

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
LMPC HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE JUBILEE CLUBHOUSE  
ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2007 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Tom Pepperall            Chairman  
              Andrew Harris  
              Alan Pflieger  
              Nigel Smith  
              John Bennett            Sec

**1. Minutes of the Last Meeting –4 May 2007.** The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

**2. Matters Arising from the lat Minutes:**

a. Washpool, collection of schoolchildren on Swinley Drive. **John** had still to contact Thamesdown Transport/SBC to propose that Peatmoor schoolchildren catching buses for Bradon Forest School are picked up on Swinley Drive rather than walking along the Washpool road to Common Platt.

b. Speed Camera Sign near the Church/ Manor Farm. **John** still had to hasten W&SSCP to erect a “Camera” sign on the verge opposite the entrance to Manor Farm.

c. HGV Reporting. The Wiltshire Constabulary had advised that no specific reporting procedure existed for reporting breaches of the 71/2 tonne weight restrictions in the village. Reports should be telephoned through on 0845 408 7000.

d. Drainage in Park Lane. The new drains were now working effectively.

e. Verge Overrun in Greenhill. **John** had still to ask Blackfords if they would put top-soil over the verge overrun in Greenhill which would enable WHP to place markers to keep traffic off the verge.

**3. Holborn Footpath.** A reply was still awaited from WHP regarding the plans that had been submitted to them, **Tom** to hasten WHP at the end of August.

**4. Stone Lane to Toomer’s Footpath.** Tom had been given the name of the person renting 31 Stone Lane and had written to them 10 days previously to find out who should be approached to seek approval in principle for moving the hedge to permit the construction of a footpath; **Tom** to progress.

**5. Church Place Bus Stop.** Tom had received approval in writing from WCC to relocate the footpath to run along the wall and the erection of bollards to

protect the resited footpath and also to prevent motorists from cutting the corner into the Butts. **Tom** to contact LMPs for them to include the work in their next bid for Safe Route to School funding.

**6. Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS).** Tom had still to approach the police and WHP regarding siting a VAS between the Bagbury Lane junction and the Beeches bend, probably just after the track next to Stable Cottage.

**7. 30mph Limit for Stone Lane/Common Platt/Washpool and The Elms.** Tom advised that WCC had advised that the police had turned down our request to extend the 30mph limits that they had put forward. Whilst it was disappointing that our requests, particularly near The Forester's Arms corner and from Washpool Bridge to the Elms had not been agreed it was agreed that **Tom** should advise WCC to go ahead with their proposals. Tom also advised that WCC had put the construction of a mini-roundabout at the Forester's Arms corner on their list of projects for 2009/10 or 2010/11; the roundabout would probably incorporate a 30mph limit.

**8. Hedge Cutting.**

a. Holborn Corner. **Tom** would phone Westlea Housing to find out if the overgrown bushes were on Westlea land and if so ask for the bushes to be cut back.

b. Pond House. Metal fencing was protruding from the hedge of Pond House on the end of Stone Lane where the road bends just before the junction with Church Place. Tom and Brian Baker had discussed the matter with the owner of the property who advised that the problem had been caused by vehicles failing to negotiate the bend and striking his fence. The owner advised that he would remove any protruding metalwork and Tom agreed to discuss the problem with the police to see if signs, barriers or bollards were required.

c. Beeches to Manor Farm Wall. **Tom** would ask Mr. Hoare to cut the vegetation alongside the footpath from the field gate to the beginning of the wall.

d. Corner of Park Lane. **Alan** would cut the hedge on the road opposite Badger's Brook to the corner of Park Lane.

e. No 38 Stone Lane. **John** to draft a letter for Rosemary to send to the occupants of No38 Stone Lane requesting that they cut back the vegetation which is overgrowing the verge.

f. Stone Lane – Hedge to field opposite No 37 Stone Lane. **Andrew** advised that he had asked local farmers to quote for cutting the hedge but had been advised that they were too busy at present; he would progress this matter in the Autumn. Andrew was concerned that cutting back the hedge would expose the ditch between the hedge and the road and present a hazard however the meeting considered that the ditch was a normal roadside feature.

**9. Review of Other Existing and Proposed Projects.** The list of existing and proposed highway and road safety projects was reviewed, and an updated list is attached to these minutes.

**10. Any Other Business.**

a. Greenhill Crossroads Bus Shelter. John had written to WCC seeking advice on the provision of an 18 metre footpath to connect the footpath from Greenhill/Greatfield with the bus stop; a reply was awaited.

b. Dead Elms and Overgrown Laurels near the Church Bus Shelter. Tom had met with Danny Everett of the WHP, John Halstead (Church Secretary) and Ivor Stuckey (owner of Church Farm House) to discuss the matter. John Halstead had documentation in which WCC confirmed ownership of the land in question. Mr. Everett advised that the removal of the Elms and cutting back of the laurels was beyond the capacity of the Parish Steward and that he would review how the work could be undertaken.

c. Tom advised that the WHP would be clearing kerbs and drains in Chestnut Springs in the near future.

**11. Next Meeting.** It was agreed that the next meeting should be held in November 2007 (on a date to be decided) at 7.30pm in the JCH.

## **LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL – HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY PROJECTS**

**UPDATE –22 AUGUST 2007**

### **MAJOR PROJECTS**

<b>No</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
1	Ongoing	Village to Washpool Corner footpath	Top priority of Parish Plan footpaths list. Outline plan and route agreed with land owners. Plans drawn up by PFA after review by SC	Tom awaiting WCC approval of draft plans to go out for quotes – estimate £100K. Funding will then be sought.

			and submitted to WHP for approval.	
2	Ongoing	Bus shelter and extended footpath near the Greenhill cross-roads on the Greenhill/Purt on side.	Precepted 2004 Grant up to 50%, max £2550(excl VAT) available from WCC	John had written to WCC to see if 18m new footpath to bus stop could be included in the project..
3	Urgent	New footpath from Peatmoor/Shaw pedestrian access on Washpool road 150m towards bottom of Stone Lane.	.	Tom had been advised by Cllr Martin of the SBC that no funds could be provided by SBC and suggested that school buses pick up Peatmoor children on Swinley Drive. <b>John</b> to seek advice from Cllr Groom on who to contact regarding school bus arrangements and then approach the appropriate authority.
4	Ongoing	New 30 mph speed limit from the Elms cottages to Common Platt (see map).		WCC to implement new 30 mph limits in Common Platt, Washpool and Holborn.
5	Ongoing	Mini roundabout at Foresters junction.		Tom had been advised by WCC that the project was included in the plans for 2009/10 or 2010/11.
6	Urgent	Provision of a VAS between Bagbury Lane junction and Stable Cottage.		<b>Tom</b> to seek WCC and police advice on feasibility. If permitted then a costing required.
7	Ongoing	Provision of Speed Camera signs on Beeches straight.		<b>John</b> has asked Wilts & Swindon Safety Camera Partnership to erect a sign.
8	Ongoing	Provision of a VAS in Stone Lane on verge by track before Balinrait Farm House.		Subject to approval and implementation of the VAS at 6 above and LMPC Funding and prioritization.
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		VAS on the Washpool road (by “102mm” on map on Swindon side).		the VAS at 6 above and LMPC Funding and prioritization.
10	Ongoing	School Bus/ Parking area near the Butts/Parish Hall.	WCC had approved repositioning of footpath and erection of bollards.	<b>Tom</b> to progress with LM Primary School for work to be included in next “Safe Routes to School” bid.
11	Medium term	Village and new cemetery car park.	Shelved following vehement opposition from a few residents in the Beeches.	A car park in Mr. Hoare’s field would meet school, church and village needs. <b>Tom</b> confirmed that Mr. Hoare’s offer still stands and that Tregoz PC are still interested. The matter would be raised at a PC meeting and the majority of parishioners views needed to be taken into account to decide if the project should proceed.
12	Long term	New footpath along Stone lane to Toomers PO	2nd priority in Parish Plan footpaths section.	Plans have been produced for a footpath to run from The Moors to Toomer’s . <b>Tom</b> to contact the owners of 31 Stone Lane regarding repositioning of their hedge to permit construction of the footpath. WCC will then be asked to review the plans. LMPC will be asked to consider seeking quotes and funds for construction once the Holborn path has been initiated.
13	Long term	New footpath through Lydiard Green to link with existing footpaths from Lydiard House (E), and Greenhill Crossroads(W)	Third priority on Parish Plan footpaths section.	

## MINOR PROJECTS

1	Routine	Asphalt gang - Ch. Sp. path to Buryfield where a wheelchair ramp is needed.		Councillors self help project. <b>Nigel and Alan</b> volunteered.
2	Medium term	Resurface lower section of Greenhill.	On WCC list but low priority.	<b>Tom</b> to confirm situation with WCC
3	Medium Term	Holborn Corner road markings.	WCC extending 30 mph zone to include the corner.	Await detailed proposals from WCC to see what additional road markings may be proposed.