

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Thursday 6th November 2003

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall - Chair, J Bennett, P Cole, M Groom, J Holloway, A Pflieger, D Revere, V Saunders

1. Apologies:

B Baker, P Brimacombe, L Quartly-Bishop.

2. Confirm Minutes

Item 6B - change to 'cleared of weed', not 'swept'.

The minutes were then signed as a true record.

3. County Councillors Report:

Wiltshire CC Structure Plan deposit draft is out for consultation. Possibility of circulating through the parish the main objections. RBZ the biggest issue - main policy to protect its ID. Question raised by Cllr Pflieger on last months report - How is PCT supposed to save £900k? Police and County researched hand held speed monitors - but motorist violent behaviour is still the main obstacle.

CLARENCE is to be reviewed - structure and management.

4. District Councillors Report:

NWDC Local Plan draft is also out for consultation. Local Plans meeting arranged.

Issue for LMPC to look at include proposed development East of Lydiard Millicent.

5. Parishioners Question Time:

a. Mrs Willies asked when the leaves were going to be swept in The Butts.

Answer - NWDC being asked, but LMPC will do sweep if necessary.

Workman sign chained to a post at top of The Butts - advise NWDC.

Ask NWDC for more visible school signs.

b. Mr Ricketts - felt that arranging a sub-committee to look at the closed Post Office was a waste of time and money. The Chairman felt that the small amount of money needed to do a Questionnaire drop, to and on behalf of the whole community, was worth the money.

c. Mr Woolfrey - felt it was important to continue to pursue the issue of the Post Office as parking in Purton is very difficult. The sign in the Post office declares a temporary closure.

d. Mr Gough wanted to know about progress along Greenhill but was not specific, there was no agenda item for Greenhill taking place during the meeting.

e. Mr Edmonds of 22 Stone Lane, was not happy about the planning application for 23 Stone Lane, but respected relationships with his neighbours. Cllr Groom confirmed she had received enough objections to ensure it will go to a Committee decision.

6. Councillors reports of Parishioners queries :

a. Cllr Bennett updated on the situation of hedges and ditches to rear of Park View Drive and Park Lane. - The hedge has only been cut on the inside of the field. The ditch could be hand cleared by his 'party of volunteers', if the hedge could be finished. NWDC to be asked to provide a skip to keep costs down.

b. Cllr Pflieger - flooding in Park Lane needs attention. Clerk to write to NWDC.

Cllr Pflieger - reported that he had spoken to the driver of the One Stop Shop driver about the weight of his van in our restricted area. Clerk to follow up.

- c. Cllr Holloway reported that a builders yard was growing steadily at the rear of Redstone Construction in Bagbury Park. Clerk to write to Mr R Williams at NWDC and check terms and conditions of planning agreements.

7. Report on matters arising: None reported.

8. Planning Applications:

03/02587/FUL 80 Chestnut Springs - 2nd Satellite Dish - **No adverse comments.**

03/02613/FUL 72 Chestnut Springs - Rear Extension - **No adverse comments.**

03/02691/OUT Land to rear of 23 Stone Lane - New Dwelling - Several letters of objection were read out.

Chairman had prepared a reply on the grounds of an objection, which was approved by Council. **Strong Objection.**

Late Planning Application

03/02879/FUL The Hollies, Greenhill - Garage with hobbies room over.

The plans incorporate a W.C., which seems excessive to the needs of a garage/play room when the main house is so close. Concerns that it resembles a small house, prompted a request to have a section 106 agreement placed on the building should it be approved at NWDC. As well as objecting to the W.C., and also amount of traffic on road.

Objection.

Planning Appeal

03/01267/OUT Baileys Field, The Street. It was agreed to re-iterate our previous comments on this application, support the decision of NWDC. **Strongly Object.**

NWDC Planning Approvals

03/02112/FUL 6 Jack Thorne Close - Detached Garage

03/02391/FUL 83 Chestnut Springs - Single storey side extension and conservatory.

03/02392/FUL Tudor House Park Lane - Extension of dwelling (renewal).

P.S. Letter from Greensend, Lydiard Green; states that no hedge was grubbed out.

NWDC advised

Apologies to the property owner for the incorrect information published in The Lydiards.

9. Accounts

		£
000926	W.A.L.C. Clerks training at Urchfont Manor	35.25
000927	L.M.P.H. Hire of hall and special meeting	70.00
000928	L.M.P.H. Donation from Open Gardens	260.00
000929	Thames Water - JCH £53.97 Cemetery £6.22	60.19
000930	Mr T Pepperall 6 months expenses	126.21*
000931	Mr Nicholas Ground Maintenance	180.00
000932	Mrs Leckie Wage plus expenses £78.13	268.13*
000933	Lydiard Link 2003 contribution	155.00
000934	Mr D Revere refund of payment for tel.poles	30.00

9a Clerks Certificate of Local Council Administration

As it will benefit both clerk and council, it was proposed that the council pay £155.00 for the registration and 6 one-off courses, and the clerk will not claim travelling expenses.

This was agreed, and clerk will enrol when W.A.L.C. send appropriate forms.

- 9c. Quotation for Perrins Piece.** £60.00 was agreed from Mr G. Perrin.
- 9d. Quotation for trees at F.F..** - Mr G. Perrin £100 declined, Mr R Nicholas £25 agreed.
- 9e. Quotation for Flower Beds.** Taurus £305.50*
- 9f. Quotation for Parish Maps O.S. copyright.** £55.81*
Accounts proposed by Cllr J Bennett and seconded by Cllr V Saunders - no objections.

9b Precept Discussion :

For the benefit of Cllrs who had joined within the year a brief explanation of 'precept' was given. Suggestions listed in no specific order:-

- (a) Upgrading the lay-bys in Greatfield
- (b) Improving effectiveness of The Clerk with more hours and purchase of equipment
- (c) Litter Pick equipment and a sum to cover the next cleanup
- (d) Compulsory purchase of more land for next cemetery/car park/village green
- (e) All weather purpose-built tennis/badminton court on recreation field
- (f) Bus stop shelter in Greenhill.

10. Parish Plan

At the public meeting held on 19th Sept, a number of people volunteered to serve on the Lydiard Millicent Parish Plan Steering Committee (LMPPSC). Volunteers attended an inaugural meeting of the LMPPSC on 24th October.

The committee adopted, with some minor amendments, the specimen constitution for such bodies shown in The Countryside Agency Parish Plan Guide. The essential officers were elected: Chair - N. Smith, V.Chair - W. Huth-Wallis, Sec. - J. Bennett, Treas.- TH. Pepperall, other members A. Beltrami, Mrs M. Byrne, C. Guest, Mrs P. Guest, Mrs C. Reed.

Actions were agreed to notify the various agencies and organisations that the village was to produce a Parish Plan and where appropriate, enlist their help regarding an application for a grant from the Countryside Agency.

The Post-it comments were reviewed, these will form the basis of the next meeting on 28th November. Some of the committee members will attend training workshops on 20th November.

11. Community Emergency Planning

A scenario was held on the 16th October, set in the village, where a coach accident had occurred and 40 Russian children were injured. 6 further incident reports were opened at specific periods of the evening. Cllr Bennett thanked Mr W Cuss and P Brimacombe for their help, and their invaluable local knowledge.

Follow up action - The Village Emergency Plan to be completed with contact details and locations and availability of resources. A further meeting will be needed to complete the plan.

12. Post Office : update.

Versa and Community First questionnaire to be distributed by Cllrs throughout the Parish, with responses to the Link Box at Lydiard Service Station (thanks to Mark).

13. Committee Reports

Recreation Field - Mr R Nicholas had given notice, but fortunately he has found a helper to enable him carry out the extra work, and will now continue his work for us.

Shaw F.C. plan to increase the size of their club and are looking for additional pitch space. Information re our JCH figures have been made available to them, to enable them to apply for funding. The notices offered by them are still awaited.

Play Area -. Cllrs - Saunders Oct report, Revere Nov report, both OK - Pepperall Dec.

Cemetery. Cllr Baker is attempting to arrange for the removal of the pile of spoil.

Open Gardens. Proceeds £330 less Flower Bed costs £70, paid to LMPHall Disabled Fund.

Millennium Committee. Meeting of 4th November, after several apologies, no attendees. Flagpole erection due shortly (cost agreed £145), site agreed with LMPHall Committee. Large Trees - Blissett tree now to replace dying Rowan at entrance to Beeches - all now to be planted 'close to home'. 3 trees & bushes £390* shortly - bushes for Rec. Field.

Perrins Piece - Mr Perrin to provide & lay membrane £60, Mr Nicholas to obtain wood chippings from Sw.B.C. (very cheap) and spread at his hourly rate.

Footpaths & Stiles - report awaited from Cllr Brimacombe on progress & plans.

14. Correspondence

Lengthsmen report was read out on work done at last visit.

Letter from Mr Ovens re pavement provision at Holborn - WCC Highways (Rod Gibbs) to be contacted for advice/feasibility.

Swindon & Wilts Structure Plan - M Groom co-ordinating LMPC response with Chair, also a joint response with other parishes. Flyer request to Parishioners for supporting responses to be distributed concurrently with P.O. questionnaire, by Cllrs. Chair to organise allocations.

Review of parish and town councils - questionnaire - Clerk to do.
All other correspondence is available to read from the Clerk.

15. Date of January Meeting. It was agreed that the meeting will be delayed to the 8th January 2004 - Clerk to check on the availability of the Parish Hall on that date.

**16. Date of next meeting Thursday 4th December 2003.
Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.**