

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of 5th April 2007

Signed by Chairman 10th May 2007

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs J Bennett, L Quartly Bishop, V Saunders
Present: Cllrs Pepperall (Chair), Baker, Burley, Groom, Holloway, Pflieger, Smith.
2. **Housekeeping** Fire Alarm instructions given to 6 members of public, & 7 councillors
3. **Minutes of meeting 1st March 2007**, 5d, were amended to delete 'the petition' and add 'our Sub Committee efforts'.
Amendment to Agenda, Correspondence, letter from Mr Birch should have been on agenda.
4. **Local PC report.** – No report, however they have diarised the next meeting.
5. **County Councillor's report and questions arising**
 - a. At the annual State of Wiltshire Debate, Cllr Groom requested that more money should be spent on roads and in particular referred to Park Lane/Downs View and Greenhill and referred to residents' responses to a recent questionnaire. The Government has just announced a review of road policy and this means that such work will take place within the next few weeks.
 - b. Ambulance Trust – A Joint Scrutiny meeting has been asked to review the ambitious plans for inter-area accident service, to facilitate taking patients to the nearest hospital. The scheme is heavily based on technology but assurance was given that a back up plan is in place. The views of 7 different administrative areas need to be taken into consideration.
 - c. The County school meals contract is to be put out to tender. A Cabinet delegated decision has awarded the Meals on Wheels lunches to Wiltshire Farm Foods.
 - d. Jenny Edwards, the Patient Advisory and Liaison Service speaker at the recent public NCAP meeting had been excellent, and advised the group of the big review that had taken place with patients being given the choice of 5 different hospitals, of which most will choose the closest to home. There will also be 24 health care packages and 36/46 full time posts. She went on to explain that there will 24 hour care packages for those most at need. This will be covered by a neighbourhood team consisting of the equivalent of 30 – 36 full time posts for the community area, and that there will still be hospital beds for those in need.
The main points were of her presentation and the review were
 - Making sure that patients with long term illness have better support
 - Expert patient programme
 - New upgraded GP practice in Tinkers Lane
 - Hoping to build Patient Care centres across Wiltshire for diagnostic investigations
 - Reduction in the number of Community Hospitals
 - GPs will work together to commission services so that they become more patient-centred
 - In general patient waiting times have been reduced
 - e. Sergeant Andy Fortune informed the group that in general the Police will retain their geographical areas and deploy Neighbourhood Policing Teams across the community area. These will broadly consist of 5 officers per shift to cover responding to incidents. Each NPT will work with other agencies and organisations in the area to solve issues locally. There was concern about the closure of Cricklade enquiry office. Sgt Fortune explained that people will still be able to phone and make an appointment but the reality is that the enquiry office was not used as regularly as people think it was. He went on to say that the Police are in negotiation for a site in Purton.
 - f. Leisure Centres – there have been many conflicting views, DC leisure will run them for the next 18 months, to allow time to prepare a future plan.
6. **District Councillor's report and questions arising.**
 - a. Concerns have been raised re the possible loss of the 80% reduction of rates for Parish Halls. However NWDC has confirmed that those parish halls with registered charity status will not be affected.
 - b. Park Lane – a new drain has been installed and resurfacing expected on the 12 April. If they have any spare tarmac, they will be asked to fill in the pot hole adjacent to the

Cemetery gates.

7. Parishioner's Question Time.

- a. An email back from Clarence indicates that they will look at drains between The Beeches and the Church shortly.
- b. The Recreation Field had been left in a poor state after football match the previous week. They did come back later in the week to clear up.
- c. A Stone Lane resident wished Cllr Harris to cut back his hedge, and requested that the occupier of land adjacent to the Washpool Bridge be asked to cut back their hedge.
- d. Washpool road speed reductions mentioned in the March minutes should have indicated the reduction would also apply to the section of road from Stone Lane to Forresters as well.
- e. The Pry - Berrymans Lane has a 'Caution Horse Riders' sign. Would it be possible to have similar sign on Stone Lane, opposite 37a, where the Millennium Trail joins the road?
Cllrs appeared to be in favour of this suggestion.

8. Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.

Cllr Pflieger had received an anonymous letter regarding the appalling state of Lydiard Park on a recent visit. Councillors endorsed these comments and requested that the letter be forwarded to Mrs S Finch Crisp, the Estate Manager at Lydiard Park.

9. Report on matters arising from 1st March 2007 not on the main agenda.

7h. Pothole at Nine Elms. Leak has been fixed, however the pothole needs repair again.

Residents of Chestnut Springs were advised to ensure that their Water Rates bill is correct as only those who have asked are being given their 10% discount – all originally were built with soakaways. However, residents who have subsequently had extensions to their properties may have been joined up to the main waste water pipes.

7k. Spare tarmac may be available after the repairs to Park Lane.

8b. Leaflets showing the routes for HGV's will be printed for Councillors.

Transient HGVs - ask police for a definitive answer. Double-Decker buses are exempt. A delivery to Cllr Smiths house caused damaged to his verge, and that of the property opposite. He is arranging repairs, and will invoice the Company concerned.

10. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention. None this month.

(The above items are for information only).

11. Planning Applications

07/00534/FUL Erection of Granny Annexe in place of Garage at 25 Greenhill.

Strongly opposed to this planning application - new build in countryside area, size of annexe in comparison to original dwelling, incomplete plans, no access shown, no new garage shown
If approved - agreement 106 needed to tie the annexe to house.

NWDC Permission Granted

07/00274/FUL First Floor extension, 1 The Close.

07/00136/FUL Side & Rear extn to Bungalow with rooms in roof, 20 The Beeches.

07/00132/FUL Extn & Altns to form 2 storey dwelling, The Glen, Wood Lane, Braydon.

12. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	243.75
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	55.86*
Inside Out Ltd	Groundsman	260.00
LMP Hall	Rental for meeting	16.00
SFC	White Lining	100.00
Lydiards Magazine	Annual Subscription fee	5.00
SBC	Grass cutting	359.55
J E Frost	Repairs to JCH	252.62*
Mr T Pepperall	Chairman's annual expense claim	268.31*
Data Protection	Renewal	35.00
Alan Pinnock	Notice Board	247.50
In Touch Services	Walking Guides	89.50
Lydiard Millicent Church	Church Clock Electricity	15.00

Usual DDs & SOs - Thames Water DD Statement shows £77.11 in credit.

For Discussion

Lydiards Walk Booklet Printing fees & prices

Mr. Arnold Richards has produced a second booklet with 6 extra walks, asked Council to fund the printing, and suggested money raised be used for the benefit of the Parish, as with his 1st booklet. It was agreed to order 100 to be sold at £1 each, printing to cost £89.50, under S137. The project will need to be well advertised. Article for The Lydiards Magazine May issue. Church War memorial Clock. It was agreed to fund All Saints Church £15 maintenance per year - Agenda May annually.

Black & White Sign at Mews Play area. Quotation required. Wording for sign discussed, original age limits were 11 years - agreed to check the original details for age limit.

Lydiard Plain Rental agreed for 2007/8 set at £750 - Mr. Meredith receiving half of the RPA 2006/7 grant (£270), with a further reduction of £65 due to lower local rental rates.

Consideration was given to the option of not renting out the land, but rental agreed.

Proposed by Cllr Groom, 4 in favour, 2 abstentions. Councillors agreed future requests for spending be properly supported with evidence - diarise for February 2008 to obtain a land agents quotation.

Above accounts and propositions proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Groom, approved. The Clerks Fax/Answer machine is broken and needs to be replaced. Agenda May.

13. Spring Clean - update.

Thanks were recorded to all who helped, a full report can be found in magazine and website.

14. Committee Reports

JCH. Fire Assessment required. 852576 Community First Rep may be able to help.

Village Hall Fire Assessment had been carried out with the help of a Village Halls Association member (Tony Coysh) carrying out the assessment at a cost of £5 plus travelling time.

Rec. Field full cut by SBC recently.

Request from another Cricket club to stage 9 games. Declined - not worthwhile due to wear and tear, and complications of running clubhouse. It would also complicate the costing of the square itself. Some of the games were in the restricted football time zone.

£20 received from Shaw Football Club to cover lights left on during the year.

Play area inspection done by Cllr Pepperall.

Cemetery - Groundsman has had some complimentary remarks. Grass needs sorting near the path. He has also been doing some voluntary work in the old Cemetery.

15. Highway Sub Committee Report - No report.

16. Parish Plan Report.

Holborn Footpath WCC Highway engineer D Everett made some suggestions on his initial assessment of our plans - go behind the hedge from Holborn towards Nine Elms up to field gate or large tree to use the lie of the land better, where crushed stone instead of tarmac would be cheaper. New plans needed with the adjustments. Supported by the sub committee. Can go to tender once we have the plans.

Stone Lane Footpath - £1250 agreed from NCAP towards £2,500 – also waiting to hear from Solve for £500. Mouchel Parkman asked for an alternative quote for the plans - to be completed by 12th June to prevent the loss of the £1250 grant.

17. Parish Steward – next monthly visit 11th and 12th April 2007.

Footpath Greenhill crossroads towards Riffs Bar to be brushed and tidied.

Clear gutters through Church Place into Stone Lane.

Graffiti cleaner unsuccessful on the bus stops, T Cut suggested.

Dogwood needs cutting to within 3 inches of the ground for colour for next year.

18. Cemetery Rules – The rules of Nov 2005 were confirmed.

19. Correspondence

WCC - One Council for Wiltshire - through first round approval.

Community First - Parish Impact Survey for 2nd time, original response not received.

WALC Newsletter.

Co-operative Futures - leaflet and article for local magazine.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Annual Fundraising event, the Sarsen Trail, 6th May 2007.

NWDC Statement of Community Involvement (Local Development Framework) – info. only.

Rural Payments Agency - Application pack for 2007.

LMPH - copy of letter to NWDC re reduction of the Hall's Council Tax.

NWDC Dev't Control agenda for 4th April 2007 - no items for LMPC.

Elections, Thursday 3rd May 2007.

Late post

All Saints Church web site - link to be created - agreed.

NWDC Area Committee meeting - poster and agenda for 11th April in Purton.

Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals and Waste Development Framework, consultation of future documents. Response by 16th April.

WCC Area Highway presentation afternoon 1st May at 2.00p.m. Wootton Bassett.

20. Dates of next meetings

Thursday 10th May, together with AGM at 7.15 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Thursday 31st May 2007, Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 p.m. with speaker & refreshments.

Meeting closed 21.35.