

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of 2nd November 2006

1. **Apologies** for absence Cllr B Baker, V Saunders, A Harris
Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), J Bennett (Vice-Chair), S Burley, M Groom, J Holloway, A Pflieger, L Quartly-Bishop, N Smith.
2. **Housekeeping**
The Clerk issued Fire Alarm instructions to 4 Parishioners and 8 Councillors.
3. **Minutes of meeting 5th October 2006**, were altered at 7A line 14, change 'The Mews' to 'The Elms', and Cllr Groom's attendance was noted.
4. **Local PC report** - not present.
5. **County Councillor's report and questions arising.**
WCC Overview and Scutiny Committee are intent on closing their report on the SDA, despite many inaccuracies, which have been advised to the Secretariat.
The Government White Paper is steering us in to Unitary authorities. It is made quite clear that funding is based on unitary authorities and not two tier. There are several options - straight unitary; merging of districts; or do nothing. The parameters are complex and population mass comes into the equation. The costs and services for the options are to be investigated closely. Applications are to be submitted by 25th January. The alternative is for paired or shared County/Districts authorities, which will keep the services nearer the people.
The 2006/7 budget deficit has been reduced from £10M to £1/2M by cost-cutting.
6. **District Councillor's report and questions arising.**
Training has begun on the Gambling Act - apart from complex main schedules there are 25 sets of legislation. Events such as Raffles will now need to be registered and a breakdown of the costs and donations to charities required and declared. Large events will need a variety of licences and sub-licences. There could be, like licensing, many re-draftings.
Cllr Groom will be attending a seminar during the next week on Improving Wiltshire.
Community Area Partnerships – NWDC administration support will be reduced.
A grant applied for by NCAP has failed. as incorrect population numbers were quoted by a WCC officer, and so we did not meet the criteria.
7. **Parishioner's Question Time.**
 1. It was brought to Councils attention that a recently set-up group called 'Purton and Lydiard Charity Fund' are having a 'Sun Inn Shopping Day' on the 2nd December 11 am – 5 pm
Father Christmas will be at the Sun Inn on the 15th December 5pm – 7pm.
 2. A parishioner hoped that the Council would exercise due diligence on Precept spending.
 3. Clarification was sought that the Clerk was not being subsidised by the Council to take parishioners to the Post Office. The Clerk is now a registered member of the Link Scheme and will carry out voluntary journeys to the Post Office on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 11 a.m. for The Link Scheme - journeys need to be booked in advance.
The Clerk will continue to carry out normal duties for the Council, with more flexible hours.
 4. J Willies has volunteered to paint bus shelter again - a tin of paint is requested, agreed.
 5. Leaves in the Butts are beginning to build up, and it was reported that a drain/grip outside 'Tertio' was cleared in the past week.
 6. A parishioner had attended the meeting, knowing that the local police officer had agreed to attend and was disappointed to find he was not. Cllr Holloway had spoken to the officer earlier on the day and was under the impression PC Hulmes was to attend.
8. **Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.** None.
9. **Report on matters arising from 2nd November 2006 not on the main agenda.**
 1. Clear water issuing from highway, leak has been fixed.
 2. Sewage from 5/6 The Elms. Mr Freegard, Environ. Health, is not as reported in the Minutes working on this issue. However the Environ. Health Officer has offered his help to the Environ Agency to do die testing to source the location of the problem.
 3. Item 14 Parish Notice boards - contact has been made, and quote awaited.
 4. Item 15 Logos have been added by Toomers design team to the P.O.advert.

5. Item 16 Christmas Tree - The Church has been approached, no reply yet. Other locations mentioned - placing the tree between the raised beds and the wall of the church. This was thought to contravene the Highway licence we have just entered into.

(The above items are for information only).

10. Planning Applications

06/02409/TCA Lydiard Millicent C of E School. Tree Felling. **Support.**

06/02673/FUL Bay Window to Front Elevation and Extension to Side at 30 The Beeches.

No adverse comment.

06/02632/FUL. Creation of Vehicular Access at Radway House and 2 Lydiard Green. Clarification needed that the original access point was to be removed when the new access point is created. Concerns raised as to why the owner was losing a private drive to gain a shared drive. **No further adverse comments.**

06/02728/COU Change of use from Residential to Commercial (B1) at The Old Methodist Chapel, Lydiard Green.

Rural village business is to be encouraged, but the property should maintain its rural outlook without signage. The parking area for 5 vehicles would be used by staff, leaving no space for visitors or deliveries. **No further adverse comments.**

Revised Plans

06/02356/FUL Proposed Single Storey Side Extension at 9 The Willows, Common Platt.

No adverse comments.

06/02394/FUL Erection of double garage and on site parking at 2 The Butts.

No adverse comments.

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.

No information on foul water/sewage situation. Proximity to 4's septic tank. **Opposed.**

NWDC Consent Granted

06/02101/TCA Fell Rowan Tree at The School, The Butts.

Highway Planning. Section 96 of the Highway Act 1980 - 096/044 - Site in front of Parish Church. The contract was agreed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

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
Wiltshire Search and Rescue	Penny Appeal 2006 - Donation	15.00
West Swindon Link	P.O. Advert	206.08*
SFC	Marking out pitches Sept/Oct	200.00
Mazars	2006 Accounts	152.75*
Lyd Mag	P.O. Advert	14.00

2 Water Accounts were reported – monthly payments adequate.

Income September 2006

Shaw Football Club Pitch hire 430.00

It was agreed that Income be placed on the Agenda in future, together with Expenditure.

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

11a. Discussion on the upkeep of the raised flower beds. It was not clear whether or not top-soil or manure was required. Mrs. Badcott to be asked.

11b. Precept – items for 2007/8 to be brought forward to Council for consideration in December 2006, together with items from parishioners in item 7.
This item had been omitted from the Agenda, and will need to be discussed again in December. Precept article to go in the September Lydiard Magazine next year as Cllrs wished to consult Parishioners over large proposed capital expenditure items - August 2007 Agenda.
Suggested items for 2007/8 -
8 new litter picks, approx. £70.
Capital reserve as usual, £2,500. Grants to be sought for footpath (Landfill grant suggested),
3 or 4 Flashing Road Signs are being considered - one p.a. est, £1,500.
Smaller items from the Parish Plan should be included.

12. Committee Reports.

Recreation Field – one cut by Swindon BC. Local man was on holiday.

Thanks to Lydiard Magazine for repeating lost roller boots advert.

Play area – Small area – fungi growing – needs removing – Groundsman to be asked.

Jubilee Club house - key record still to be done.

Cemetery Shed – Padlock, to be replaced, as chairman had used personal stock.

Lydiard Tregoz letter re sharing a Cemetery in Hook –

Last months minutes called for the sub committee to meet. The Chairman had spoken to all 3 members, & difference of opinions was raised. The general consensus was not to join Tregoz in Hook, as it was outside of the Parish. The Parish is not legally bound to provide a cemetery – this needs to be agreed by a concensus of opinion.

Members voted against offering Lydiard Tregoz space in the Parish Cemetery in the meantime, due to logistical and space constraints.

In the meantime the possibility of extending the original cemetery is continuing.

New Web Master required very soon. Mr. Windo discontinuing on 31st March, and training time needs to be allowed for. The web site gets 100 or so hits monthly and it was agreed it would be a shame to lose it. Lydiard Magazine will be asked to highlight this issue again.

12a. Report by Highway Sub Committee.

Met 24th Oct. Discussions with Wilts Camera P'tnership continue on speed camera operations in Lydiard Green/The Beeches, Stone Lane, Washpool/Common Platt, and Greatfield, Investigations continue on Vehicle Activated Signs in the first four areas.

Wiltshire Highways have agreed we may approach Swindon re shared road safety costs between The Elms and Stone Lane.

New Village 'welcome' signs to be erected in December 2006.

Culvert from Badgers Brook still needs clearing.

WCC to be asked again for hatching at the end of Park Lane - their response is unacceptable.

12b. Greenhill drainage to be discussed - it was agreed that Wiltshire Highways should write to each relevant property towards the bottom of Greenhill, explaining that the ditches/entrance piping need to be re-instated. They will request them to carry out the work privately, within an agreed timescale, or pay for the work to be done by WCC.
Parishioners to be asked to cut their hedges where appropriate, to facilitate access by pedestrians – help may be available to those unable to do so.

12c. Post Office opening.

This Parish Plan project is due to complete on 13th November, when the Post Office and Shop will re-open in Toomers Garden Centre at 9am. The opening ceremony will be by Mrs. P. Read, Deputy Chief Executive of Community First, to the sounds of Ray's Lydiard Stompers, refreshments, and with a good selection of invited guests, the press, and parishioners. Flyers are being distributed to each property in the parish, and Posters erected throughout. Heather Caravans have kindly offered to underwrite the refreshment costs of the Opening. It was suggested that the Council include, under our claim to Rural Renaissance re expenditure, a figure for the loss of interest caused by our temporary funding of the project. The Council is the primary Licence holder, with a Sub-Licence to the Postmaster. A question was asked about any surplus funding that may occur, lest the funders ask for a refund. Suggestion made to see if we could spend any surplus on Flashing road signs or on the footpath project.

A mini breakdown of expected income & expenditure is as follows:

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE (*ex VAT)</u>	
Post Office	£3,597.50	Post Office Equipment	£9,335.98
NWDC	1,000.00	Building alterations	1,500.00
		Planning fee re PO Lozenge	37.50
		Advert	88.00
		Jazz Band	150.00
<u>Due:-</u>		<u>Due:-</u>	
Post Office	2,371.61	Adverts	190.00
Rural Renaissance	6,000.00	Shop Equipment	734.00
Toomers (50% J.Band)	75.00	Sol'rs fee re Licences	250.00?
N. Stone (for stock)	1,000.00	Stock	1,000.00
LMPC (In hand)	1,000.00	Sundries	100.00
Estimated Totals	£15,044.11		£13,385.48?

Local Transport Conference to be held at Purton Bowls Pavilion on Thursday 23rd November, 7pm, all are welcome – **tell us your problems** - tel. 770734 for further details.

13. Parish Notice Boards - Quotes awaited.

14. Parish Plan - Highway Engineer (through Pro-help) is drawing up plans for Holborn footpath, and see **Item 12C** for Post Office.

15. Correspondence.

Sustainable Strategy for Wiltshire 2006-2016 – Comments requested. – No responses.

NWDC – re Consultation on Dog Control Orders – response required by 18th December 2006.

Questionnaire was completed during the meeting.

Cricklade Regional Bulletin was available to be read.

WCC Highway Services – Members Protocol July 2006 – information leaflet.

SPLASH Newsletter 2006. – was available to be read.

WCC Request for keep clear road marking at Park Lane Junction – request denied. – Letter of response to be sent asking what time of day the survey was taken and suggesting that they re-do the test between 4 and 6 p.m. on a week day evening.

WCC Traffic Signing at Lydiard Millicent – Welcome signs to be erected in December 2006.

WALC Newsletter –New Mileage Allowances and New Councillor Packs - 2 sample copies at £8 each to be ordered initially.

Wiltshire News – WCC newsletter – information only – was available to be read.

NWDC – Re New wheelie bin collection days. – The only feedback was that recycling and rubbish is now collected on two different days, which is less convenient.

LM Pre School re £1000 grant - deferred to December agenda. Four independent local custodial trustees are needed for the Pre-school Board - further information from Pre-School..

Letter to and response to Mr Williams reference to the damage to the stiles by horses.

Mr Williams horses had been removed and the stiles are due to be repaired very shortly.

Damaged stile, on the boundary of Common Platt/Washpool, needs new plank across the top.

Question asked 'How long before you can re-use a cemetery?'- Reply, approx. 80 years after the last burial. It is thought that the Old Cemetery still has 7 open graves, and is thereby not closed. Accurate details required by the Church.

NWDC Training sessions for Cllrs, 19th December at 6.30pm with refreshments.

17. Date of next meeting Thursday 7th December 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Minutes approved, 7.12.2006.