

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2ND SEPTEMBER 2004

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Groom and Baker.
2. **The Minutes of 5th August** were signed as a true record.
3. **County Councillor's Report** and questions arising. Cllr Groom had reported to Chairman that W.C.C. had donated £1500 to Dial a Ride, and they now had sufficient funds until March 2005.
4. **District Councillor's Report** and questions arising - there was no report.
5. **Parishioner's Question Time.**
 - Mr New - made an observation about the position of the roundabout sign for Chestnut Springs and its visibility when approaching from The Sun Inn. Noted.
 - Mr Q-Bishop - recommended to the Councillors present that they considered very carefully the parking arrangements on planning application numbered 04/02395/COU. The deeds are very clear that nothing is allowed to be parked on the driveway at any time. As a previous owner of the property. He also raised concern that the room labelled 'snug' is a 6th bedroom in disguise.
 - A question was directed to Mr Bishop re the Post Box. It is on private land but belongs to 'The Royal Mail' and the new owner could well ask them to have it moved.
 - Mr Ellison of Lydiard Green was having increasing difficulty turning left out of his driveway, due to amount and speed of traffic. He also commented that 35 years ago when W.C.C. straightened the road and removed all the humps and bumps, that all the householders were informed that a purchase order may follow for a yard or two of their front gardens to put in a pavement. This to date has never been installed and he asked the Parish Council about the likelihood of this happening.
Reply - The Parish Plan are looking into the issue of pavements but there is no W.C.C money such items. Grants will be looked into, and Mr Ellison was invited to impart his knowledge to Mr Beltrami of the Pavement Working Group of the Parish Plan Steering Group.
 - Mr Stokes - continued along the same lines and enquired about “Signs which light up” when approached too fast. **Reply** - These signs are expensive and would need to be precepted.
 - Mr Tapscott asked for a definition of 'Conservation Areas' and where they are. **Reply** - Our Conservation areas include parts of Lydiard Green, The Church, The Post Office, and The Sun Inn. A full plan can be seen in Wootton Bassett Town Hall and further information can be seen within 'RH14 of the NWDC Structure Plan 2011.
 - Mr Tapscott asked for the grass to be cut around the flowerbeds.
 - Mrs Willies - Asked about where cars can park in relation to The Butts and Lydiard Green, as the week the summer holidays broke up they were parked all the way down and up as far as Manor Farm. She had been strongly verbally assaulted by a member of the public who thought she had blocked his car in. **Reply** - Vehicles should not park within 20feet either side of a bend or junction. It was recommended that Mrs Willies should speak to both the School & the new local Police Constable.
 - Mr Stubbs - wished to know why some of the small cottages in Lydiard Green had been placed within the Conservation Area in 1993. He considered it to be an unfair disadvantage to the owners of such properties, as they were the 'poor end of the properties'. He felt that it caused hardship to owners when they were only trying to improve the homes to a decent standard, such as replacing their roofs.

Reply - The conservation order was imposed to protect the small cottages, which were deemed to have important historic value. It does not prevent necessary maintenance but planning applications would be earmarked 'conservation area' for special consideration. If applications submitted were considered to be sympathetically dealt with then there should be no complications.

- It was asked who had sent the letter to residents of Lydiard Green informing them of the application numbered 04/02314/FUL and its implications upon the Conservation Area. Cllr Holloway had written and sent the letter as a bona fide resident of Lydiard Green who was concerned about the impact of the planning application upon the area, not in his capacity as a Cllr.
- The resident of No 1 Lydiard Green, asked hypothetically what would happen if she applied to build a bungalow in her garden. **Reply** - NWDC would consider the application and make a decision based on policy guidance available to them.

6. Councillor's reports of Parishioners queries.

- Cllr Saunders - asked if the Council would consider purchasing 'Drive Carefully' signs for the busiest entry roads to the Parish. Reply, this will be added to 'Precept items for consideration' in the October meeting.
- Cllr Pflieger - asked if the Council would consider purchasing two mobile 30mph signs. **Reply** - WCC Highways will initially be asked to supply them.
- As a result of the Parishioners question time, the problems with speed limits were debated; such as how to educate the unruly drivers, why no contact is forthcoming from our Community Police officer, and how speed limits could be enforced. - Agenda item October 2004.
- Cllr Holloway - reported that the footpath between the Greatfield Crossroad toward the village was still impassable, due to a collapsed tree in the hedge. The Clerk reported that the owner of the field had denied liability for any vegetation on the outside of her boundary fences, and would happily mark out the location of her land and responsibilities on a map. She suggested the Clerk contact W.C.C. to have the hedge cut.
- The Bagbury Lane junction is still becoming a swimming pool when it rains. It clearly had not been repaired, as reported in the August minutes.
- The Boundary Stone in Bagbury had fallen down again - Clerk to contact Purton P.C.
- Riffs Bar are now replacing the last of their windows with double glazing, and are also going to remove a fan unit, as a final effort to reduce noise to local residents. They have raised £108.81 for Dial a Ride during a recent charity event. Clerk to send letter of appreciation to them. They are considering running a charity event on a monthly basis, and would like to know which groups in the parish may wish to benefit from such events. It was suggested their back yard could first benefit from some of the funds, but other suggestions would be offered.
- The Millennium Trail has had a 'keep out - dangerous animals' sign placed at the southern Holborn field entrance, probably placed by the tenants with the ponies. Action. Clerk to write to owner of the field and ask them to direct the tenants to respect the Right of Way, and erect a protective fence if necessary. The Swindon B.C. Park Rangers need to be informed.

NWDC Permissions Granted

04/01874/FUL	Conservatory at 10 The Beeches, LM.
04/01608/FUL	Single storey extension to existing hall at LM Primary School.
04/01708/FUL	Two storey extension, double garage and change of use of store to utility room at 1 Webbs Wood, Wood Lane, Braydon.
04/01609/FUL	Single storey extension to rear of 27 The Beeches, LM.
04/01838/FUL	Conservatory at 10 Holborn, LM.
04/01814/FUL	Single storey front and rear ext at 2 Park View Drive, LM.

NWDC Planning Appeal on Greenhill Nurseries, Greenhill, Wootton Bassett.

Comments by 8th September 2004, Hearing to take place April/May 2005. **Confirm objection.**

9. Accounts

British Gas	JCH	£ 14.76 - withdrawn, in credit
British Telecom	JCH	£ 12.76
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	£ 28.01
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	£223.80
Mr R Nicholas	Groundsman	£119.16
L.M. Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	£ 15.00
L.M. Parish Hall	Parish Plan	£ 19.50
Dial a Ride	Donation	£500.00

The above were proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Quartly Bishop - no objections.

9a. The Parish Accounts were ready for ratification, and a copy of the Income and Expenditure together with the Balance sheet was given out to the Cllrs. The Chairman spent a few minutes explaining the figures and answering queries. It was asked what the Highways figure of £3,043 had included. **Reply** – The Mews Swing £2433 + Groundsman costs.

The Parish Council Statement of Accounts and Assurance were proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Quartly Bishop and agreed by all. They were duly signed by the Chairman. These accounts will now be sent to the Internal Auditor then on to the External Auditor.

10. Committee Reports -

Rec.Field - End of season sub-committee meeting with SFC & LMCC on the 13th September 2004. Items on the agenda to include Grass Cutting, Removal of Bar to Store Room. The PC may incur some extra grass cutting costs over the 8 month winter season under new Youth Football guidelines.

An application has been received from Westbrook Amateur Football Club, to use the Recreation Field. This has been turned down, as there is insufficient capacity for both clubs.

Club House - Minor repairs needed to gutter, a tap in 'Gents', and outside tap is not working.

Play Area - Monthly inspection - Cllr Baker - no reports of any problems. Further chippings have been ordered, and the annual inspection by RoSPA is due shortly.

Boules Area - Weeds are coming up through the surface area. Mr Nicholas, Groundsman, to spray with Sodium Chlorate (£30) which should keep it weed free for up to 2 years.

Cemetery - The Clerk reported that Mr Nicholas would like to quote for the maintenance work, lowering garden mounds and raising the sunken graves. This was agreed in principle provided he has any necessary licence for this type of work. Clerk to check regulations.

11. Cherry Briar Residents Association - The residents had drawn to the attention of the Parish Council their plight regarding the flooding of Cherry Briar Close (an unadopted road). W.C.C. Highway Engineer was to visit with the Chairman in the week after the meeting.

12. Co-option nominations - A potential nominee from Greenhill will be invited to the October meeting before making up her mind.

13. Dial a Ride for Lydiard Millicent - update - Riffs Bar had raised £108.81, and Cllr Groom £250 at the Coffee Morning, W.C.C have granted £1,500, NWDC £2,000 Purton £1,000 and Lydiard Millicent Parish £500. It is thought to be sufficient to carry them through until March 2005. It was suggested that a nominal amount could be precepted for Dial A Ride for the coming year to enable them to access further grant monies. It was decided that more information on the general set up and financial arrangements for Dial a Ride was needed. Add to October agenda.

14. Parish Plan and Holborn Footpath - Mr Gibbs Highways, had been to view the sites highlighted by the consultations. He had replied constructively, but was clear that there was no budget for new footpaths or land purchase, except via Routes to School, and the LTP. The Parish Plan requested permission to pursue the footpaths on a grant basis supported by precepting from Parish Council. This was agreed. Next stage LMPC to approach the landowners.

15. Rose Beds at The Beeches entrance - It was reported that the residents of No 1 The Beeches, who had originally planted the Roses had offered to remove the them and re-turf the area, as they were now old and straggly and deteriorating with black spot. However, as they have become a focal point of the village, they felt they should first inform the Parish Council. Their offer was gratefully accepted.

16. Correspondence

NWDC Dev't Control agenda for 1st September. - Planning Appeal re Brockhurst Farm - noted that the appeal had failed, due to inappropriate wording on the enforcement notice.

NWDC to be asked to re-issue the enforcement notice.

Northern Community Area Partnership - Updates and report newsletter with questionnaire.

W.C.C - Civil Contingencies Bill - Questionnaire for Community Emergency Volunteer - J Bennett had also received a copy.

NWDC - Cllrs. Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards presentation on 6th Oct 2004 - no volunteers.

The Clerk - Journal of the Society of Local Council Clerks - newsletter, see clerk to view.

NWDC Yearbook 2004 - 2005 - two supplied, more can be requested. - Yes order 5 more.

17. Date of next meeting Thursday 7th October 7.30pm at the Jubilee Club House

Minutes were proposed by Cllr Saunders and seconded by Cllr Holloway, and subsequently signed as a true copy on the 7th October 2004 by Cllr J Bennett.