

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of 1st February 2007

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), J Bennett (Vice-Chair), B Baker, A Pflieger, E Quartly-Bishop and M Groom

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs S Burley, A Harris, J Holloway, V Saunders, N Smith.
2. **Housekeeping.** Fire Alarm instructions issued to Parishioners, and 11 Councillors.
3. **Minutes of meeting 4th January 2007** Cllr Quartly Bishops initial was corrected, and then the minutes were signed as a true record.
4. **PC Report.** – PC was not present.
5. **County Councillor's report and questions arising.**
 - a. Both WCC & NWDC had voted for Unitary Authority status, which Cllr Groom explained was a wise move particularly on budgetary matters, as it was anticipated that it would lead to efficiencies in costs. 26 Authorities have applied for Unitary. Boundaries would need review.
 - b. WCC, Scrutiny, has been asked to look into proposed changes to the local PCT status, where Option 3 had been selected, and 20 beds lost at Chippenham Hospital
 - c. Following a public briefing, and research into local policing, it seems the public want a 'Dixon' style policing. The information gathered will be used to come up with a model to adopt.
 - d. The meeting was warned against unsolicited offers to refurbish driveways in the area.
 - e. Cllr Groom had also been contacted by a company offering debt advice for parishioners.
6. **District Councillor's report and questions arising.**
 - a. Local Development Framework – it was felt that some aspects on the subject of affordable housing need questioning in the consultation period. In this regard projecting District budgeting is proving difficult as the Govt. guidelines are changing.
7. **Parishioner's Question Time.**
 - a. A resident of Greatfield was concerned about where the speed cameras would be fixed. She was glad to note that they would be the mobile type, and would not impair local visibility.
 - b. She also brought up the issue of Friday and Saturday night parking of guests to Riffs Bar, where vehicles often obstruct her view when leaving her driveway, and driving on the wrong side of the road to re-enter the driveway. She was sympathetic with the landlord, who is the victim of his own success and had outgrown his parking facilities. She asked the Council to find a solution to this dangerous parking before a major accident occurs.

Greatfield is on a police Rapid Response Route, and this inconsiderate parking could make it difficult for an emergency vehicle to pass, as oncoming traffic would have nowhere to pull in. The local PC had indicated last month that a degree of common sense would be used in booking cars parked on the pavement. However, the meeting agreed that it would be dangerous for the public to be walk in the road to go around parked cars, including guests to the public house. The P/Council advised her to contact Inspector Mark Levitt to report parking incidents on each occasion.
 - c. The footpath between Chestnut Springs and Buryfields needs another paving slab to step onto where the barrier stands. This could quite easily be done locally.
 - d. There are a number of drains blocked between The Beeches and The Church, which causes water to come up through the covers. Drains to be reported again please.
 - e. A Manhole cover appears to be breaking up outside 52 Chestnut Springs (possible generator damage from the re-vamp of the substations in 2006) - to be reported please.
 - f. A variety of potholes have appeared in the village. Cllr Bennett to report to Clarence.
 - g. Mr. Ricketts asked LMPC to re-instate honorary payments to the Church for the upkeep of the War Memorial Clock. It was stated that the Clock Fund is for repairs, not running costs. It was agreed to contact a relevant firm, to establish the running costs of such Clocks, and reconsider this request next month. (Watch makers, Alan Woodward, Malmesbury).
 - h. The meeting was informed that developers had purchased no's 2, 3, & 4 Walnut Tree Gardens - this may renew the outstanding Planning Application.
8. **Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.**
 - a. The hedge to 4 Lydiard Green is overhanging the road, and the owners to be asked to cut it back.

Stile on field below The Beeches is broken, WCC will be asked to repair it – failing that a Cllrs working group will tackle the problem.

- b. The Litter Bin at Stone Lane/Common Platt has now been replaced.
- c. The north side of Stone Lane entrance from Church Place is being eroded, and the water stopcock is now being driven over. Thames Water/WCC to be informed.
9. **Report on matters arising from 4th January 2007 not on the main agenda.** None.
(The above items are for information only).

10. Planning Applications

(Lydiard Tregoz) - 06/03242/COU Change of use of land to open storage/display of caravans and extension to workshop at Swindon Caravan Centre, Greatfield.)

Clerk to check on Lydiard Tregoz's opinions, otherwise **no adverse comments.**

Late Planning

07/00132/FUL Extension and alterations to form two storey dwelling at The Glen, Wood Lane, Braydon.

Although this will be a large extension, there were **no adverse comments.**

07/00136/FUL Side and Rear Extension to bungalow plus rooms in roof at 20 The Beeches.
No adverse comments.

NWDC Permission Granted

06/02950/FUL Alteration to roof at 27 Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent.

06/02910/FCAC Demolition of Existing Garage/Workshop at Lydiard House, Lydiard Green.

06/02909/FUL Erection of Garage, Workshop & Ancilliary Accommodation at Lydiard House.

06/02893/FUL Detached double garage and creation of new vehicular access, 5 The Butts.

11. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	243.75
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses – 2m + SLCC Subs	164.78*
Inside Out Ltd	Groundsman	260.00
LMP Hall	Rental for meeting	16.00
SFC	White Lining	100.00
Alan Pinnock	50% cost of Notice board	247.50
T Pepperall	Water Softener	40.70

Regular S/O's and D/D's

The accounts were proposed by Cllr Pflieger and seconded by Cllr Baker.

More Rec. Field white lining materials to be ordered, and paid in 2007/8 budget.

12. Spring Clean

Arranged for Sunday 11th March 2007 - two sessions 9.30 to 12.30, & 1.30 to 4.30.

Would volunteers please contact Cllr John Bennett, 770031.

13. APM - Speaker

The Reverend Knight, and Mr. Ray Akers - Bee Keeper, 2 Forge Fields were both suggested as speakers. It was decided to invite Mr Ray Akers on this occasion.

14. Committee Reports

Recreation Field - a cut has been ordered from SBC as the grass is still long at the far end.

Recreation Field sign has been installed at the entrance to Chestnut Springs.

A replacement multiple sign for the Chestnut Springs junction has been ordered. In the meantime the old Recreation Field sign has been erected to prevent visitors going around in circles.

JCH – Water softener has been ordered and delivered - see accounts.

A Spring Clean was discussed and agreed. Cracks in walls and a gutter clean and repair, to be quoted for by Mr. Frost. Windows will then need cleaning both inside and out, and woodwork and walls to be cleaned by a working party to include Cllrs, Clerk, and Cricket and Football clubs will be invited to help. A Saturday in April/May was agreed, to avoid the usual football times.

A Crime Prevention visit is needed to approve ideas to prevent youths climbing on the Storeshed roof.

Play area. More chippings are needed, gate catch now fitted - Mr. Frost to be asked to replace spring.

A matting product will be sourced to go around the bottom of both Spring Animals, instead of chippings.

Also advice from RoSPA to be sought on their refurbishment. Agenda item March.

Cemetery hedge - tree stumps have now been cut.

Christmas tree is now down, and the hole is to be filled in by the groundsman.

Webmaster duties to be shared between Mr. Chris Poulton (technical), and Miss Charlotte Holloway (maintenance). Many thanks are minuted for their volunteering.

Also many thanks for the building of our web site, and the installation of our Accounts package, with all his work over the past 2 years is minuted to Mr. Peter Windo, without whose hard work none of this would have been achieved.

15. Highway Sub Committee Report

- a) Copy of minutes were circulated to Councillors, and a report read out by Cllr Bennett.
- b) HGV vehicles to Toomers - all suppliers have had the recommended HGV route sent to them.
- c) An account of the lorries stuck in Greenhill during the past week were detailed by the Chairman – WCC have been made aware, and suggestions made to them to avoid similar occurrences.
- d) Re Park Lane – WCC, Highways say they have no authority or easement to access the drain on Westlea land. 15 children and 12 elderly members of the community live in Park Lane, and become almost trapped in their homes when it rains heavily
- e) Bollards at The Close entrance - more reflectors are required. The broken bollard has been removed, but not replaced, leaving unmarked kerbing in the road. WCC to be chased urgently.
- f) A discussion was held on the effect to drivers when all road signs are removed, and they are made to think about the road ahead. It appears to slow the traffic and make them more careful. An eminent speaker, Mr Hamilton-Bailey, recently spoke at the local WFCAP Conference, making a big impression.
- g) The Chairman had attended the NCAP conference, which included a workshop on affordable housing, and which may help if the Parish wished to consider such a project.

16. Parish Plan Report

Holborn footpath - with all the information in from the highway engineer, the exact route can now be chosen and funding can be sought. The plans will be shown to WCC who may be able to offer a grant.

Stone Lane footpath, second project - the Chairman is investigating a European fund possibility towards the cost of the feasibility study, approx. £2,500.

17. Parish Steward - next monthly visit 13/14th February 2007.

Request to deal with path from The Street to sub station in Forge Fields, gutter along Church Place, and footpath between Buryfields and the Close.

Corner near The Forresters outside Mrs Evans, Cherry Trees, no 6, - house-owner cut back the hedge in 2006 - could the Parish Steward remove roots etc from the grass verge to facilitate walkers.

Strimming required around the Welcome Signs and Notice Boards.

18. Parish Notice Boards.

A small notice board at the entrance to clubhouse has been ordered from Mr. Ken Manning.

A large notice board has been ordered from Alan Pinnock – see Accounts.

19. Correspondence.

Request from Splash for donation. Diarise for next month.

Swindon Sustainable Bldg Design & Constr'n Draft Supp. Planning - Cllrs Groom & Pepperall.

Swindon Draft Revised Parking Standards.

NWDC Development Control Committee Agenda 31st Jan 2007 - no items for LMPC.

Rural Arts Wiltshire - Events from January to May 2007 - see Clerk for details.

North Wiltshire Partnership - Chairman may be asked to attend and help evaluate progress.

Volunteer Centre North Wiltshire - Posters for the boards.

Clerks and Councils Direct - Journal - info. only.

The Clerk - Journal - info. only.

Late post

Letter re sunken graves has been received. Owner to be acknowledged and the grave identified.

Mr. Stone, the grave digger, to be asked to repair, and if memorial in place, the stonemasons may also need to be involved.

A suggestion was made that we routinely level all graves after a year - no decision made.

Best Kept Village Competition forms – no action, as LMS will be contacted direct re Poster competition.

WCC proposal to re-organise the registration service (Births, M's & D's) in Wiltshire.

NWDC Local Dev't Framework, Draft Affordable Housing – consultation 31.1.07 – 14.3.07.

www.northwilts.gov.uk/ldf

Rural Payments Agency - guidance for the 2006 SPS entitlements - info only.

SBC newsletter, and questionnaire.

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Newsletter & donation request - next month's agenda.

WALC newsletter.

20. Date of March meeting Thursday 1st March, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in L.M.Parish Hall.

Minutes approved as amended, 1.3.07