

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2004**

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall - Chair, B Baker, J Bennett, P Cole, P Brimacombe, A Pflieger,  
L Quartly-Bishop, V Saunders,

1. **Apologies:-** Cllrs M Groom, J Holloway, D Revere.
2. **Confirm minutes of:-** 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004, It was noted that using initials for members of the public would not be easily read in the future, and that names were preferred. The minutes were signed as a true record.
3. **County Councillors Report:-** Copy of two letters sent on behalf of Broad Town, Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoze, Purton and Wootton Bassett, in connection with Examination In Public of the Wilts & Swindon Structure Plan 2016. In particular the RBZ, Croft Road & Hay Lane Link, and the number of developers invited to participate.
4. **District Councillors Report:-** No report.
5. **Parishioners Question Time:-**
  - A. Mrs Reed, discussed the proposed new sports facilities on the 'Tip Site', - we need to be firm now about the highway provisions.
  - B. Mr Ricketts, lots of discussion from our County Councillor on the Front Garden and new traffic routes, but more concern should be made about Purton's expansion, and the dwindling facilities, e.g. currently no garages.
6. **Councillors reports of Parishioners queries:-**
  - A. Cllr Pepperall reported we have a new village bobby, PC Alex Reid.
  - B. Cllr Pepperall mentioned that a local dog had picked up poison somewhere in the village. It was recovering, but parishioners should be vigilant and report any suspicious sightings, or similar occurrences, to any Councillor.
  - C. Cllr Saunders was concerned about a dead Elm tree in the hedge of 'Greensend'. Could we ask Mrs Byrne to remove the same.
  - D. Cllr Saunders had been asked by a member of the public for extra traffic chicanes in Lydiard Green to reduce the speed of traffic. Noted.
  - E. Cllr Cole is concerned about the children who wait for a school bus bottom end of Stone Lane. They are very close to traffic and do not wait in an orderly way - could a provision be organised to allow safe waiting here. May Agenda.
  - F. Cllr Cole also recommended that a roundabout or Stop Sign be put at the bottom of Stone Lane, to facilitate safer turning out on to Common Platt.
  - G. The Clerk commented that a hedge on the junction with the Forresters' was very wide, and caused traffic to travel into the middle of the road - thought to be 'The Willows'.
  - H. No 1 The Crescent - Fencing is down, and an unfinished pond, now exposed, could be a danger to unsupervised children - letter pointing out the owners potential liability.
  - I. Cllr Pflieger enquired as to the progress of having the 7.5 ton signs moved. Clerk to chase this matter.
  - J. Cllr Saunders further to various discussions on signs, enquired as to possible purchase of 'pleasant signs' such as 'thank you for driving carefully' etc. Quotes for May Agenda.
7. **Report on Matters Arising:-** 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004.
  - A. Item 6.2 - Wheelie bins - Clerk has obtained details of rubbish collections. All rubbish and Litter bins are collected on Wednesday, dog bins are emptied on Fridays. One van only collects all, the bagged areas being taken to the nearest Wheelie Bin route.
  - B. Item 6.3 - Highways have written to the resident/copy to Clerk. Surface of road noted, and on list for repair. Housing Association to be asked to look at the parking area.

C. Item 10 - Groundsman - has removed clippings from The Moors and is putting chippings on Perrins' Piece.

D. Item 14.9 - BTCV projects. Ownership of hedges has been established, BTCV have been approached, they will survey the site.

E. Item 14.12 - Travel Plan - disappointing turnout to meeting, no parents at all. LMPC should work with them, on any scheme to improve the problems..

#### 8. **Planning Applications April 2004**

03/03187/COU - Use of Private Paddock for Motorcycle practice and training, on land at 37 Stone Lane Lydiard Millicent. This was an amended plan for information, however, strong feelings to send a further set of comments. Various complaints are made yearly about the noise which travels into the very centre of the village. Concerns that the field in question backs onto farm land, which raises rare breeds which are frightened by the high pitched two stroke engines. **Strong objections** to this application.

04/0612/TCA - Tree Surgery and Felling on land at Lydiard Millicent C of E Primary School, The Butts, Lydiard Millicent. **Support** this application.

#### **NWDC Permissions/Refusals:-**

NWDC Consent Granted 04/00164/TCA - Removal of two Trees at All Saints Church, LM.  
NWDC Permission Refused 04/00173/FUL - Five dwellings at land adj. The Mews, LM.  
NWDC Permission Refused 04/00036/FUL - Erection 2 storey side/rear ext'n, 38 Stone Lane.  
NWDC Permission Refused 03/03042/FUL - 2 storey side extension and new access at 32 Stone Lane Lydiard Millicent.

References made by NWDC to RH14 of the NW Local Plan - useful for future similar appl'ns.

#### 9. **Accounts: (\* incl.VAT)**

• 000969	Mrs R Leckie	190.00
• 000970	Mrs R Leckie Expenses	63.93*
• 000971	Mr T Pepperall - Expenses 6m	150.16*
• 000972	Mr R Nicholas	180.00
• 000973	Mr G Perrin - P.Piece	60.00
• 000974	Mr J Frost - JCH repairs	281.41*
• 00097	In Touch Serv's -flyers	31.73*
• 000977	L M P Hall Hall Hire, including	80.00
•	L M P Hall - Parish Plan	(68.00)
• 000978	Southern Electric - JCH	27.62*
• 000979	Playsafe Playgrounds	14.39*
• 000980	Greenhill Farm Nurseries -Millen'm	458.25*
• 000981	Mazars External Audit	904.75*
• 000982	Mr W Huth-Wallis P Plan	287.48*
• 000983	Mr M Pepperall P Plan	231.00
• 000984	Mr J Bennett P Plan	59.74

Agreed £50 for Midge Hall Nurseries towards bulbs in the Flower beds, plus £30 for summer.

The above were proposed by Cllr Quartly-Bishop, seconded by Cllr P Cole, and approved.

Correspondence from Mr D Poulton re cessation of Butts Pond Insurance, as covered by LMPC.

10. **Hedge rear of Park View Drive.** There was a difference of opinion over this hedge, and whether or not the Parish Council should spend any money or effort on it. It was pointed out that

although NWDC normally keep clear rights of way, Parish Councils also have the power to repair and maintain public footpaths and bridleways under the Highways Act 1980, ss.43,50.

Cllr Bennett has in the meantime been gradually cutting into small chunks and bundling up the cuttings. Shredding machines vary in price from £72.50 for a shredder for general garden use to £200 a day for an Industrial machine, which is the recommended machine due to the size of clippings. Cllr Bennett was not aware that both Cllrs Holloway and Pflieger had offered to help use the shredder the previous month. Mr Marklove's Solicitors had issued warning of trespass should we reduce the height of the hedge. Noted.

Action: Ian Church to be approached and Peter from Downs View as they have trucks suitable to remove the rubbish. A resolution was determined as follows: Subject to other efforts to clear away for less than £80, then it was agreed to hire the large skip to take away the rubbish. This was proposed by P Cole and seconded by L Quartly Bishop. Vote was 5 votes for and 2 against.

11. **Insurance quote.** WALC have begun a group scheme for Parish Councils, with our existing Ins. Co). Cllr Revere has been looking at the schedules and has approved them. The policy fee to be approx £640 for the year plus £10 to cover groundsman and volunteers like Mrs Badcock. This scheme could save us £600 per year, due 1<sup>st</sup> May. Action it was agreed that Cllr Pepperall should ask WALC to insure the Parish Council on the due date.

12. **30 Speed Limit in Greenhill.** This has been added to the WCC list for assessment. Need to chase at least annually. The WCC practice of not approving limits of more than 10% less than the current average speeds was questioned.

13. **Best Kept Village Competition.** There was little interest, and the clean up operation last year did not encourage many residents to help. Action It was agreed to ask the school if they wish to enter the colouring competition again this year. If so we will enter.

14. **Social Enterprise Wiltshire 22<sup>nd</sup> April.** It was agreed Cllr Pepperall and Mrs C Reed will attend, as it may help if a community-run post office is needed.

15. **Parish Plan Update.** Recent Steering group meeting had discussed the results of the second public meeting. Six working groups have now been set up: Footpaths, Transport, Parish Services, Parish Maintenance, Countryside Land Owners, Parish Structure/Boundaries.

#### 16. **Committee Reports.**

- **Recreation Field** - Millennium bushes have been planted in the bottom half of the field.
- **S.Football Club** - to undertake summer drainage work - lift turf and place stones over a soak away. They will seek contribution from the LMCC and possibly LMPC.
- **S.Football Club** - Currently run sweet/coffee shop from the kitchen. They would like to move into Store Room - this will help reduce the mud. They have already moved some of their belongings into the store shed. Action - Sub Committee to discuss options.
- **JCH** - Sensor is broken again. Putting the sensor higher would not work, not powerful enough. Contractor to be asked for advice - need for a grill or sharp spikes?
- **Car Park** - Lines need replacing. - Quotations to be sought, Gibbs Tarmac to be included.
- **Car Park** - signage 'Assembly point for fire' as required by law has been ordered.
- **Signage** - 'No Ball Games' has been ordered. Suggestion made by B Baker to have light on timer from inside, but this would encourage children to congregate.
- **Boules Area Gate** - Latch has been repaired again.
- **Play Area Junior Swing Seat** - has been heightened by Mr J Frost.
- **Chippings** - one quote received to date £26.75 a bag plus carriage. Action It was agreed the Clerk will obtain 3 quotes and sub committee will make a decision before next meeting.
- **Millennium** - 3 trees have finally been planted - Payne tree in Buryfield replaced an old one. Blissett tree in The Beeches. Woolford tree placed between the cemetery gate and the car park; however, within 24 hours a notice appeared, saying 'Private land - remove tree'. After negotiations, tree will be moved 2 mtrs nearer Parish Hall on their grass bank.
- **Tree Bracelets or Plaques** - Action - Rain and Shine Furniture in Common Platt to be

approached, as they are local enterprise, or a Shoe Repairers.

17. **Street Lighting** - Buryfield. Further suggestions with lower lights have been submitted.

18. **Contributions for bulbs** in Flower Beds opp. LMPHall. - £50 agreed for Spring bulbs, plus £30 for late summer planting.

19. **Groundsman's Contract**

Groundsman has fallen out with Shaw FC - who will mark out their own pitches in future (we will allow SFC the current cost towards pitch hirings - paid separately). Old Cemetery removed from contract, to be done by the Church. Raised Beds area has temporarily been removed from contract, as it is still maintained that WCC should be doing it. They are checking ownership.

Question raised by WCC as to whether or not we had a licence for the beds - Check.

20. **Cemetery Quotations**

To level sunken graves without surrounds - total of £300.

To lower raised graves without surrounds - total of £200.

To make safe graves with surrounds etc - £30 each

Action. Cemetery Sub Committee to meet with Mr Stone.

21. **Litter Pick** - Agreed to carry out 2004 Spring Pick. NWDC have usually offered skips by Easter. Action - Clerk to check.

22. **I T, Web Site report.** NWDC agreed our £350 grant. Parish Plan committee have put some funds aside. It was agreed to purchase the Dreamweaver package at £300, to be built by Mr Windo, with front page by Mr M Pepperall approx. £100. Action - raise cheques next agenda.

23. **Kick Wall for Recreation Field.** A site just past the play area and approx the same width has been earmarked for this project. It will be 7m wide and provided it is under 4m high will not require planning permission. However a certificate of lawfulness at £27.50 could be obtained. Action. Cost the job first, wall plus tarmac and lighting. This to be compared with quotations sought for preconstructed walls.

24. **Correspondence**

1. It was agreed that the Clerk could attend the Enforcement Planning session at Wootton Bassett on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2004 on the Parish Council's behalf.

2. Telephone request re empty house, Mrs Willies to contact Clerk with the information.

3. Telephone request for historical help on the hamlets of Greatfield & Washpool by Riverside School. Suggestions to contact Mrs Margetts at 5 The Street and Purton Historical Society.

4 Booklets available on Swindon Festival of Literature, 1st - 15th May.

25. **Date of next meeting** 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004, AGM & APM 27<sup>th</sup> May 2004