

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3RD JUNE 2004**

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall - Chair, B Baker, P Brimacombe, P Cole, J Holloway, L Quartly Bishop, V Saunders, M Groom.

- 1. Apologies for absence:-** Cllrs B Bennett and A Pflieger.
- 2. Confirm minutes of:-** 6th May 2004.

Several amendments were recorded. 4.3 moved to item 3. 4.6 add word area after 40mph. 4.7 remove word 'some' responsibility. Item 6 add no 3- Clarks Yard in Greenhill has new resident, and no 4 State of tarmac roads in general. 7.2 change 'Add to list' to 'see accounts'. 8 Planning applications add 'Received since Agenda'. 04/01206/ful add 'except for balcony, which overlooks adjacent properties' after No adverse comments. 9 Accounts, Ground Improvements, change 'top' to 'bottom' end of field, and remove 'leave a ditch'. 13 Kick Wall, change '£7,000' to '£7,150' and 'Shaw FC' to 'LMCC'. All of the above amendments were added to the signed minutes and initialled. The copy for the Web page will be altered accordingly before publishing.

3. County Councillor's report and questions arising.

Much discord on the way the Structure Plan was being dealt with. The Authority is obliged to carry out all potential surveys and studies, which are often alarming, e.g. the proposals by WSP to reopen Purton Station + 18,000 houses are unlikely to be approved. Cllr Groom will be preparing a presentation for the Structure Plan Examination in Public, to be attended by Chairman and herself, and a meeting of the local P.C.s who share our concerns is arranged for 4th June.

Cllr Groom had attended a Flooding Seminar and various leaflets handed to Clerk.

4. District Councillor's report and questions arising.

Cllr Groom had attended a Planning Enforcement Seminar, and reported that the system is very complicated. However, the new enforcement team are gradually getting through the backlog and had recently had one house pulled down as a result of the enforcement action.

Many of the neighbours are unhappy with No2 Meadow Springs' planning application.

Cllr Groom has suggested the residents to write to NWDC Planning to voice their concerns, as the more letters received the more chance of the item going to Committee.

5. Parishioners Question Time.

- a.** Mr Winslow came, following his letter, to represent 7 neighbours of No.2 Meadow Springs, 3 of whom had also written directly to NWDC as the deadline for comments was 3rd June 2004.
- b.** Mr Smith also wished to object to No. 2 Meadow Springs application, and had also written his own letter to NWDC sourced from the Structure Plan.

Mr Petts from Riffs Bar reported on the Riffstock weekend which had run very well. 26 Bands had played for half hour each, as last year, to raise funds for charity. This year they raised £900, which they rounded up to £1,000. This was distributed to the Children's Society in Calne, the local school, and presented a cheque, amidst a round of applause, to Cllr Baker for the Clock fund.

Although there had been no adverse reports on the event, Mr Pett acknowledged the problem of cars parked on the highway late at night, and especially when drivers had left them there overnight.

It was mentioned to Mr Pett that on occasions before the weekend complaints have been made of after hours drinking. This was denied and said he was also keeping a diary.

- c.** Mr New - re Parish Plan. He had been asked his opinion of the land adj. to the motor showroom. Whether or not he would wish to see houses or village green. Mr New had asked

why the Parish Plan was asking these questions and did they not know it was conservation area. In the absence of Cllr Bennett, the Chairman answered that the Parish Plan task was to investigate every aspect of the village, to recommend, or not, all suggestions for alterations and improvements.

Question was raised if it would not be better to add what we wish before a plan is imposed upon us. Answer. There are sufficient homes already approved for NW District within the coming period.

d. Mr Ricketts enquired who was now cutting the grass in the old cemetery?

Answer. The Church has taken responsibility and had hired our Groundsman to carry out the work. It was then mentioned that 30 years or more ago a rule was passed that the parish council would maintain the cemetery, and had the present Parish Council overruled a long standing arrangement? The Parish Council had no answer to this and would endeavour to investigate this claim.

e. Mr Tapscott asked to see the results of the traffic speed test mentioned in last months' minutes. Clerk will arrange this. He also asked what methods were being used to monitor the traffic calming, and asked if the kerb stones on the approaches could be cleaned regularly to show new scuffmarks. The Parish Council are not aware of any monitoring which may or may not be taking place.

f. Mr Windo asked if the Council will attend to the lack of warning signs both westerly and easterly, on the approach to the traffic calming scheme. Also that the road noise was intolerable. Noted.

g. Mr Smith enquired of the Parish Council, if in the light of the appeal on the land at the bottom of the Mews, whether or not they will change their views. Councillors would debate this during 8. Planning.

h. Mr Windo updated the meeting that the Parish Web site was now live and had received 296 and 10 first time visitors. The Chairman thanked Mr Windo for his hard work and achievement. The new Webb address is www.lydiard-millicent.co.uk.

i. Mr Pett of Riffs Bar, said their web site achieves 20,000 hits in a year and he would be very happy to add a link into Lydiard Millicent's site. The Chairman thanked him and said the Council were to look into a reciprocal arrangement of adding links to local groups.

6. Councillor's reports of Parishioners queries.

a. Councillor Baker said that the hedges along properties in Church Place were overgrowing and that a tree outside of 23 Stone Lane was reducing visibility. It is on WCC verge, and it is believed that District has contracted to cut. Write to Mr Gibbs WCC Highways.

b. Councillor Baker also brought Council's attention to the concerns of local people that the Post Office had now been empty for 6 months and was at risk of vandalism or squatters.

c. Vehicles are parking opposite on the pavement, when visiting the forecourt businesses. A bollard on the pavement and a no parking sign was suggested. Initial response, write to businesses and ask them to advise their delivery drivers to park responsibly.

d. Mr New asked where the Laurel Bush was in Buryfield, mentioned in the minutes of 3rd June.

e. Mr New suggested a list was needed of Chestnut Springs dwelling where hedges were not cut back.

7. Report on matters arising from Thursday 6th May.

Chairman thanked Cllr Bennett for viewing 26 Beech Drive re complaints of children's noise.

Chicane - Councillors were asked their opinion on the Black Bollards. It was agreed that reflective surfaces were needed, however, they preferred proper WCC reflectors to tape - ask Mr Gibbs WCC.

8. Planning Applications

04/01200/OUT Erection of one dwelling with vehicular access at 2 Meadow Springs. **Strongly object**, out of character from existing layout, overcrowding of site, loss of amenities, light and privacy, and parking places. The estate is already over-housed in terms of access guidelines.

04/01459/COU Change of use from A1 (shops) to B1/A2 use (Business/Financial and Professional) at the Post Office Cottage, The Street, Lydiard Millicent. The plot marked on the plans is shown as before the split for the new dwelling at the rear of the property.

A vote took place, 4 votes to **support** the application and 3 abstentions were recorded. Therefore, decision to **support** the application, with the proviso that the plans were corrected and issues of increased parking were investigated by WCC Highways.

04/01259/FUL Front single storey extension at 27a The Street Lydiard Millicent The plans showed an extended porch/toilet, but did not accurately reflect the current building line, or show the two new bungalows opposite. **No adverse comments.**

04/01241/COU Change of use of existing building to provide one new dwelling at Greenhill Nurseries Greenhill. Councillor Saunders registered her interest and did not take part in the discussion. This was a fresh change of use application, based on previous NWDC refusal, but no material difference could be seen. **Oppose** as before, and support Districts' original refusal.

APPEAL, land adjacent to The Mews L.M. - (04/00173) APP/J3910/A/04/1148821 - by 17.6.04.

The Chairman asked the Council if they wished to uphold previous decision. As there was no material change, the Council agreed to write to Inspector to oppose this as before.

NWDC Decisions. Refusal - 03/03187/S73A 37 Stone Lane, L.M. - use of private paddock for motorcycle practice and training.

Care - one off events often allowed, e.g. car boots, m/bike riding? Needs monitoring.

Enforcement. 03/00320/EMIN Change of use of agricultural land at Bagbury Park, The Street. All issues have been resolved except Skip to be removed for closure of case.

9. Accounts

000999	Mrs R Leckie Wages	223.80
101000	void	
001001	Mr R Nicholas	125.82
001002	British Gas JCH	43.31*
001003	British Telecom JCH	11.28*
001004	Community First membership	28.22*
001005	Mr P Windo Web software	352.22*
001006	Mr J Bennett Parish Plan Expenses	124.72*
001007	Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust	25.00
001008	J Holloway re Web address	40.96*
001009	void	
001010	Parish Hall Hire	18.00*
001011	Mrs R Leckie expenses	111.18*
*004 Community First £30.00 reduced by £1.78 re overpayment of Insurance premium, and 010 LMP Hall £15.00 increased by £3.00 re underpayment for previous month.		
	Total	1104.51

The above were proposed by Cllr Quartly Bishop and seconded by Cllr Baker.

Balances of Accounts:

Bank of Ireland £12,560

Lloyds Bank £13,517

10. Parish Plan Update.

A proposal for footpaths and bridleways has been put forward by the P.P.group. As it would take too long for our monthly meeting, a separate meeting was arranged for 17th June 2004 at 7.30 p.m. in the Clubhouse unless otherwise notified.

11. Committee Reports

Recreation field Draining Groundwork.

Following a joint meeting with SFC & LMCC, the Rec. Field Sub Comm. Recommended that were the Council to pay a third, we would need to have new quotations. To reduce the total cost (£1,900.00+VAT) it would be sensible for us to order the works to re-claim the VAT. SFC to supply details to Chair. LMPC will need to review the ability of the contractor and check any previous works. PC needs to be sure the problem is surface, not rising water.

Other matters raised at the meeting:- clearance by SFC of old posts etc before new soccer season, new cupboard for Storeroom in JCH to facilitate their Tuck Shop instead of the Kitchen, regular joint meetings April & September, and one April grass cut by NWDC if too wet for LMCC's machine.

Kick Wall. £7,150.00 too high a cost to precept to consider without grant help. A Grant application was considered but after discussion re non-parish youths & potential graffiti, item not to be pursued.

Playground inspection had been carried out by Cllr Saunders, who had no maintenance to report other than the litter bin needing emptying and the grass strimming.

Next inspection by Cllr Bennett.

Wood Chip - Ordered awaiting delivery.

Cemetery cutting is under control, and old cemetery in church hands - no further action at present.

Flower Beds - Groundsman to strim and clip, weed kill and level turf gradually. Bulbs due shortly.

12. Report on Planning Enforcement Meeting - deferred to July meeting.

13. Ground Improvements to Recreation Field - see Committee Reports.

14. Litter Pick - NWDC had replied they were doing skips on a more casual basis this year. When we decide on a date they will organise it. Too late for this year, will diarise for early spring 2005.

15. Small Grants - no action.

16. Correspondence

NWDC Flower Festival 2004 - Cllr Baker.

Wiltshire County Council Area 2 Community Partnership minutes of 21st April

Abbey National Business - Advertisement - To be compared with Bank of Ireland rates.

NWDC Open Space Study - Consultation documents.

NWDC Dev. Control Committee 2nd June 2004 - there were no items for LMPC

NWDC Annual Calendar of Meetings and Committee Membership

NWDC Wheelie Bins phase 5 to include Wootton Bassett.

Community First Newsletter

Learning and Skills Council Newsletter

Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Local Plan 2011 - Inspectors Report - Purton tip to be extended.

Kennett and North Wiltshire Primary Care Trust - re Maternity Services

NWDC Services to Customers in the Future workshop - 14th June 2004

Late correspondence

HDB Internal Audit - report to chairman.

Wroughton Parish Council - letter re Structure Plan Examination in Public.

WALC Circular and Wiltshire Charter for Local Councils Consultation Document.

Victim Support - request for donation - July Agenda.

(all correspondence can be viewed by appointment with Clerk)

Late Councillor Observations - The 'One Stop' articulated vehicle had been through the village on 3rd June 10.30 - 11.00a.m. Also a resident of Buryfield had been witnessed putting a large carrier bag of rubbish in a doggy bin within an hour or two of the wheelie bins being emptied. Both to be written to.

17. Date of next meeting Thursday 1st July 2004, 7.30 p.m. LMP Hall.

Viewing of planning applications available from 7.10 p.m.