

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of 6th September 2007

Present: Cllrs Pepperall (Chair), S Burley, M Groom, J Holloway, A Pflieger, E Quartly- Bishop, N Smith,

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs A Harris, J Bennett, B Baker.
2. **Housekeeping.** Evacuation procedures given to 7 members of public and 7 Councillors.
3. **Co-optio of Councillors.** No names had been put forward.
4. **Minutes of meeting 2nd August 2007**, were signed as a true record.
5. **PC Report.** PC Steve Porter attended the meeting and reported:
 1. That they are monitoring Lydiard school traffic, and are using posters from an end of school competition to give out to drivers caught speeding as reinforcement from the children. These same posters could feasibly be used on traffic signs in the parish.
 2. Washpool/Common Platt has been chosen to be targeted by the police tasking group and will receive much attention in the near future.
 3. The Officer was asked to keep a look out for HGV's which are using The Street from 7.30 a.m. in the morning before the main traffic picks up. One Stop vans have again been witnessed travelling through the village.
 4. The PC was asked whether he would like to be involved over the siting of proposed flashing speed signs. He did not need to be involved in the siting but would be happy to back up the project with traffic reports.
 PC S Porter left the meeting.

6. County Councillor's report and questions arising

Cllr Groom reported that she had attended many meetings regarding the One Council for Wiltshire Unitary proposal.

2. During an Overview Management Scrutiny meeting, care for elderly was given a higher priority.
 3. Uptake on the Sodexo school dinners had reduced, but are now improving.
 4. WCC annual road reports indicated they were doing better.
- (Asked district engineer for an investigation on Holborn brook and bridge flooding)

7. District Councillor's report and questions arising.

1. More meetings regarding One Council for Wiltshire.
Cllr Groom reported that the Audit commission was considering complaints that the MORI Poll findings in Wiltshire CC's application had not been fair or democratically portrayed and failed to comply with the Publicity Code. The three other Districts are funding an appeal against the application, but North Wilts had voted against adding their support.
2. New transport arrangements for elderly were being put in place across most of the country making free public transport between Counties easier.

8. Parishioner's Question Time.

1. It was reported that over the bank holiday Saturday some very rapid and sporadic weed spraying had taken place in Chestnut Springs area. It was also reported that the Parish Steward came the following week and repeated the operation. Weed spraying was also spotted at the top of Lydiard Green.
2. It was asked if there were to be any public meetings to explain the re-organisation of the proposed One Council for Wiltshire. Councillor Groom was not aware of any but offered to ensure Mr New received any reports on the matter.
3. Repairs are still awaited on the drains between The Beeches and the Church. The Chairman offered to chase this further.
4. Mr Tye spoke to the meeting about planning application no 07/01052/FUL. He reported that Sewage/waste water was not currently satisfactory and the extra toilets and showers etc would significantly aggravate the Health and Safety issue.

9. Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.

Cllr Burley asked to be updated on noise levels at Riffs Bar. It was reported under control.

10. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention.

A letter had been received requesting a bench for an elderly resident who daily walks to the top of the Mews and currently rests on the grit bin where it meets Chestnut Springs. The request will be referred to WCC and the matter will be returned to the Agenda in October.

A reply confirming our proposals to go to the writer.

Neighbours had previously complained about youths playing football, and causing nuisance & damage on this area, but no reports have been received recently.

11. Report on matters arising from 2nd August 2007 not on the main agenda.

8a. A list of dog bins has been compiled and an article written for the Lydiards Magazine.

8h. Hedge to be cut back in October (Beeches to Butts).

9a. Dead elms - Parish Steward to cut back the laurels, Danny Everett to ask the WCC to provide a tree surgeon to remove the Dead Elms (Church Bus stop).

15. Election expenses forms - all OK.

19. Parish Steward - bridge not painted as we had been advised it is on a Highways list for a full overhaul.

Cllr Pflieger reported that he had cut back hedges at the 7.5 ton sign, and also to the Swindon side of Park Lane. Thanks were expressed.

Lydiard Tregoze PC to be informed of the 7.5 sign the wrong way around at Coped Hall.

Parish Steward to be asked to clean off the graffiti from the 30mph signs which currently read 80mph at our eastern end & also in Lydiard Tregoze.

12. Planning Applications

07/02176/FUL Amendment to 02/01631/FUL, additional cellar, Grove House, Lydiard Green.

No adverse comments.

07/02097/S73A Use of caravan as office, restroom and occasional overnight accommodation to tend to welfare of animals, Stable Block, Woodside End, Greenhill.

S73 is a retrospective application. Question raised as to what 'occasional' means.

Application previously refused for residential use.

Oppose on same grounds as before.

07/02087/FUL 1st floor ext'n, garage conversion, & garage, 17 The Willows, Common Platt.

No adverse comments.

07/02008/FUL Erection of 1st floor ext'n over flat-roofed double garage at Manor Hill, Purton.

No adverse comments.

07/01052/FUL Erection of building to create four bed and breakfast rooms and two flats above at The Bungalow, Greatfield. Query raised as to why it was a building not a dwelling, -

- thought to be because it was a business .

Oppose on grounds that it is a new

build in countryside land, poor access to road on a fast bend, and existing sewage/waste water facilities are already inadequate, and would be an increased Public Health risk.

Amended plans

07/01227/FUL Erection of four detached dwellings and two semi detached dwellings at Walnut Tree Gardens, Lydiard Millicent.

Withdrawn

NWDC Permission granted

07/01807/FUL Rear Canopy at 25 Meadow Springs.

07/01488/FUL Two storey rear extension at 5 Holborn.

13. Accounts (*incl. VAT) £'s

Mrs R Leckie	Wages	243.75
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	43.90*
Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	16.00
Avoncrop Amenity	White liner materials	303.48*
Mr M Smith	Spoil removal at cemetery	50.00

Income received August 2007 £27 Walking maps.

Two quotes for cemetery - cheaper of two accepted (£100), work due on Monday.

Accounts proposed by Cllr Holloway, seconded by Cllr Quartly Bishop, & approved.

14. Committee Reports:

Recreation Field - (cut by a local resident last autumn) to be cut by SBC next on 7th Sept. Goalposts are up and the old ones be taken away soon. Cllr Burley to remove the pallets. Thanks were given to Cllr Holloway for all his work in the cemetery.

Play area - thanks given to the working party and to Cllr Bennett who has since finished a batch of wood chip donated by Toomers.

Cemetery - Two quotes had been received to cut the grass in the cemetery. The lower quote was taken and the grass will be cut on Monday 9th September. He may agree to do further work in the future. The spoil area had been emptied.

Boules area - had been weed killed - thanks were given.

15. WCC Speed Limits 2007/8.

Letter to accept the original proposal has been sent. Copy of original proposal to go up on main notice board.

16. WCC – Park Lane keep clear markings - have been agreed, due by late October.

17. Groundsman

An immediate cut of the cemetery has been arranged. Emptying the litter bins in the play areas and cemetery until April, and further cuts of the play area and around the raised flower beds, to be arranged. Adverts and costs for a new Groundsman's Contract for approval ready to go into local papers, notice boards, Toomers, etc for the October Agenda.

18. Highway Sub Committee Report

Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Some points were highlighted: Chair to liaise with the new 'Safe Routes to School' Chairman regarding the cost of the plan for The Butts parking area, now that approval has been received from WCC. The cost will need to be included in the next application, and quotes for the work will need to be ascertained. The Parish Council may need to contribute.

Pond House hedge is continuing to suffer regular collisions, and warning signs have been requested from WCC.

19. Parish Plan Report. No further report at present.

20. Parish Steward next visit 18th & 19th Sept.

Clean signs, 30 (not 80), check all other road signs, and severely trim back the laurel bushes at the Church bus stop area.

21. Correspondence.

The Chairman asked the meeting if they wished to support NWDC by sending a letter to the District Auditors regarding the misrepresentation of the MORI Poll reports in the Wiltshire Unitary bid. Councillors asked to see validated evidence before the letter was sent. The Chairman will circulate the evidence by email, and the letter would only be sent if a majority of Cllrs agreed.

a. One Council for Wiltshire - Meet and Greet, various evenings from 10th - 30th October. Cllr Burley offered to go and would take Mr New with him.

b. WCC Senior Traffic Technician positive response regarding the Butts Bus Stop area and the School Travel Plan.

c. Consultation - issues and options for the Wiltshire and Swindon Aggregate Minerals Sites - Cllr Smith.

d. Consultation - revised preferred options for Wiltshire & Swindon Minerals and Waste Dev. - Cllr Smith.

e. WCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan - Cllr Holloway.

f. South West Regional Assembly - Public Consultation re allotting of additional pitch requirements for Gypsies and Travellers in the South West. No action to be taken.

g. NWDC – notification of election expenses - £19.00, invoice to follow shortly.

- h. Rural Payment Agency - explanation of Modulation Refund Payments.
- i. Wiltshire Local Transport Plan - 2007 progress report.
- j. Minerals and Waste Planning - July 2007 newsletter.

Late correspondence

Letter re request for bench, top of the Mews.

Email from Swindon and Marlborough Trust re public meeting at Steam Museum 11.9.07, 7-9 p.m.

Wiltshire News - newsletter

Letter from C Scott - re speeding on Stone Lane - reply sent.

NW Orienteering Club - Hardenhuish Park, 16.9.07, £1 each.

22. Date of October meeting Thursday 4th October 2007.

Meeting closed 9.20pm.

Minutes approved 4th October 2007.