

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Thursday 7th August 2003

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall - Chair, B Baker, J Bennett, J Holloway, L Quartly-Bishop, D Revere and V Saunders.

1. Apologies: Cllrs P Brimacombe, P Cole, M Groom.
2. Confirm Minutes - Approved Cllr Holloway, seconded Cllr Saunders, no amendments.
 - 2a. Mr Alan Pflieger of 28 Park Lane was co-opted to the Parish Council, and signed a suitable document, in lieu of the official declaration, to be completed later.
3. County Councillors report and questions - a report was read out in Cllr Groom's absence. Consumer advice e-mail service launched in Wiltshire re Bogus Callers and Rip-off Merchants. Receivers sought from Community organisations, eg. P.C., Neighbourhood Watch.
Speed of convoy of school buses (not for L.M.) twice daily on school days. The Solicitors office has been advised and a review of the problem will take place after 12th August with discussion with Education department. There is talk of a local petition against these buses. Report given of 'One Stop Shop' van regularly speeding through the village early mornings.
4. District Councillors report and questions - a report was read out in Cllr Groom's absence.
WCC trying to emulate Glos CC for local speed gun training and use by local P.C's, through Community Safety Partnership. LTFC have been prevented from proceeding with their scheme.
 - 5a. Campaign for Broadband speaker
Mr D Doyley did not attend the meeting, as the matter has been resolved and BT have received grant incentives to have the service installed in December 2003.
 - 5b. Parishioners Question Time.
 1. Mr New - commented that Mr Perkins of Chestnut Springs had a shrub needing cutting back - already done.
 2. Mr New - asked for an update on the Sub Post Master - this is covered in matters arising.
 3. Mr Sumpter, neighbour to 23 The Beeches, objects that when he purchased his bungalow 40 years ago, he wanted to live in a group of bungalows, not overlooked by houses.
 4. Mr Church - similarly objected to the application at 23 The Beeches, as the pitch roof over the en-suite bedroom would block out light from their bedroom and living room.
 5. Mr Ricketts commented that the grass cutting opposite to the Parish Hall is not being done well enough or often enough - NWDC for WCC have been asked to take on this area. He had seen potholes being filled with a tar type adhesive and white scalplings - could this be done with better coloured scalplings on other shallow and bald areas of road?
 6. Mrs Reed - concerned about children kicking footballs against the door of the JCH after 6.30 p.m. in the evening - the noise is enough to cause her to need to shut her windows and doors even in the recent heat - see Committee Reports for action on this item.
A resident spoke as a father, and expressed his concerns, and hopes that childrens parents could be informed, and involved in any further action.
 7. Mr Wicks - said improvements have been made to Greenhill road and cars are now not bottoming out. However, he could not understand why the workmen had come from Mere.
Mr Wicks - still concerned about lack of visibility caused by Mrs Morses hedge in Greenhill.

Mr Wicks - commented on the proposed planning application at Brockhurst Farm and indicated that the barn was not in a reasonable state of repair and that a previous owner, Mr Dunmore, had been refused a caravan on the site many years before.

Mr Wicks - suggests the P.C. object to the application for the Greenhill BT telegraph poles.

6. Councillors reports of Parishioners queries.

a. Cllr Saunders brought a complaint from Mrs Ellison about the speed and amount of traffic travelling through Greatfield and the frequency of juggernauts through the village.

Cllr Pflieger - commented that, as an HGV driver, he knows the problems of driving into a village such as Lydiard Millicent and then finding a 7 ton exclusion sign and no way of turning the vehicle around without causing much damage to hedgerows etc. He suggests we ask NWDC for our own Parish weight restriction sign to be resited on the Swindon side of Brookhouse Farm roundabout.

b. Complaints about poor grass cutting in the cemetery - often highlighted when individuals cut their own areas which shows up adjacent plots.

Suitability of the current equipment and assessment of frequency of cutting to be done.

c. Cllr Quartly-Bishop - asked for the hedge on the right of the Holborn service road exit to be cut - possible solutions - Lengthsmen or Clarence.

d. Lack of soap in the JCH was reported. -to be looked at.

e. Cllr Baker - has cut back some lower branches of a tree in The Moors - could WCC be asked to do the higher branches - Lengthsmen?.

7. Matters arising from 3rd July 2003.

a. Post Office. There is still an interested applicant - although no agreement seems likely on the existing property. Other sites still being looked include the Parish Hall. It is hoped that the possible new postmaster could continue in the existing site until new premises were ready.

Mr Richards, the current owner of the existing premises, spoke of his endeavours to initially contact the Community and raise awareness of the possible plight of the Post Office. He has been in contact with Retail Agents re possible rents - unfortunately no agreement has been reached with the possible tenant, however communications are still open between them. He has been strongly advised not to enter into a 10 year lease as it renders the property difficult to sell should he need to within that period. There is 18 months left on the current lease which he would be willing to offer to a new Postmaster. A long term solution could be that he sell both his home and the Post Office, but no one can guarantee that if the commercial property is sold that it will remain a Post Office.

b. Cllr Bennett has a volunteer for the September Emergency planning exercise - more please!

c. Standards Board video is now being circulated to Cllrs - quickly please.

8. LMPC Planning Applications

03/01899/FUL 6 The Elms, Shaw *No Adverse Comment.*

03/01822/FUL Cow Barn, Brockhurst Farm. *Strongly opposed.*

This is an open shed, with no foundations and a corrugated roof, and very derelict. It is in the Rural Buffer Zone, on a property serviced by a narrow, overused, and unservicable road in an area without public transport which is unsustainable.

03/01902/FUL 10 Stone Lane, LM *Opposed.* It is considered to be over-development of the site, and will dwarf the bungalow next door, 10A. At an appeal in 12/89, the Inspector advised that this property should be Single storey, and have a clear splay of visibility to the front. The proposed garage, and extra vehicles from the large extension would interfere with the visibility.

03/01990/FUL 23 The Beeches LM *Opposed.* It would impinge on the privacy of the back garden of no. 24 and also be visually detrimental to the view from no. 26, as well as blocking the light in two rooms of no. 22. We would recommend a site visit, appearing better on the plans than on site.

03/01945/FUK 26 Linden Way, Common Platt *No Adverse Comment.*

8.a. NWDC Permissions Granted.

03/01356/FUL 8 Forge Fields - Erection of new Boundary Wall.

L.M.P. School - Retention of Mobile Classroom without Toilets - 5 years.

8.b. NWDC Permissions Refused.

03/01267/OUT Permission refused - Land at Lydiard Farm outline for two dwellings.

P.C. again to **Request NWDC** to ask applicant to return the area to meadow and open aspect.

9. Application for Telegraph Poles to Woodside End, Greenhill. Parish Council **refused** this inappropriate application on the grounds that they cannot encourage residence at stables.

10. Accounts

000903	Mrs Leckie	£ 190.00
000904	Mrs Leckie Expenses	£ 40.62
000905	Mr R A Nicholas	£ 180.00
000906	Thames Water	£ 28.66
000908	J E Frost	£2,472.52
000006	J E Frost (B of I)	£3,500.00

Purchase of sleepers to repair raised flower beds - the Council did not like the idea of sleepers, and instead have suggested we contact BT for some disused telegraph poles instead.

11. Update on burning of industrial waste - official information has been acquired on the disposal and burning of waste, letter formulated to go to all of the units, copy to NWDC.

12. Update on Parish Plan - letter to all households ready, leaflets and posters to be done, a further meeting to be arranged - Chair & Cllr Bennett..

Mark Pepperall is happy to do the posters, and Cllr Pepperall confirmed for the minutes his declaration of interest in the matter. Council approved action.

Cllr Bennett had attended a training day. The nearest Parish to be carrying out a Parish Plan is Uffington, who are further forward with their application. When asked how they managed to raise the committee of volunteers, they admitted that face to face contact and personal persuasion was best.

Cllr Pepperall asked that all councillors be ready to help distribute the leaflets to households.

Cllr Bennett asked if further information on the Parish Plan had begun circulating to the Councillors. This had not happened, and the Clerk will do so before the September meeting.

13. Quality Parish Scheme - Parish Councillors decided against applying for the Quality Parish Status at present, as they could not see enough potential benefits to the Parish, and it would increase administration costs, and the workload of the Parish Clerk.

It was agreed to concentrate efforts on the various enforcement actions and unresolved matters.

14. Committee Reports

JCH - Locks, ventilation, PIR at front, and CCTV cupboard had been completed.

Storeshed - being used by both SFC & LMCC.

Recreation field - possible 5th pitch had been looked at, but only 3 needed for coming seasons.

Boules - still needs notice board - fence is up and gate installed. Agreed a self closing system not needed - review 3m, as some concerns raised about animals entering if the gate left open.

Play area inspected by Cllr Pepperall - Mr Haines has repaired the gate.

Next inspection Cllr B.Baker.

Open Gardens - very successful and the 12 gardens raised £333.87. Proceeds - to pay for logs to raised gardens, and to the Parish Hall disabled toilets project.

Millennium Committee - next meeting 2nd September, JCH, 7.30 pm.

Cemetery - First 100 interment forms reported missing by clerk, could be at the records office or in Mr J Woolford's shed - clerk to enquire.

Problems of children kicking balls against the JCH doors. Members of the playing field sub-committee will try to talk to any children causing such nuisance, and seek their suggestions.

15. Correspondence

a. The Chairman is attending a celebratory lunch at Cllr Groom's for Mr Hiscocks, WCC Highways, and his successor Mr Rod Gibbs.

He will also write a letter of thanks from the Parish Council.

b. Volunteers requested to read the consultation paper on the Nature of Powers to be Conferred.

c. Volunteers requested to read the Cultural Strategy for Wiltshire document.

d. Wiltshire Draft Compact - Cllr Groom hopefully to enlighten Cllrs - Agenda September.

e. Lengthsmen did an extra day to compensate for a rainy day - nice, but efficiency queried.

f. The Parish Council came 4th out of 9 in the N. Wilts Best Kept Village Competition.

k. Zurich Municipal newsletter - Cllr Pepperall and Cllr Revere to review.

Extra Correspondence. - notification received of the Parish Halls charges for the Hall hire.

Only two days notice given, and the proposed rate is much higher than general adult hire rate.

Chairman to query these points by letter.

Special Any other Business

Cllr Baker had discovered some un-used 12 Bore Shot Gun Cartridges in a child's play den behind The Moors. These have been removed, but vigilance on children playing should be increased.

Meeting ended 10.15pm.