

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2003**

**Present:** Cllrs T Pepperall - Chair, B Baker, P Brimacombe, P Cole, M Groom, J Holloway, A Pflieger, L Quartly-Bishop.

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs J Bennett, D Revere, V Saunders.

**2. Confirm Minutes:** The minutes were amended under 6c, 7c, 8(re 03/01990/FUL - add "as well as blocking light to 2 rooms of No.22"), and 14 (Open Gardens - Cllr Baker was disappointed to receive criticism & is unlikely to organise 2004), and signed.

**3. County Councillors Report:** Radar Guns Glos & Somerset - Local Safety Officer says users have been attacked. County concerned of approving - re liability. Chief Constable not keen on the use of Radar Guns by the public.

Draft Wiltshire Compact - code of practice has not even been established yet. The compact will unite voluntary and community sectors with local authorities. More information to come. Wiltshire House Detectives - a new scheme has been set up for public to research the history of local buildings.

Malmesbury hospital may be closed. Two Community Planning Officers have been appointed for Wootton Bassett and Devizes.

**4. District Councillors Report:**

NWDC are encouraging use of their website, which has a wealth of information regarding planning applications. Government wants all Councils to be on line by 2005.

Lyneham Air Base will be closed.

**5. Parishioners Question Time:**

a. Mrs Mallard - Reminded the Council that the ditches are still full up and the hedge is overhanging her garden fence, asked if anything had been done since she last asked. Letters have been delivered to all the residents of Forge Fields and Park View Drive. Mr Marklove had been spoken to, another letter to be sent to Mr Marklove, asking him to cut hedge, or otherwise WCC will be asked to cut the hedge and charge him.

b. Mrs Reed - needed to know what she should tell her readers about the initial period after the closure of the post office. - See item 7.

She has also been asked to publicise the Walking Guides.

c. Mrs Willies - School had only been back a day and already there is trouble with cars parking on the pavements and the road bend. It is necessary to continue to take note of number plates to up-date the clerk and the school.

d. Mr New - Informed the Council that a tree along from Mrs Reed is in need of cutting back. - Mrs Reed to let the Clerk have details of the address and type of tree etc.

**6. Councillors reports of Parishioners queries.**

1. Cllr Baker - brought to the councils attention Pond Cottage hedge, and house adjacent to the footpath in The Close, need cutting back.

2. Mr Arnold Richards has reported that many of the stiles and bridges along the footpaths are in disrepair. He is happy to co-ordinate the repair of the stiles if the Parish Council are willing to pay for the materials and provide some volunteers. Cllrs Holloway, Brimacombe, & Pflieger all offered to help to repair the styles. Chair will give Mr Richards the Cllrs details.

3. Report of uneven pavements at 6 Ch Spr; WCC say not their problem, but PC to query.

4. Cllr Bennett is concerned about the height of the conifers near the Electric Sub Station in Forge Fields. Not the responsibility of the Electric Board. Quote to be sought.
5. It was mentioned that Maggies Cottage owned by Mr Linguard could be a good central point for the Post Office; however Mr Linguard is unwell and cannot be approached yet. It was also mentioned that there is room behind the Parish Hall for a mobile to be sited.

### **7. Report on matters arising:**

- a. Volunteers have been sought through The Lydiards to help run a post office - 3 so far. No further news yet from the Post Office adviser.
- b. The Parish Hall Committee had a verbal request to use the Hall as a P.O. However, the possible applicant has now withdrawn before putting his requirements in writing.
- c. The Chairman had contacted the Parish Hall over the hire charges, and they have agreed a reduction to £12.00 per session from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Mrs P Guest helped to clarify why the regular adult hourly rate was not offered, only a Block rate, similar to another group.
- d. Telegraph poles have been delivered to repair the flower beds.
- e. WCC say the convoy of buses which use the village is not illegal, but George Batten, WCC, will investigate further.
- f. The new pond at 37 Stone Lane, needs planning permission if it is outside the curtilage of the property and heavy digging equipment was needed to excavate the pond.

### **8. Planning Applications**

03/02112/ful Detached garage at 6 Jack Thorne Close, Common Platt.

**No adverse comments**

### **NWDC Planning Approvals**

03/01800/ful Conservatory at 27 The Street  
 03/01899/ful Two storey rear extension at 6The Elms  
 03/01990/ful Rooms in roof and detached garage at 23 The Beeches  
 03/01557/s73a Construction of new access at 20 Stone Lane  
 03/01558/ful Construction of new access at 4 The Moors  
 03/01692/ful Two single storey extensions at 45 Chestnut Springs

Question was asked as to whether or not B&B businesses need planning permission.

### **10. Accounts**

000909	Mrs R Leckie wages	£ 190.00
000910	Mrs R Leckie expenses	£ 36.78
000911	Mr R Nicholas groundsman	£ 180.00
000912	Mr T Pepperall expenses JCH and telegraph poles	£ 88.91
000913	Mr J Bennett travel exp, CEV.	£ 33.88
000914	Haines Fencing, Boules area	£ 711.24
000915	Playsafe Playgrounds Ltd	£ 2,858.78
000916	British Telecom JCH	£ 11.28
000917	T H Pepperall expenses Parish Plan and JCH	£ 186.50

The accounts approved by Cllr M Groom, seconded by Cllr B Baker, no objections.

The new bank mandates were signed.

It was agreed to pay Mrs Leckie's fee to attend a Clerks AQA Cert. training session.

### **11. Update on Parish Plans**

700 Flyers and 12 posters, on colour fast printing had been produced. Letters have been sent

to businesses and will be delivered with flyers.

Meeting has been fixed for the 19<sup>th</sup> September, refreshments to be organised. Apologies have been received from L Quartly-Bishop and B Baker.

## **12. Emergency Planning update.**

Cllr Bennett will be attending 3 x one and a half hour training sessions, organised by WCC Emergency Planning Department.

Emergency Exercise date still to be confirmed. Participants will be Cllrs Brimacombe and Pepperall, Wally Cuss, and possibly Roy Brown together with Cllr Bennett.

## **13. Standards Board Video.**

The video was still going around the Cllrs.

## **14. Committee Reports**

JCH Cricket season has ended. Football started, 3 pitches, new prices £15 & £20.

Storshed Filling up, FC have no access to CC side during football season, safety reasons.

Price list for CC & FC meetings to be reduced to £3.00 ph or part, booked in advance, paid for in following month. Potential booking, Rainbow Guides.

Play Area Report B Baker to follow.

Boules Sign to be organised. Receipts book needed for bookings.

Cemetery Cut and levelled. Gates had been left open, Clerk to write to undertaker.

Open Gardens The telegraph poles cost less than the sleepers would have been, therefore, the chairman suggested that the balance of the half of the open gardens money could be spent on refurbishment of the soil and the cost of the work. However, the Cllrs present did not agree and wanted the whole of the remaining funds to go to the Parish Hall toilets.

Millennium Committee met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, minutes as follows:

1. 3 Mature Trees - will proceed in the autumn.
2. Saplings - trees will be planted and monitored by the Mill.Comm/P.Council.
3. Bushes - were preferred in the recreation field.
4. Benches - quotes for a bench inside the Bus Stop in the Church Lay-by.
5. Perrins Piece - quotations being obtained for clearing and covering the site.
7. Flower beds opp. LMP Hall. - Quotation being sought for the refurbishment of the flower beds. Mrs Redford has offered to stain the poles.
8. Flagpole has been purchased. Quotations being sought for its installation.
9. AO Ideas. No further ideas were discussed.

Date of next meeting to be in November, date to be advised.

Parish Hall Photographs of the Council in action were taken as part of the Parish Hall's bid for best Kept Parish Hall.

## **15. Correspondence**

- a. Letter from Mr and Mrs Blackmore - who were upset that the new Swing might have been placed at the back of their garden.
- b. RoSPA were due to inspect the playgrounds in September.
- c. Parish Lengthsmen were due on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September, a job list had been sent. Late post discussed - The Local Channel, offering free websites for Councils - offer not taken.

**16. Date of next meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2003. Meeting closed 10.15 p.m.**