

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes 5th October 2006

1. **Apologies** for absence Cllr B Baker
Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), J Bennett (Vice-Chair), S Burley, M Groom, A Harris, J Holloway, A Pflieger, L Quartly-Bishop, V Saunders, N Smith.
2. **Housekeeping**
The Clerk issued the Fire Alarm instructions to Parishioners and Councillors.
3. **Minutes of meeting 7th September 2006**, were signed as a true copy after amending item 8b
4. **Local PC report.** No report
5. **County Councillor's report and questions arising.** No report
6. **District Councillor's report and questions arising.** No report
7. **Parishioner's Question Time.**
 - a. It was asked who owns the ditch between the field adj. to 5 and 6 The Elms and the Washpool Road. There is foul, smelly water in the ditch, thought to be sewage. Cllr Bennett explained that the Environmental Agency had traced the foul water to 5& 6. The owner of 6 was present at the meeting, and confirmed the Environmental Agency was in correspondence with himself. The property had a joint soakaway installed 12 years ago. Due to the clay soil, it has not been efficient, as it backs up with rainwater that cannot drain away. It is thought that the landowners of fields are responsible for all adjoining ditches. The current tenant of the field, who was present in the meeting, was prepared to help clear the ditches, once it was clear who was responsible. Clear water is also issuing from the highway just adjacent to the Nine Elms Notice Board. This is thought to be a separate issue, however. Thames Water are continuing to deny responsibility for the leak, which was patch repaired a couple of months ago, but did not solve the problem. The possibility of a natural spring needs to be investigated. The resident of 3/4 The Elms was concerned, due to the current sewerage problems, about the proposed extension at 5, which is very close to his own septic tank and his boundary.
 - b. Speeding along Washpool was again highlighted, more children are using the road daily and a reduced speed from 40 to 30 was requested. The meeting was informed that the Highways Sub Committee had agreed to apply for a 30mph limit from Tewksbury Way to Common Platt, and further down to the Foresters. The bottom of Stone Lane was also to be included. These limits are assessed annually in March.
 - c. A Parishioner asked if the Safety Camera Partnership could be asked to watch the speeds. The Council was able to confirm that contact has been made with Wiltshire and Swindon Safety Camera Partnership about the possibility of the cameras visiting the parish. The Council confirmed that they are also considering flashing camera signs in key locations.
 - d. Clarification was made that the crossroads at Greenhill and Greatfield was always known as Greenhill Crossroads, but recent documents have recorded it as Greatfield Crossroads - this will be noted in future documents.
 - e. The recent heavy rain had caused the road along Greenhill to become a river, flowing fast to the turning circle, which flooded, and the hardcore laid adjacent to Lydiard Plain to be washed away. A request was made for the ditches to be cleared all the way down Greenhill.
 - f. A Parishioner noted from the Agenda that the Council was to discuss a proposition from Lydiard Tregoze PC for a joint cemetery in Hook. He was opposed to this proposition.
 - g. Letters were hand delivered to Cllr Holloway, the Clerk, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman by Mrs Byrne of 'Greensend', reference Harassment Act 1997, claiming that NWDC are backing her case, and showed the Chairman a letter from NWDC. An acknowledgement will be sent, and solicitor's advice sought.
 - h. Vandalism has re-appeared. 54 Chestnut Springs has had boundary chains broken. Mrs Moody has had to close the golf course, due to youths stealing the flags. Other acts of vandalism were noted to the Council. A full list is to be made of vandalism, as many of the small acts may not have been reported, and Police may not be aware that of a problem.
 - i. Leaves in The Butts are beginning to cause a problem. LMPC will act accordingly.

8. Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.

- a. Stiles had been broken down just in vicinity of Lydiard Green. The current occupier of land to be asked to repair them.
- b. Greenhill Crossroads had several sets of Bill Posting, the Clerk to report them to WCC.
- c. Lorries are continuing to speed in the village, Blackfords were just one company identified, and will be written to accordingly. However, all suspect speeding company vehicles need to be reported to The Clerk.

9. Report on matters arising from 7th September 2006 not on the main agenda.

- 8a Foul water in ditch had been dealt with in Parishioner question time.
- 8c No information was available on the tyres placed on the verge for collection.
- 8g The 'Drain Brain' have been in the area, and all drains are now working from Chestnut Springs to The Street area. Drains have also been done in Park Lane. We are advised that a new drain is needed in Park Lane.
The Culvert below Badgers Brook however, is still flooding, further investigation needed.
(The above items are for information only).

10. Planning Applications

- 06/02394/FUL** Erection of double garage & parking to replace existing building, 2 The Butts. **No adverse comment.**
- 06/02395/FUL** Erection of single storey building for Pre-School at Cof E P.School, The Butts. **Support.**
- 06/02356/FUL** Proposed single storey side extension at 9 The Willows, Common Platt. **No adverse comment.**
- 06/02094/FUL** Erection of two storey side extension to form self-contained annex and erection of rear single storey extension at 5 The Elms, Old Shaw Lane, Swindon. LMPC oppose this new separate dwelling and will comment on the sewerage problems, and the closeness to the boundary of 3/4 The Elms. **Oppose.**
- 06/02466/FUL** Erection of ground floor side ext'n, 5A Greatfield. **No adverse comment.**
- Late Planning**
- 06/02503/FUL** Erection of two storey rear extension, attached garage and front dormer window (revision of 06.01628.FUL refused) at 1 Church Place. **No adverse comment.**
- NWDC Permission Granted**
- 06/02032/FUL** Erection of side and rear extension at 27 Stone Lane.
- 06/01872/TCA** Tree surgery and tree felling work at Manor House, Church Place.

9 Chestnut Springs new raised roof. The Clerk to write to NWDC, explain we are unhappy with its height, and ask what are the guidelines for future such applications.

11. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	243.75
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	34.12*
Inside Out Ltd	Groundsman	260.00
LMP Hall	Rental for meeting	16.00
J E Frost	Work on Post Office at Toomers Garden Centre	1762.50*
Swindon Link	Advertisement for Post Office	103.40*
RoSPA	Playground inspection	141.00*
NWDC	Minutes and Agenda Costs	28.50
Scribe 2000	Replacement disc	20.00
Rapid Hire	Shredder for Rec. Field	107.45
Active Signs	Post Office Lozenge	736.00
R O Butt	Jazz Band for Post Office Opening	150.00
Avery Weigh Tronix	Post Office Scales	775.48*

Received from

NWDC	Grant for Post Office	1000.00
Post Office	ditto	3597.50
Southern & Scottish Energy	Wayleave payment	6.90
NWDC	2 nd half of precept	7000.00

The new Mandate for the Bank of Ireland was duly signed.
A request for a mini statement on Post Office Expenditure to be made available in November.

Above accounts proposed by Cllr Holloway, seconded by Cllr Bennett, duly approved.

12. Committee Reports.

Recreation Field, being cut by Colin Richards, a local resident. The dangerous bough has been lopped, but Groundsman needed a shredder to clear the wood. In view of the additional work needed, above his contract, agreed to pay cost of hire of shredder – see 11. Accounts.

Jubilee Clubhouse, a Key Record is still to be done.

Cemetery. confusion occurred when the tap house padlock went missing. The Chairman had replaced the lock, and the painting was subsequently completed. Replacement Disclaimer Notice now erected.

Pavements, some repairs to the entrance of Chestnut Springs were carried out recently. When the Chairman asked them to look at another hole, they told him that they could only carry out work on their worksheets, each job had a photo with their instructions

12a. RoSPA Play Area Safety. 2006 report received on which the Chairman briefly reported. There were no major issues. More chippings will be needed in the Spring. The Council asked that a comparison be made with replacing the chippings with a safety surface. Quotes to be sought and alternatives considered by the Recreation Sub Committee.

13. Report by Highway Sub Committee.

New Pavements. Pro Help have found someone to produce plans. A meeting to be held with Mr. Findlayson of PFA and the Chairman 24th October 2006.

14. Parish Notice Boards

Lydiard Tregoze PC had their notice board made by a parishioner who has now moved away. No one in the parish has felt able to build us a glass-fronted board.

Cllr Burley knew of someone in Purton Stoke who is a cabinet maker and will ask for a quote.

15. Parish Plan

Post Office - Philippa Read of Community First has been invited to open Post Office 13 Nov. Ray's Lydiard Stompers will provide entertainment for 2 hours.

Refreshments to be arranged for which Heather Caravans have offered to pay.

Neville Stone, in Chairman's absence, to start informing newspapers and local TV stations.

Toomers will have their new warehouse section open for business.

Posters for the Post Office will be in Parish only, we cannot advertise in rival areas.

It was suggested that the advert could have the logos of Toomers and the Post Office.

However, checks need to be made on the legal angle.

16. Christmas Decorations

It was agreed that a Christmas Tree would be sourced - the location to be confirmed.

17. Correspondence.

'Urgent' letter from Lydiard Tregoze PC re proposed joint cemetery, whose own cemetery is full. Do we still have an offer of land adjacent to the Beeches? Cemetery sub committee to look at proposals. Cemetery Sub/Comm to discuss & suggest a proposal.

Letter from Mrs Scott, 1 The Beeches, regarding traffic speed.

NWDC - Energy Saving week (A.W.A.R.E) Event to take place on 27th October 2006.

NWDC - On Street Parking - chance to request areas to be restricted. Agreed to leave as at present, in view of complications & expense of monitoring.

Send to the Lydiards Magazine - observations and views from the Parishioners and Councillors would be welcome.

The Boundary Committee - Final recommendations and a questionnaire by 10.11.06

WALC and Wiltshire News - Sept Newsletters.

Community First - Election of Trustees and Annual Report

Wiltshire Search and Rescue Penny Appeal 2006.

NWDC - Gambling Act 2005 - Draft Statement of principles.

Late correspondence

Rural Payments Agency Single Payment Scheme 2005, received additional £7.82.

NW Police/Community Consultative Group agenda for 18th October 2006.

Introduction of Parish Steward.

Development Control Agenda for 11th October 2006 - no items for LMPC.

WALC and Wiltshire News Newsletters - October

18. Date of next meeting Thursday 2nd November 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in Parish Hall.

It was agreed that a 'closed' meeting will need to be arranged regarding the contents of the letter received in Question Time. Legal advice to be sought.

Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr V Saunders, unanimously agreed, to be arranged.

9.35 meeting closed.

Minutes approved as amended, 2.11.06.