

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2004**

**Present:** Cllrs T Pepperall -Chair, J Bennett, A Pflieger, L Quartly Bishop, V Saunders, M Groom.

**1. Apologies for absence:-** Cllrs B Baker, P Cole, J Holloway, P Brimacombe, D Revere.

The Chairman apologised for the late start, 4 late planning applications and other last minute details to be dealt with.

The Chairman announced that Cllr Revere had resigned on ill health with immediate effect. We will all be sorry to lose him as a councillor; he had been very supportive to Cllr Pepperall in excess of 10 years and will be missed.

**2. Confirm minutes of:-** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004.

Item 10, 3<sup>rd</sup> page bottom of first paragraph, should read Mr Marklove's land agents not solicitor. Amended. Duly signed.

**3. County Councillor's report and questions arising**

1. Welcome back to Cllr Groom, following her operations, who had emailed to Clerk 8 lengthy reports from County which is similar to an end of year overview, covering Environmental issues, Education, Children and Libraries; the email can be accessed through the Clerk. Examination in Public of the proposed Structure Plan 2016, Cllr Groom lodged complaint that more developers had been invited than representative members of the public. Final comments need to be in by 21st May. Cllrs Pepperall and Groom are among the invited representative group of councillors. Only one councillor at a time may talk at the table, representing the group of councils, whereby the stand alone Councils are only allowed a written submission.
2. A speeding report from a box which had been placed on the wall just opposite The Beeches had recorded results which were hard to believe. It was thought that more tests at 2 or 3 more sites further along the road would be more appropriate. Clerk to request.
3. Sub Regional Steering Group Cllr Groom has been elected as a deputy, along with a member from The New Forest - they will receive all consultation papers and will need to attend all meetings as they hope to move at a very fast rate
4. Old Shaw Tip - article in Link suggesting that a sporting facility for 22,000 people is earmarked for the site, whereas it had been originally designated as a Country Park and 1000's of trees had been planted.

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

1. District Overview and Scrutiny were not happy with the Health Maternity Consultation - it has been extended by 5 weeks because not all information had been available. Public Spaces and Local Plans Panel consultation documents had been received and Regional Special and Local Development Framework is close on its heels.
2. Riffs Bar is again to run RiffsStock with 26 bands playing from 28<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May over the Bank Holiday. They are again reported for exceeding licensing hours and noise. Environmental Health to be informed. Cllr Saunders reported - parking all along the road - some stay all night - General hazard - Parked in 40mph area in dark without lights. The Police have been notified. Riffs Bar is charging for tickets and question was raised as to whether it is a Bar or Nightclub.
3. Mr Tapscott had sent in a copy of photograph showing damage to the Parish Hall wall,

- and it was asked who will pay for the damage. If driver can be caught, then they would be claimed against otherwise Parish Hall will have to claim on their own insurance. It was suggested that W.C.C. was unlikely to admit responsibility.
4. Cllr Groom exited to attend Mayor making in Wootton Bassett.

#### 5. Parishioner's Question Time

- a) Stan New. Footpath outside no 1 Chestnut Springs. General subsidence. Noted.
- b) Footpath Buryfield to Chestnut Springs - Laurel Bush by fence getting bigger. Mr New often cuts pieces off. Original owner no longer lives there. Could the Council ask their Groundsman to attend to this? - Noted.
- c) Was it only readers of The Lydiards that were to be privileged with the Parish Plan survey? A - No, advised that questionnaires had also been distributed and completed at the recent Parish Plan public meeting and that the questionnaires in the magazine were to increase the size of the survey sample.
- d) J Willies - Trees for Millennium - who is going to take care of trees. Roots of old tree now shooting around new tree already. Dave Titcombe may be able to suggest appropriate action.
- e) J Ricketts - Had read the Agenda on the Notice Board and enquired what the £640.00 for Insurance covered. A - Club House, 5 Bus Stops, general cover for Councillor's and Public Liability. Changing to joint insurance scheme with Community First has saved £700 on last year's bill.
- f) Q. Is J. ClubHouse paying for itself or is the public subsidising it. Also do we subsidise Football Team. A - Last years net income was to the advantage of the parish.
- g) Who pays for the Water in Club House? A - Parish Council, however if usage becomes very high it may have to be passed on. It is intended to produce a reasonable income from the J.C.H or the Auditor will question this.
- h) Mr Tye. He was keeping a diary of the hours that music was played at Riff's Bar. Last years' noise permits were not being observed. A - Mr Tye to ask environmental team to look into the matter and listen to the noise levels. Cllr Pflieger advised that automatic sensor to cut out speakers could possibly be fitted.
- i) Mr Wicks -Visibility now clear from Gypsy Corner to Walpole's, since hedge cut.
- j) Grating and drain on Greenhill crossroads, smashed up footing gone. Large machinery from the recent highway work may have broken it. Clerk to report to CLARENCE.

#### 6. Councillor's reports of Parishioners Queries from:- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004.

1. Puddles appearing outside 25/26 The Street.
2. Cllr Pflieger - Sue Godwin who fell in Park Lane - her letter referred to the wrong road - Parish Council and WCC Highways are aware of this.
3. Clark's Yard in Greenhill has a new resident.
4. State of the tarmac roads needs reviewing.

#### 7. Matters arising from:- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004

1. Best kept village competition. We were too late to enter.
2. 16 - Committee Reports - Play Area chippings. Report by clerk.
3. Cemetery committee - now one short. Needs another member.

#### 8. Planning Applications (All received since Agenda)

04/01206/FUL 23 Stone Lane. Single Storey Extension:Conservatory and Balcony.

**No Adverse Comments** except for balcony, which overlooks adjacent properties.

Contact Daniel Davis no 22.

04/01186/FUL 2 Ash Close, Common Platt. Rear Conservatory. **No Adverse Comment.**

04/01114/COU Erection of 3 Stable, Tack Room and Hay Barn and Change of Use of Field to Equestrian. Field No 0020, Formerly part of Bagbury Farm, Purton.

**Oppose** on grounds of access - new access has been made into field, adjacent to traffic calming. No problems with the idea of stables.

Supply and erection of a relocated single mobile classroom with toilets at Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School, The Butts. Increase from 6 class school to 7 class school. Total pupil numbers will only rise by 10 - smaller classes in more rooms. **No adverse comments.**

NWDC Permission Granted:-

04/00480/S73 - Ashfield House, Common Platt- approved subject to various permissions.

04/00612/TCA - Tree Surgery and Felling at Lydiard Millicent C of E School.

NWDC File Closed:-Breach of planning control at Greens End, Lydiard Green.

## 9. Accounts.

1.	Mrs R Leckie Wages	223.80
2.	Mrs R Leckie Expenses	91.11
3.	Lydiard Link - Grant held by LMPC	213.00
4.	Community First - Insurance	640.59
5.	Mr R Nicholas	112.50
6.	Mr J Bennett - Skip Hire	95.00*
7.	Mr T Pepperall - Padlock and keys	18.37*
8.	Impact Exhibition and Signs	49.35*
9.	Thames Water - Cemetery - JCH	87.39
10.	Data Protection Act 1998 renewal of entry	35.00
11.	W.A.L.C. Annual Subscription 2004/2005	395.39
12.	Midge Hall Nurseries	50.00
13.	L.M.P.H (Grant rec'd on their behalf)	1,000.00
14.	County Mulch	320.07

Direct Debit Payment Plan for Southern Electric - Check discount - go ahead if viable.

## Ground improvements to Recreation Field quotation from SFC.

Since car park built - rainwater drained off corner onto field. Proposed to dig out drains, cover with gravel and replace earth/turf - no visual difference. At the bottom end of field raise level.

3 quotations have been sought by SFC. Breakdown of the quotations need to be seen, there is doubt as to benefits at top of field. It was agreed however, that a third of the final agreed figure is a reasonable contribution from LMPC. Further discussion needed on the drainage from car park end to ensure that the water is suitably drained away and not moved on.

Possibility of the teams offering some labour to reduce costs could be looked into.

**Flower beds opp. school** - under licence to pond group - we now have responsibility for it.

Agreement needed from Parish Council to put payment back onto the Groundsman's contract at £80 per annum (extra 6.66 per month).

Cllr Quartly Bishop proposed the above and was seconded by Cllr Saunders - no objections.

## 10. Hedge Park View Drive

Finished - Thanks to Cllr Bennett it now looks much nicer, thankfully Mrs Mallard lived to see it.

## 11. Social Enterprise Wiltshire

Cllr Pepperall and Mrs Reed attended. Meeting was centered on how to make a shop more effective and bring better custom and use of advertising. They met Ms Julie Alan who re-organised Blunsdon closed post office into locally run shop, and who is a member of Swindon Credit Union and a Social Adviser. She is willing to offer assistance should it be required. It was noted that at the time of the meeting a sold sign was hanging on the Post Office. It will

be some time before the transfer can complete and we find out the intentions of the new owners.

#### **12. Litter Pick**

Clerk apologised she had not found out about skip. Details next meeting.

#### **13. Kick Wall**

Quotation received from Mr Frost £7,150 - too high for this year's budget. LMCC may share costs. Shelve for now. Possible grants situation to be investigated.

#### **14. Black Bags being dumped Meadow Springs**

Football Club bags - our Groundsman was removing them, but they will do their own now.

#### **15. Draining of flood water bottom of Greenhill.**

Gully is needed into the ditch. Quotations needed. Clerk to ask Mr Meredith to quote for the job.

#### **16. Highway - report on meeting with R Gibbs**

1. Park View Drive - Pot Holes will be filled soon.
2. Holborn corner - Proposed footpath - diarised 6 months time for review.
3. 7.5 ton sign - Preference was to add an extra sign. Need to write to Mr Wyatt.
4. Fly tipping at corner of turning - Was still there Mr Gibbs was to request its removal.
5. Common Platt - T Junction bottom of Stone Lane. Suggestions to improve visibility - hedge to be trimmed. Extra white paint later.
6. 1 The Crescent. Clerk write to Environmental Department for advice on the situation with the swimming pool.
7. Bus stops. Numbers of passenger's approx 17 children daily. Transport section may provide curved platform.
8. The Moors - Removal of tarmac debris was requested.
9. Bagbury Lane flooding - Investigations to be made by Highway department.
10. Beeches chicane - Various work to be undertaken, then the site will be revisited.
11. Damage to wall. Agreed to wait until Parish Hall action this.

#### **17. Storage of Parish Council Papers - discuss options.**

Clerk and Chairman have looked at the storage, both at home and in the cupboard in the Hall. Clerk has purchased 3 storage boxes, it was agreed she could purchase 3 more. Filing cabinet to be retained at present. Cardboard storage boxes in the Hall do not need replacing at present. Ongoing problem as material for storage is received monthly, and much needs to be kept for at least 7 years. Archiving with WCC to be looked at, as will scanning and shredding of the oldest correspondence records. Agreement made to deal with storage problems as they arise.

#### **18. Parish Plan Update - Cllr J Bennett.**

The Parish Plan Steering Committee met on the 30<sup>th</sup> April to review progress. The Village Structure WG has obtained a large scale Ordnance Survey map. A questionnaire seeking parishioners' views on development was circulated with the May Lydiard's Magazine. The Transport WG is preparing for the traffic census and a survey of school bus utilisation. The Village Maintenance WG has been in contact with the WCC. The Parish Services WG has investigated the provision of a doctor's surgery. Chris Guest, the WG leader would like a volunteer to run a Youth Group. WG looking at Landowners and the Community which is being led by Nigel Smith - Chairman. The next SC meeting 28<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

#### **19. Committee Reports.**

**Recreation field** - meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June to discuss groundwork proposed on field.

Request from CC Soccer put to SFC and LMCC if it would fit into their schedules. Denied this year due to maintenance work on field and lack of suitable dates available.

**Lines in car park** still need to be marked out - no quotations yet. WCC may be asked to quote for the work while in parish.

**JCH** - children's party booked - showed applicant around - cancelled - too small.

**Boules area** - replaced catch to gate last month - since then broken again, catch has been replaced by Mrs Rivers husband.

**Play area** - to be done by B Baker - no report handed in.

**Committee web site** - going strong - Mr Windo working hard. Another month to going live.

#### 20. Correspondence

1. Emergency Planning Newsletter Spring 2004 - 5 copies - see clerk
2. Transport Times and Telegraph Newsletter - 4 copies - see clerk
3. W.A.L.C. County Circular no 04/04 - 2 copies
4. U.K. villages on line - poll - extract read out.
5. Future training under quality parish available - noted
6. RoSPA refresher course - Cllrs informed of the opportunity.
7. Wiltshire Waste Contract Annual Service Review 2002/3 - 1 copy
8. Mazars - Notice of audit of accounts year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004
9. Community Area Information - Area 2 - Highway Information 2004/5
10. European Parliamentary Election - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2004 - Info only.
11. Youth Action Wiltshire - Annual Report 2002-2003 - 1 copy.
12. N Wilts Citizens Advice - Benefit Take up Campaign - support request. Read out.  
Passed to Lydiards Magazine, then on to Luncheon Club.
13. Letter from Revd. P Knight re cemetery issues - reply sent - re-iterating their responsibility to hire a Groundsman.

21. Date of AGM and APM 27<sup>th</sup> May 7.00 p.m.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.