

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5TH AUGUST 2004**

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs B Baker, P Cole. J Holloway, V Saunders

**2. Confirm minutes 1st July 2004.**

Amendment was made to PQT, '24 The Street' changed to '16 The Street'

**Confirm minutes of 27th May AGM:** Cllr L Quartly-Bishop was added to the apologies

**Confirm minutes of 27th May APM:** Amendment was made in the Annual Report by Chairman 2nd paragraph down, comma was removed after Cllr. Molly Groom and on Mrs Reed's report page 5 February, 'Molly Woodford' was altered to read 'Molly Woolford'.

All three sets of minutes was duly altered and signed.

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

A Consultation is planned in November re: Croft Road proposals by Swindon BC.

Primary Care Trust in debt, County Scrutiny Committee is looking at this and trying to find a clear picture of the NHS accounts - money is constantly being juggled between various Departments, which make it difficult to judge the situation.

Cllr Groom as Chairman of the Community Plan has produced a poster incorporating all 15 regions, from OS maps, and is trying to amalgamate all the parishes involved.

She is also trying to encourage Parish Plan productions. A Web Site space is being applied for from WCC on 11 August, which will have shared information between the Parishes involved.

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

The licensing laws are still in draft format, however some licences are being granted.

Early reports indicate that the NWDC Festival went well.

**5. Parishioner's Question Time.**

Mr Wicks: Greenhill road is deteriorating badly; to miss potholes you scrape the hedge.

New owners in the properties have children and concerns are held that an accident may happen if the road users are careless.

Chairman reported that the County engineer had visited: patching is to be done, and the road is on list for complete resurfacing. Patching should not delay resurfacing.

Mr Wicks was urged not to stop paying his Council Tax but if he felt strongly, to petition all the members of Greenhill to write in to Highways with their complaints.

A water main burst had occurred on Gypsy corner - however the Water Board had not repaired it efficiently and the drains were now blocked.

Mr Wicks sought clarification with the Chairman that the Council were still happy for him to keep an eye out on happenings on 'The Plain' – agreed with thanks.

A 'Bridleways Rules' booklet was to be sought from WCC.

It was pointed out that a gulley needed cutting into the brook from The Plain.

Mrs J Willies

Asked who was cutting the grass around the flowerbeds. Answer- Bob Nicholas' on contract, - however, Mr Badcott has cut it twice now which has caused the confusion.

Mr J Ricketts

Enquired when the Parish was to receive a new school, which had reputedly been promised more than 10 years ago. The Chairman answered that there are no plans for a new school in the next few years. Cllr Groom confirmed that there was no money in the budgets for a new school in the Parish. It was pointed out though that the school was flourishing despite part of it being well over 100 years old.

Mrs C Reed

Reported a Sunday morning telephone call from an agitated neighbour who was reporting a stranger begging at doors in the area. Several of the Cllrs and parishioners had all had a similar caller to their door over the weekend.

Action: Contact Penny Hilton, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Publish the telephone number of our Community Police Officer. Write an article for the magazine, and remind parishioners that the Clerk can be contacted for help, as well as Councillors.

Peter Windo

Web site feedback, 27 first time visitors, 102 page downloads in month. 590 since floating website. There is now a Newsbox on the home page, Mr Windo will be pleased to receive regular news items to add, e.g. the 'distraction' calls.

**6. Councillor's reports of Parishioners queries.**

Cllr Pflieger commented that it had been a year since he first asked for the 7.5-ton sign to be moved. - See highway report.

The footpath behind garage is un-passable.

There is a stile missing in Park View drive, and it was asked whether there should be a stile behind the Sun Inn, but there has never been one there.

Cllr Quartly-Bishop - complaint re the state of Church's old cemetery. Contact Rev Knight.

It was said that the current cemetery was becoming cluttered with baby's items and roped off graves. We are unsure if the complainant has the correct cemetery – Clerk to check it out.

Cllr Pflieger and his neighbour had cut down a hedge and removed rubbish, end of Park Lane.

M Groom

Mrs LeStrange - has asked if we know of someone to maintain her father's grave – suggest she contacts Mr Nicholas for a private quotation.

Minutes, 1st July – question on what was being monitored - it is to show the road surface is under review by WCC who had judged the new top-dressing as 'failed'.

The Clerk - brought a telephone complaint from Mr Sadler and who after 7 years away from the parish has discovered his footpath turned into a Millennium bridleway. Clerk instructed to recommend that Mr Sadler contact Swindon BC who actually installed the Millennium Trail.

**7. Report on matters arising from Thursday 1st July not on the main agenda.**

There was nothing specific to report. The Chairman took the opportunity, to discuss his meeting with Mr R Gibbs Highway Engineer.

Lay-by - still to be costed - to be chased.

Greenhill - edge of road collapsing - on list for resurfacing and temporary repairs promised.

Greenhill crossroad - grey road surface needs replacing.

Bagbury Lane - gullies seem to have been dealt with.

Chicane - hatching for hearse and disabled - still required - speak with Mr Wyatt, WCC.

Kerbing required along Horse pond – 'Country Kerbing' a possibility.

Surface dressing in various places - agreed unsatisfactory - however it could be up two years before the roads are re-done.

Debris outside 2 The Moors – R.Gibbs to remind WCC, also put on Lengths men list.

Bottom of Stone Lane - hedge has been cut back a little. There is no money for footpaths.

A Stop sign is not allowed at the bottom of Stone Lane; only a 'Slow' is permissible - wrong classification of road.

Opposite Foresters, hedge overgrown. Paint required on roundabout, footpaths discussed.

Holborn corner – 'Rural footpaths' discussed, although this cheaper option is still in the £'000s. Possible grants from 'Safe Routes to School'. Names of landowners needed re hedge cutting.

Washpool turn-off. 7.5 ton sign - speak to Mr Mark Stansby, WCC.

Park Lane and flooding, under review for new surface, and clearing of culverts.

Opposite The Crescent - after the top dressing, white lines have been put in the wrong place.

Drawing of old lines needed by local resident, then contact Lee Bridgeman, WCC.

There is no possibility of WCC funds for footpaths or pavements.

Councillors comments:-

Washpool/Common Platt road - Wooden Fence between verge and full fence?

Cllr Bennett requests that WCC check to ascertain if it is their land; if so can it be cleared?

Woodlands Lodge, tree needs cutting - WCC to ask owner to cut it back.

## 8. Planning Applications

04/01874/FUL Conservatory at 10 The Beeches, L.M. **No adverse comments.**

04/01708/FUL Two storey extension to side of dwelling to replace existing single storey, Double Garage and Refurbishment and change of use of existing store to utility room at 1 Webbs Wood, Wood Lane, Braydon

**No adverse comment except recommend a suitable turning point needed to access road.**

04/01838/FUL Conservatory at 10 Holborn, L.M. **No adverse comments.**

04/02143/FUL Two storey & single storey side extensions at Holly House, Greenhill. **No adverse comments.**

### NWDC Permissions Granted

04/1550/FUL Conservatory at Stables Farm, Braydon.

04/1259/FUL Front Single Storey Extension at 27A, The Street, L.M.

04/1459/COU (amended) Change of use from A1 to B1/A2 at Post Office, The Street, L.M.

### WC Permission Granted

04/1199/CP Supply & Erection of a relocated single mobile classroom, LMP School.

9. Accounts (* incl. VAT)		£
Mrs R Leckie	Salary	223.80
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	66.01 *
Mr R Nicholas	Groundsman	119.66
L.M. Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	15.00
Thames Water	Cemetery	10.03
Thames Water	JCH	79.54
Bank of Ireland	Transfer of funds	5,000.00
Shaw Football club		150.00
Dial A Ride scheme		500.00

Swindon Dial A Ride has lost their financial backing for the Lydiard/Purton run - it is used by 13 LM & 26 Purton residents. Shortfall in costs to end of year to be partly met by Purton Council £1,000 and our pro-rata funding would be £500, pending new regular funding. NWDC have funded £2,000. WCC have been asked for a grant also.

Our grant will be under S137 allowance.

It was proposed that the Council would supply pitch marking whitener, on behalf of SFC but would put up their fees to £21 a pitch, to help offset the cost.

P. Plan have approved £100 towards cost of website – Cllr Bennett to raise payment note.

All the above, proposed by Cllr Groom, seconded by Cllr Bennett, no objections.

The Bank of Ireland Business Account Mandate was signed and agreed.

## 10. Co-option nominations

No names at present.

## 11. Area 2 Community Partnership report - Cllr Bennett

The Area 2 Community Partnership is an initiative by WCC and NWDC to improve the quality of life for people in N Wilts and encourage everyone to have a say. Area 2 covers the parishes and towns in N Wilts from Lyneham to Cricklade.

On 12 July, I represented the PC at the first full partnership meeting in Purton; Nigel Smith also attended as Chairman of the Parish Plan SG. The meeting was lead by the WCC Community Planners; there were no representatives from NWDC. Cllr Mollie Groom was elected to Chair the Partnership and Mr Richard Paget from Purton was elected Vice Chair. Both Nigel and I declined to serve on the Steering Committee but will represent the parish at full partnership meetings; the next such meeting will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep at Lyneham.

### **12. Parish Plan Update - Cllr Bennett.**

Public Meeting. There will be an opportunity for parishioners to view and discuss the progress of the various Working Groups in the hall of LM School from 2 to 5 pm on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. It is hoped that crèche facilities and refreshments will be available.

Litter Bins. NWDC advised that litter bins should be emptied by the bin-men every Wednesday; however, the height of the openings on the new wheelie bin vehicles presents problems for manual loading and some bins may not be being emptied. If parishioners notice that bins are not being emptied on a regular basis please let Cllr Bennett know (770031) and he will take the matter up with the NWDC.

Dog Bins. These should be emptied every Friday. Any problems phone Phil Lawrence the NWDC Dog Warden on 07786 275777.

Fly Tipping. The problem for the NWDC is locating reported fly-tipping; a map or map co-ordinates of the location helps considerably. If parishioners wish to report fly-tipping they can phone Pamela Sims on 01249 706351 or fax them on 01249 653640. Cllr Bennett can assist with reproducing maps and faxing them to the NWDC Cleansing and Amenities Dept. The Parish Clerk also has a fax facility.

### **13. Committee reports**

JCH - Several bookings have been made, Clerk to be notified to send out invoices.  
Play area inspected by Cllr Pepperall, all OK except the need for more chippings.  
Next inspection Cllr Baker

### **14. Bio-diversity Grants - Northern hedge in recreation field.**

The hedge needs relaying - the relevant forms to be obtained and grant applied for.  
Contact Steve Russell 01225 713425.

### **15. Enforcement Notice - further action - Brockhurst Farm Stables.**

It was agreed that the application needed to be re-submitted by NWDC, and that we should write to NWDC accordingly.

### **16. Request for funds re Swindon Dial A Ride for Lydiard Millicent. See accounts.**

### **17. Correspondence**

NWDC - Audit of crime and disorder and drug misuse in Wiltshire. Questionnaire by 13.8.04.  
Cllr Pepperall to complete.

Wiltshire Food Links - Wiltshire Harvest Local Food Directory 2004 - see Clerk.

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust - receipt for the £25.00 donation.

NWDC - Change in viewing panel protocols. - Information only.

Health Advocacy Partnership - Meetings in Public list for July/August 2004 - info. only.

NWDC - Switch on project Energy Club - It was agreed they could be a possible speaker for a meeting later in the year. Information meanwhile to be forwarded to The Lydiards Magazine.

WALC Circular 07/04. - various items of information.

Forest Focus - newsletter from Great Western Community Forest.

Forest Fun - Great Western Community Forest, Forest Festival event 28th August 2004

Community First AGM 6th September 2004.

NWDC - Confirmation that there were no requests for Election and Co-option approval.

Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area - Community Planning Themes - questionnaire.  
WCC Framework for managing rights of way network Wiltshire 2004/9 - Cllr Brimacombe.  
Search and rescue. Donation request. Not on this occasion.

**18. Date of next meeting** Thursday 2nd September 2004 L M Parish Hall

**19. Meeting ended 21.50.**

**20.**

*Minutes approved 2.9.2004.*