

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007**

**Present:** Cllrs Pepperall (Chair), Bennett, Burley, Groom, Holloway, Pflieger, & Smith.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Baker & Harris.
- 2. Housekeeping.** Emergency procedures given to 4 members of public and 5 Councillors.
- 3. Co-option of Councillors.** No names proposed. Cllrs to seek suitable candidates.
- 4. Minutes of meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007.** Signed as a true record.
- 5. PC Report.** Our PC was unable to attend the meeting.
- 6. County Councillor's report and questions arising.**
  - a. There is a national problem with the 0845 police number. The temporary number is 01380735735.
  - b. The Acting Chief Constable is to be invited to go to a County Council meeting where he can brief all interested Councillors on the up to date policing situations.
  - c. Cllr Groom updated the meeting on the situation with Junction 16. WCC have withheld permission, and SBC will have to review the proposals.
  - d. Cllr Groom had received the new Speed limit letter for our area, which was passed around the Councillors, and will be added to December's Agenda for the public to view.
  - e. The WCC Museum task group endorsed the work of the museums as good value, but recommend an inflation-based increase.
  - f. A new task group has been set up to look at the Council's Carbon Footprints.
  - g. Waste Management report was favourable and showed less waste, with targets exceeded.

**7. District Councillor's report and questions arising.**

NWDC are working with current guidelines and policies. No new policies and initiatives are to be started. Gradual merging training sessions will be needed between County and District.

**8. Parishioner's Question Time.**

- a. Many parishioners were unhappy about the decision of the Council in October to turn down the application to place a seat at the top of the Mews - both Mr Ricketts and Mrs Reed brought complaints to the meeting. They sought a public consultation to take place to seek views of local residents. An article will be written for the Magazine.
- b. A request was made for a Christmas tree again this year. The Chairman had already spoken to the new Vicar who is happy to host the tree in the Church grounds. Mr S Keye has again offered to donate a tree. The electrician would be contacted. Request made also for extra lights this year.
- c. The drains in the Butts were reported full of leaves. Sweep needed and drains cleared.
- d. Drains - Beeches to Church - still waiting to be cleared.
- e. Trees at Church Place have been cut back by the Parish Steward, but not hard enough.
- f. Sunken drain under pavement in The Street – WCC has put an order on BT to repair it.

**9. Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.**

- a. Q - where do the brown wheelie bins come from? These are an optional extra for green waste and are hired from NWDC on an Annual contract basis.
- b. The road in Stone Lane near Toomers has an uneven camber and the low point throws taller vehicles towards the oncoming traffic. The problem is getting worse. The Police are to be informed and WCC to be advised. Any repairs to the area will have to bear in mind the large amount of heavy lorries in that area.
- c. The promised 'Keep Clear' markings at the entrance to Park Lane are still awaited.
- d. The road repair near the Nine Elms bend needs reinstatement, thought to be Water Authority responsibility. Clerk to report.

**10. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention.**

- a. The Clerk has been asked if a Memorial can be added to a grave in the cemetery. The request is from a local family member, although the deceased is interred elsewhere. No adverse comments made except that the Clerk must check the legality of the proposal.
- b. Cllr Holloway reported animal scrapings in the old cemetery. PCC to be advised.

### 11. Report on matters arising from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007 not on the main agenda.

Following on from PQT earlier in the meeting, the Chairman had been approached with a suggestion to place a single seat in place of the proposed bench at the top of the Mews. It was agreed to accept further parishioner comments, and next month to discuss seats for the village generally.

### 12. Planning Applications

**07/02554/FUL** Conservatory at 2 Park View Drive. **No adverse comments.**

**07/02582/FUL** Installation of roof lights at Unit 4 Bagbury Park. **No adverse comments.**

**07/02603/FUL** Erection of barn, two field shelters within three pens and a riding arena with new access and change of use of land from Agriculture to Equestrian at Blackfords, Greenhill.

#### Object

Area in RBZ, and contrary to Policies NE15, and NE2010, where only Agricultural and forestry reasons are permitted. 2 votes for, 4 votes against, no abstentions.

**07/02733/FUL** Erection of extensions and alterations to existing bungalow to create chalet bungalow with integral garage at 6 The Crescent. **No adverse comments**

**07/02784/TCA** Crown reduction of evergreen oak tree at The Manor. **No adverse comments**

### Amended Planning

**07/01754/COU** Conversion of existing stables and hay loft to create additional residential space at Stables Cottage. Amendment re ventilation and roof void. **No adverse comments.**

### NWDC Approval

**07/02176/FUL** Addition of cellar to Grove House, Lydiard Green.

### NWDC Refusal

**07/01052/FUL** 4 Bed and Breakfast rooms and 2 flats above at The Bungalow, Greatfield.

### 13. Accounts (\*incl. VAT) £'s

Mrs R Leckie	Wages	243.75
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	67.42*
L.M.Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	16.00
SFC	Line Marking	100.00
S. Trott, t/as Earthmvg Serv	Grass cut, Cem, Play Area, & LMPHall	100.00
LMCC	Grass Cut, Rec. Field	50.00
RoSPA	Play Area report	141.00*
Roy Crouch	Repair to Bus Stop Roof	98.00
Mrs M Badcott	Winter plants opposite LMPHall	30.00
LMPC	Bank of Ireland Transfer	6,000.00

Accounts proposed by Cllr Groom, seconded by Cllr Burley, and approved.

**Income for October** Cemetery £400, Pitch fees £602.

### 13a Lloyds Banks Signatories.

Lloyds have found a bank mandate dated May 2000. Therefore, mandate to amend signatories completed, confirmed by three existing signatories. Cllr Smith declined to sign due to other Parish commitments.

### 13b Precept – Additional Items from Public and Councillors to be put forward Oct and Nov.

- Continue to precept for future capital items, and other items in the Parish Plan.
- Extra length of footpath to join up the proposed Holborn path with Chestnut Springs.
- Discuss possibility of installing village benches.

### 14. Committee Reports: Recreation Field, JCH, Play Area, Cemetery.

Recreation Field. Grass cut again by Cricket Club.

Play area. RoSPA report – no urgent matters reported. Some matting from the school alterations has been acquired for fitting under the spring animals in the play areas. Gate spring still a problem, gate may need adjusting to accept a different closing mechanism. Clerk and chairman emptied bins.

Cemetery. Grass again cut by Mr. Trott.

Old Cemetery. PCC confirmed the Order for Closure was in progress. They suggested we precept for its upkeep for 2008/9, and onwards.

Mr S Keyes has voluntarily cut the grass around the shrub beds in Lydiard Green.

#### **d. Community Garden Project**

Mrs Beswick-Edwards met Chair & Clerk regarding her idea. Firstly, the name of the owners' solicitors still required. A contract would be advisable, and a peppercorn rent offered. She does not envisage great expense. Tools would be brought as needed. Watering may be possible via new water butts located at the Parish Hall, with their permission to be sought.

**e. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** – Request to do a short presentation. Offer AGM.

#### **f. Groundsman**

Groundsman contract. Letters inviting quotation were sent out, only two responses have been received. The Council agreed to allow the Chairman and Vice Chairman to decide in the following two weeks, whether enough quotes have been received or if advertising will be necessary. Cllrs gave permission to advertise if necessary.

**J Holloway left. 9.30**

#### **g. Highway Sub Committee Report**

Bus shelter Greenhill. At a recent meeting between Cllr Bennett, and WCC, they rejected the site for a bus shelter as it is not in a safe location. No grant would be available. The Council decided to discuss further with WCC and Thamesdown Transport other suggestions.

#### **h. Parish Plan Report**

Holborn Footpath project. The Chairman has been in touch with a Mr King, a local road engineer, who has offered his technical advice on the project. Quotations to be sought.

**i. Parish Steward's next visit** 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

Clear leaves from the Butts. Clear footpath and deal with Buddleia in Perrin's Piece.

Clerk to ask for more to be taken off the laurels at the Church Place bus shelter.

#### **j. Correspondence.**

RoSPA. Play Safety report on Play Areas.

NWDC Sustainable Dev't Supplementary Planning Doc for consultation 12.10.07 - 23.11.07.

NWDC North Wiltshire Open Space Supp. Planning Doc for consultation 12.10.07 - 23.11.07.

WCC. Consultation on Wiltshire's Children & Young People's Plan 2008-2011 by 26.11.07.

Consultation re gradual cessation of subsidised school transport from West Swindon to The Ridgeway and Braydon Forest Schools. Support proposal.

Advertising - Local Councils Update publication. Annual subscription £65 or £100.

Cllr Bennett had reviewed this, and did not recommend it to the Council.

3 items on Code of Conduct; now mandatory, NWDC to pay for the newspaper adverts.

Splash 2007 Newsletter - info only.

Rural Arts Wiltshire programme of events September to December 2007.

WALC. October 2007 Newsletter - info only.

Survey of IT/Telephony equipment - response sent 30.10.07.

Request from Standards Board to confirm adoption of Code of Conduct - reply 30.10.07.

Letter from PCC re Order for Closure of Old Graveyard.

Wilts & Swindon Transport Conference 2007, 17.11.2007.

**22. Date of December meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007.**

**Meeting closed 9.50pm.**

**Minutes approved 6.12.2007.**

