

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 8th January 2009

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chairman), S Burley, M Groom, J Holloway, A Pflieger, S Welch

1. Apologies for absence. A Harris, J Bennett, K Thomas, B Baker.

2. The JCH evacuation procedures were explained to 5 members of the public and 6 Councillors.

3. Minutes of meeting 4th December 2008 were amended at Item 16c, third line, from 'the produced' to 'them produced'. The Minutes were then signed as a true copy.

4. Co-option of a Councillor to fill the vacancy.

Mr Brian Quant of The Firs, Common Platt, was proposed by Cllr Groom and seconded by Cllr Pflieger to be co-opted onto the Council – all were in favour. He completed the necessary paperwork and joined the Council member for the remainder of the meeting. He briefly explained where he lived and his current occupation.

5. Police Report. No report. The Chairman had completed the questionnaire re community policing.

6. County Councillor's report and questions arising.

a. The Greenhill pavements and passing places from the crossroads to Blackfords was raised again - Clerk to write to NWDC to ask them to check the relevant planning approval (some 20? yrs ago), and to let Cllr Groom have a copy to independently reinforce our request.

b. Area Board task group. The Chairman at Area 2 has stepped down for health reasons
The new Wiltshire County Constitution is being drafted.

The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Transition Board is monitoring the work of the Implementation Executive in the run-up to the 1st April.

The Wiltshire Constabulary and The Police Authority are working hard on the Partnership arrangements to encompass the criteria set by the Government.

Police Authority Resources Committee strongly supported the funding of Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

7. District Councillor's report and questions arising.

a. The hand-over to Wiltshire Council continues, to be effective on 1st April.

b. Cllr Groom reported that she had spoken to Planning Enforcement over the advertising boards at Greenhill, both sides of the road. An Enforcement Officer is to assess the situation, as these boards do need planning permissions.

Questions.

When will District cease?

Reply - NWDC will cease on 31st March. Parts of Monkton Park will then be used by Wilts Council. It was further asked how high the precept will be?

Reply – An estimated 3.5% increase, but the credit crunch and the loss of interest may affect the figure. Wiltshire County is expected to receive the lowest grant from the Government.

8. Parishioner's Question Time.

a. Monday 5th January 2009, main road to Purton, Manor Hill, had not been treated with salt and resulted in 3 major accidents. It was requested that the Council write to Alan Feist WCC and complain that this busy road, albeit a B route was not salted, and request that it should be on future such occasions. The cost of salting this road would have been much cheaper than dealing with the accidents.

b. The Sun village pub has now closed after 150 years. Many believe this is mainly due to the high rent being charged. It was considered essential that a new tenant be found, and that the current classification of the building be maintained. The owners must be made aware of the wishes of LMPC.

c. Horse riders and associated vehicles are depositing much mud on the pavement and road when leaving the field beside the Beeches. It was considered that they need to be reminded of their responsibility to clear away the mud. The Hoare family may be able to supply names and contacts.

9. Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.

- a. It was necessary to instruct our Groundsman for safety reasons to salt Buryfields during the past week, and re-imburement of costs has been agreed.
- b. Mr Alan Feist of WCC has contacted the bus company with regard to having some of the buses re-routed to prevent the congestion caused by the convoy of buses. It was pointed out that this was not the original route and it was changed possibly due to cost, some years ago.
- c. The broken drain on the corner opposite The Foresters has not been properly repaired, and is still a danger to road users. Clerk to report this again.
- d. Cllr Quant reported that the recent flooding washed debris down as far as Swinley Drive. He has contacted Swindon B. C. and is waiting for a response. Future requests for action by SBC can be re-enforced with official LMPC correspondence.

10. Clerks Report on queries. No items to report. The Clerk wished everyone a Happy New Year.

11. Report on matters arising from December 4th 2008 not on the main agenda.

11b - closure of the Old Churchyard - the Privy Council has written confirming the Churchyard Extension is now closed. Clerk to write to NWDC to officially ask them to take over the maintenance. Clerk to supply Mr. Julian Wright of the Church with a copy of the Order.

11c – Christmas tree - lights are now down, tree to be removed and hole covered shortly. Thanks were again given to the Cllrs involved. It has been agreed to refund the hall for electricity used. We were previously reimbursing LMPHall for the upkeep of the emergency lighting at either end of the hall. A suitable figure to cover both of these costs on an annual basis will be tendered at the next meeting.

12. Planning Applications

08/02695/FUL 17 The Close, Lydiard Millicent. First floor extension to side and front and single storey extension to rear.

Letter of objection from 18 Chestnut Springs was read out and noted. **No adverse comments.**

08/02627/FUL 1 & 2 The Elms, Shaw. Single storey ext'n at front, side & rear to form garden room.

No adverse comments.

Planning Withdrawn

08/02099/FUL Greens End, Lydiard Green - Barn.

It was reported that new foundations and block work have been put in place recently in a different position to that of the previous application. NWDC Enforcement Officer to be kept informed.

NWDC Permission granted

08/02364/FUL 3 The Moors, First floor side extension and porch.

13. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	255.90
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	57.98*
L.M.P.H.	Hire of Hall for meeting	20.00
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	487.33
Shaw FC	White Lining	100.00
Shaw & Sons Ltd	Burial books	312.52*
J. Bennett	Xmas tree trimmings	48.55*
Usual DDs	Utilities & Chairs broadband	

Above accounts proposed by Cllr Groom, seconded by Cllr Pflieger - there were no objections.

14. Precept approval. Cllr Groom proposed and Cllr Pflieger seconded that the precept be set at £14,000 this coming year, £1,000 less than this year.

15. Rec. Field Sub-Committee. The Agreement emailed to Cllrs was the original draft. The chairman had printed copies of the amended version, and the amendments were gone through. The Council approved these amendments and agreed it be sent to SFC & LMCC for perusal, prior to approval at the February or March meeting.

The updated September 2008 JCH fees were proposed by Cllr Holloway and seconded by Cllr Pflieger - approved - no objections.

16. Committee Reports:

Recreation Field - SFC had asked for a cut before the bad weather, but not done as grass too wet.

JCH - nothing to report.

Play area report by B Baker awaited.

Cemetery - awaiting confirmation on the proposed signs.

17. Parish Steward's next visit, 20/21 Jan - task suggestions.

18. Parish Notice Board for Wood Lane / Braydon - unconfirmed whether the board still exists. Enquiries to be made of the residents if a new board is required, and where it could be situated. LMPC approved a new board in principle. Decision deferred to a future meeting.

19. Speaker for the APM, 21st May. Chief Constable Brian Moore was proposed by Cllr Bennett prior to meeting - proposal accepted. Cllr Groom to make the initial contact.

20. Correspondence:

WCC Parish Improvement Grants. Improvements to countryside access - kissing gates were suggested to replace traditional stiles, and enable less able bodied walkers easier access.

Lydiard park route was suggested, need to apply with costs and details, by end of Feb 2009 initially, funding available for the next two years. A volunteer Cllr will be needed to take on the task and produce the details and costs. Walking group may be able to help. Cllr Groom took paperwork to discuss with County.

WALC Newsletter December 2008 - info only.

Wiltshire Council - Licensing Act - Consultation document, ready for Wiltshire Council.

Parish Steward Winter Programme.

WCC Winter Well-being for Older People - Booklets for Public were made available. Lunch club to be given the remainder and more can be ordered.

NWDC Gambling Act 2005 - Consultation document ready for Wiltshire Council

Communities and Local Government - Real People, Real Power - consultation.

The Skylark - Newsletter - info only.

NWDC Town and Parish Council Training - 4th Feb & 10th Feb - Cllr Pepperall wished to go and preferred 10th Feb date. Any other Cllrs interested advise Chair asap. Reply to NWDC by 30th Jan.

NWDC Sex Establishments - Consultation document ready for Wiltshire Council.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 5th February 2009.

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m.

Minutes approved 5.3.09.