

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009.**

**Present:** Cllr T Pepperall (Chair), B Baker, J Bennett, M Groom, A Pflieger, B Quant and K Thomas.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Simon Welch, Andrew Harris.
2. **Safety Briefing.** Was given to 10 members of the public plus 6 Councillors.

**3. Co-option of new Councillor.**

A Councillors' ballot took place over the candidates Tim Blackmore and Steve Mowbray, who had both completed a short set of details about themselves which had been circulated to Cllrs at the meeting. The Chairman counted the votes and declared Tim Blackmore the winner. Ballot papers to be attached to the signed copy of these minutes. The usual new Councillor paperwork had not been prepared as there were two candidates - this paperwork will be delivered to Mr Blackmore in time for the May meeting.

4. **Minutes of meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009.** Signed as read.

**5. Police Report.**

The local officer was unable to attend, but had asked that the residents be alerted to break-ins and car robberies in Chippenham and local areas.

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

Wiltshire County Council won top award for Community leadership. NCAP Community Area Plan of 2005 is being updated. Response forms were available at the meeting to be returned by 16<sup>th</sup> April. After the analysis, items most frequently put forward will get priority attention on the Area Board Agendas.

Area Boards are also an opportunity to put forward public thoughts and ideas.

The Western Daily Press & the Wilts Gazette & Herald had both covered well the Swindon proposal for 3,000 new homes in North Wilts.

Thanks were given to Tina Wheeler of L. M. P. Hall, who had gained a NWDC Energy Award grant. Unitary started well on 1<sup>st</sup> April, and if public find it difficult to make contact, feedback is essential.

**7. Parishioner's Question Time.**

**a.** A Greenhill resident who had first complained about the erosion of verges adjacent to his property in January 2007 asked for an update on the situation, and whether or not it was going to be seeded over as suggested in October 2008.

**Response.** It was hoped that the Parish Steward could be tasked with this during his visit on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Blackfords and Wiltshire Council will be asked to provide soil, seed and posts.

This operation had been postponed from October to give the seed better chance of germination.

The late Mr Blackford had been systematically kerbing and laying paths from the crossroads - many of the paths are now covered in grass, some have disintegrated.

It was suggested that signs be installed that simply say 'Please Keep off the Verges'.

**b.** Fly tipping is still occurring along Greenhill, with residents often collecting sacks full of litter.

**c.** It was asked, if the new Wiltshire Council is making savings of £8m, why Council tax still went up.

Cllr Groom, explained that Wiltshire Council had only received the minimum grant from Gov't.

Cllr Groom would provide a leaflet with written statement of how and where the money will go.

**d.** It was asked if Sgt Alvis had been to look at the areas of concern re traffic and speed. It was not known if he had done so personally. However, it was reported that a speed check had been carried out in Stone Lane.

**e.** Mr Mowbray suggested that the Parish Council should not drop the CSU until Speedwatch is better understood and the restraints known. He was concerned about how committed and consistent the volunteers would be and for how long it could be maintained.

**f.** The last hump out of the village is gradually disintegrating. A suggestion was made not to replace this, as the road layout would slow the traffic into giving way naturally.

**g.** Mrs Redford offered to take on the raised flower beds, with the help of Mrs Willies, when Mrs Badcott relinquishes her voluntary task at the end of the summer. Both ladies were warmly thanked for their kind offer, which was gratefully accepted.

## 8. Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.

- a. Mr. Smart of Greatfield is being trained as a 'First Responder' by Great Western Ambulance Service. He has written requesting funding to purchase the 'kit' (cost £1700) which includes a defibrillator. The area covers Purton, Lydiard Tregoz and Lydiard Millicent. Clerk to find out if the other Parish Councils have been similarly contacted, and if they are interested in helping - **Agenda in May.**
- b. Blackfords have agreed to move their sign one width, providing no planning permission is needed.
- c. A parishioner maintained that the new road sign (last turning point) by Greenhill Nursery, is in the wrong place, and needs moving back to Blackfords' entrance.
- d. Cllr Harris had reported to the Clerk a B & Q lorry in Holborn. Clerk to report this if it is confirmed to be an HGV and not a delivery driver.

## 9. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention.

Police have new powers re foreign drivers and will now be able to fine them for driving offences.

## 10. Report on matters arising from 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 not on the main agenda.

- a. 10.3 - kissing gates. Quote rec'd for £941 plus VAT for the installation and provision of three gates and a step. WC grant applications (50% max.) would be chosen next March. Chair to enquire if grants for this year have already been allocated, and if so, should we look for an alternative grant? Email from a resident of Park View Drive, who is able to hear the existing gate near to Lydiard Park, and is worried that having one at the bottom of his garden will create unacceptable noise. Mitigation of any noise nuisance will be addressed if the gates are installed - rubber buffers suggested.
- b. Butts Bus Parking Area – Chair & LMPS met Sarah Anderson of W.C. at school, re the moving of the pavement to beside the wall, with bollards (under the School Transport Plan). WC to provide a proposed solution for approval. The School offered to help fund this if it could be in this year's budget, with a possible contribution from LMPC. However, WC, STP would normally fund such projects.

## 11. Planning Applications – None.

### NWDC Permission refused

08/02822/OUT 2 no. three bedroom dwellings on land adj. 16 Lydiard Green.

### NWDC Permissions granted

09/00033/FUL Detached Garage at 2 Park View Drive.

09/00031/FUL New Double Garage at 28a Stone Lane.

## 12. Accounts (\*incl. VAT)

Expenditure		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	255.90
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	75.52*
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	487.33
Shaw FC.	White Lining	100.00
Sw. BC.	Grass cutting	235.00
TH Pepperall (ESS)	Keys for Rec. Field gate new padlock	30.00*
Do	Expenses 2008/9 (tel, mileage & stamps)	72.31*
J Bennett	Copying Holborn footpath plans	19.96*
Information Commissioner	Data Protection (2009/10)	35.00
Usual DDs	Utilities & Chair's broadband	

**Income** - Cemetery £405.00, maps and walking guides £29.00.

Above accounts were proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Pflieger, & approved.

Confirm Cllrs Conflict of Interest with both Auditors – defer to next month.

Lloyds Bank now hold our 'savings' - they can offer 1.25% for six weeks or 1.5% for three months.

It was agreed to ask Lloyds to set up this deposit of £50K for three months fixed @ 1.5% - **Chair.**

## 13. CSU v Speedwatch – report attached.

Cllr Bennett went through the report he had circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting

He recommended that LMPC continue to use CSU and monitor other Speedwatch Schemes.

Question was raised about whether or not we could have Speedwatch along any stretch which did not yet have CSU. This will be checked out.

Wiltshire County have responded regarding VAS schemes. They are not happy with Speed Activated Signs, but are content to allow Speed Indicator Devices.

Extra 30mph signs are needed at the junction of Stone Lane with Washpool, discuss at the Highway S/Comm meeting. Also continue to press WC for mini roundabout by The Foresters – **THP & MG.**

It was asked if the plastic CSU signs can be replaced with metal ones - Cllr Groom explained that metal signs are regularly stolen.

Westlea Housing to be asked to clear brambles at Holborn - **Clerk.**

#### **14. Walking Guide – original reprint?**

Cllr Bennett had spoken with Mr Richards and they had identified the necessary alterations. In Touch Services have photocopied a sample book which Mr Richards has approved. Council approved the copying of 50 of each booklet to be sold at £1.50 each.

#### **15. Committee Reports:**

**Recreation Field** - cut recently by LMCC - £50. Cllrs Bennett and Pepperall have attended a meeting with Shaw FC, the Football Found'n and the F. Assoc'n regarding the proposed new agreement. Shaw FC are mostly concerned about the 1 year notice. They felt this too short, and were worried that we would take higher offers. The Football Foundation is looking into the details of the original contract re the £70,000 grant. The wording has two sets of dates - 3 years or 20 year tenure. If they claim they have 20year tenure, then we will have to object. FA to look at other similar contracts. Our charges take into consideration their maintenance and management work and are probably not comparable with other organisations. LMCClub similarly did not like the 1year Clause either, as it contradicts with the 3year Rolling Clause.

**JCH** Contractors are sought to repaint interior walls. Quote for Acrylic (as now) or Emulsion (cheaper). Quotes also required for the Play Area refurbishment. We are advised against re-treating the play equipment as it is not known if the new treatment would interact with the original. Two quotes are awaited. It was recommended that a third be sought lest quotes do not materialise.

Quotes needed to service the JCH boiler and do PAT testing on electrical equipment. Some aspects are covered under the proposed new contract. It may be necessary to adopt any Service Agreement separately to the main contract.

Quote also needed for Greenhill bus shelter - painting inside.

**Play area** (Cllr Pepperall) - nothing to report.

**Cemetery** Box hedge previous suggestion, new suggestion of decorative link and chain which some considered less appropriate - no decision reached. All agreed to get appropriate quotes, and also for a central footpath in the Cremation Area.

**Parish Steward's next visit**, task suggestions, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Soil spreading, seeding and posts at Greenhill.

Also – LMPC to decide what additional paths are needed in Greenhill - suggestion that crushed stone path could be installed where no path exists.

The Parish Steward had been unable to clear drains at Common Platt last visit, jetting is needed.

Other Highway tasks – Repair of Church Roundabout before there is an accident – contact WC again.

#### **16. Parish Notice Board for Wood Lane / Braydon – visit/decision deferred.**

#### **17. Correspondence:**

Email, Age no barrier weekend.

Email, The Radio 1 Big Weekend, to be held at Lydiard Park, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Write re concerns over traffic – **Chair**.

WALC Newsletter March 2009.

RPA application form for 2009/10 (re Lydiard Plain grant).

Health Service in Wiltshire – information on accessing services.

Letter from Mr Meredith - agreed to keep the rental the same at £750 – advise Mr. Meredith.

Letter from Mr Barnett re Footpaths.

Letters from Enterprise Inns and others, re future of The Sun. Write to CAMRA next time.

#### **18. Dates of next meetings: P.C. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009, 7.30pm, AGM 7.00pm. APM 21<sup>st</sup> May, 7.30pm. Guest speaker Chief Constable.**

#### **19. L.M. Parish Council Highway and Road Safety Sub-Committee Meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. in the Jubilee ClubHouse.**

**All meetings are open to the public.**

**Meeting closed 9.50 p.m.**

**Minutes approved 7.5.2009.**