co-operation is needed between drivers and members of the public in general. However, £30 fines can be imposed on cars parked on the pavements.
4. District Councillor's Report and questions arising.
The Roads in the Parish have been swept. Hills Skip for Plastic had been full for over a week and residents were having to tip their plastic or take it home again. Not good PR when NWDC is actively encouraging recycling. An environmental report is not now deemed necessary for fishing lake planning applications, although it is desirable for the Wootton Bassett site.
5. Parishioners Question Time
 - a. Mr T Wood asked for an update regarding hedges and ditches along the C62 from Washpool to Tewkesbury Way. He pointed out that a ditch runs along the original hedge line and is now in the middle of the hedge. Also, is there a blocked storm drain under Westhills Lodge drive? Answer - owner says there never has been!
 - b. Mr S New - Reported an overgrown hedge at 2 Church Place, which impedes pedestrians.
 - c. Mr S New asked where Alan and Sandy had advertised the new Postmaster/Mistress.
Answer - see Agenda item 10.
6. Councillors Reports of Parishioners queries.
 - a. The grass by flower beds has been cut by WCC but not left tidy.
 - b. Could thanks be given to Mr Cooper of Midgehall Nurseries, as he has provided 400 plants for the raised flower beds opposite Parish Hall, and a mention in the Lydiard Magazine.

- c. Reported by Cllr Bennett - Wall surrounding 23 The Street, extended during building work, and has narrowed the bend in Park View Drive to such an extent that large vehicles such as refuse lorries or emergency vehicles cannot get along to the end - can anything be done?
- d. Cllr Holloway enquired as to legislation on burning industrial waste - ie vehicle oil. Bonfires are occurring on land inside, and just outside, the boundary of Bagbury Park. -
clerk gave out a leaflet on general bonfires which had various contact addresses.
- e. How many people are registered to live at 37 Stone Lane, including the Barn & caravans, and did they need planning permission for the lake they have built?

7. Report of Matters Arising - none.

8. Planning Applications

03/1567CP Retention of single mobile classroom without toilets at L.M.P School, SUPPORT.

03/01558/FUL Construction of a new access to Highway at 4 The Moors, and

03/01557/FUL Construction of a new access to Highway at 20 Stone Lane.

Both SUPPORTED, but PC would like to see clauses added to any permissions to prevent the running of businesses from the driveways, such as Car Sales & Vehicles Repairs, and a restriction of the number of vehicles at any one time.

03/01692/FUL 2 single storey extns, 45 Chestnut Springs - NO ADVERSE COMMENT.

NWDC Planning approval

03/01193/FUL - Single storey extension rear and side - 80 Chestnut Springs.

03/01041/FUL - Conservatory at Edge Hogs - 15 Chestnut Springs.

9. Accounts

000893 - J E Frost 10 % retention from JCH	£10,048.65
000894 - Mrs Leckie - one months wage	£ 190.00
000895 - Mrs Leckie - Expenses	£ 67.44
000896 - Mr Nicholas - one months Groundsman fee	£ 180.00
000897 - J Dusting - fittings for CCTV	£ 11.99
000898 - Community First Membership	£ 30.00
000899 - J E Frost - Storeshed less 5% retention	£ 3,720.00
000005 - J E Frost - Storeshed Bank of Ireland	£20,000.00
000900 - Southern Electric - JCH	£ 95.23
000901 - Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust - Donation S137	£ 25.00
000902 - Victim Support Wiltshire - Donation S137	£ 25.00

Br. Gas bill, JCH £148.84, already paid by estimated advance payment of £151.67.

A donation was considered for the Citizens Advice Bureau but not agreed.

Bank Balances as as 23rd June :-
Lloyds TSB £18,467.13
Bank of Ireland £36,564.05

Quotation for Boules terrain - £1,000 approx. if Mr Frost continued while he was still on site.

This had been agreed by the Recreation Field Committee, to be ratified - no objections.

Work had actually been carried out on the Boules area and had been finished with the appropriate layers of Scalpings and Pea Shingle to Club standards.

Quotation from Haines Fencing for £564 + VAT agreed for gate & fencing to the front of the Boules terrain linking up with the Play Area.

Accounts proposed by Cllr Quartly Bishop, seconded by Cllr Revere, no objections.

9a. Statement of Assurance for the External Audit was read out, approved by Cllr Quartly Bishop, seconded by Cllr Revere, no objections.

10. Future of the Post Office in Lydiard Millicent.

There are two people, so far, interested in the position of Postmaster/mistress, who have been directed to the 'The Post Office' for application forms etc.

There is some doubt in one of the candidate's mind as to whether or not to use the existing premises. They are proposing a Parish survey, with a flyer in the August Lydiards, to assess what facilities the parishioners would like to see alongside the P.O.

Mrs Tilley, the Rural Post Office Advisor has been away, which has delayed matters.

11. Mains Drainage for The Elms, Shaw. Mr R Tindall had sent a letter to the P.C. requesting help in obtaining mains drainage for The Elms. P.C. decided to contact NWDC, WCC and Thames Water to assess the possibility and costs involved to the residents.

12. Emergency Planning - Cllr Brimacombe, and Cllr Pepperall if available, agreed to join Cllr Bennett in the October phone exercise. PC still hoping for parishioner volunteers.

13. Parish Plan - Cllr Bennett is to attend a training session in Gloucester, P.C. to pay travel.

A Public Meeting has been arranged for 19th September and invitations will be sent nearer the time. A leaflet drop will take place in the week preceding the meeting.

It was agreed that a poster be drawn up to grab the Parish electorate's attention to the meeting. Graphic Designer Mark Pepperall had volunteered to offer his services to design the poster. The cost will be approx £150.00, and it was felt reasonable that if the P.C. obtain a Grant to help with the costs of producing a Parish Plan, then he would be re-imbursed.

Cllr Bennett asked the Clerk to circulate the spare copy of the literature provided about producing Parish Plans, to all the Cllrs in turn, prior to the next meeting.

Cllrs Bennett and Pepperall will prepare the letters of invitation.

14. Committee Reports.

JCH up and running, no requests as yet for hire of the facilities. The list of approved fees to be put on all the notice boards, and in the Lydiards Magazine. Cllr Pepperall to be the temporary bookings clerk. Mr Nicholas the Groundsman has indicated that he will carry out any cleaning duties after a booking. Deposits to be withheld if the JCH is not left in acceptable condition.

Trophy cabinet had been discussed by the recreation sub-committee; an initial quotation was approx £1,000. SFC and LMCC to be invited to pay a third of the cost. The security of cups and trophies was briefly touched on. No decision required until such time as cabinet is in place.

Store shed is finished, container to be removed on Saturday 5th July. Clerk to ask the Insurance Co to add the Store shed at cost, i.e. £21,250.

Boules pitch now ready but usage to be delayed until the fencing is in place. Mr I Church has kindly agreed to act as Booking Clerk for the Boules, and any bookings will take precedence over any casual users. A notice will need to be made up indicating the terms of use for the Boules terrain. There are lights to floodlight the area, accessed in the Store shed.

CCTV camera is up and running, and covers the Boules, Play Area, and about a quarter of recreation field. Monitoring of the tapes to be done by Rec Field sub-committee. Tapes will be held for a minimum of one month. An article to be placed in the Lydiard Magazine, and a notice on the Play Area board indicating that the CCTV camera is in operation.

Play Area inspection was done by Cllr Revere this month and 12 vandalised slats had to be replaced in the perimeter fence, which occurred before the CCTV was operational. Hopefully any further vandalism will be caught on film.

Next inspection Cllr Pepperall.

Open Gardens - 7 gardens entered - 2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. 20th July, details from Cllr Baker.

Millenium- Great Western Forest organisation has indicated they would like to be involved with the proposed tree planting and that there may be some grants available towards the cost.

Cemetery - Mr Nicholas has the grass areas almost under control.

15. Correspondence.

Letter received from LMPH committee last month - they have no problems with the proposed fees for the JCH. They were grateful that a share of the proposed Open Gardens takings has been earmarked for the Parish Hall disabled toilet project. NWDC have announced a rolling programme to introduce Wheeled Bins to most households. Community First, Wiltshire Highway, and Emergency Planning newsletters were on the stage.

Cllr Cole has taken the Solar Powered Signs information.

Standards Board tape - report next month.

Quality Parish Council Scheme - the Clerk had reproduced 6 pages of the 66 page document, and circulated a copy to all Councillors to look at ready for the next meeting.

WALC newsletter, 3. Cllr Pepperall to acquire 12 copies of The Good Councillor guide,

6. Clerk to enquire re NPFA inspections, & 10. Aid for Rural Post Offices to be pursued.

16 Date of next meeting Thursday 7th August 2003.

Meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.