

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES 7TH May 2009

Present: Cllrs TH Pepperall (Chair), J Bennett, S Burley, M Groom, A Harris, A Pflieger, B Quant, T Blackmore joined the Council at Item 3, K Thomas arrived at 8p.m.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs B Baker and S Welch.
2. **Safety Briefing** was given to 12 members of the public and 6 Councillors.
3. **New Councillor** - Tim Blackmore was co-opted and signed his Declaration and his Register of Interest. It was then agreed that he be added to the Footpath Sub Committee.

4. Minutes of meeting 2nd April 2009.

The minutes were amended at Para. 7d - last line - delete all text after 'Stone Lane' and add full stop. Also, Para. 15 - Cemetery - last line to read 'a central footpath in the larger Cremation Area'. The minutes were then signed as a true copy.

5. Swindon Big Weekend – report by SBC

Mr Gwillam Lloyd came to speak to the meeting on behalf of Swindon BC about the arrangements for traffic control over the 'Big Weekend' to be held by the BBC in Lydiard Park on the 9/10th May. This had been a challenging transport plan that needed to cope with 20,000 visitors a day with only two access and egress. Plans had to be put in place for unforeseen events involving the emergency services and the movements of the BBC. Consultation/co-operation of the local police, SBC, WCC, BBC and Highways was needed, taking into account complications which had arisen in the past.

They had set up a dedicated website, bus service, taxi, parking and drop off points to allow for the majority of the traffic to be parked in Swindon and for most of the public to be bus'ed in.

To prevent unnecessary traffic flow on the local roads, temporary yellow road signs had been set up all around the event site and stewards and marshals had been arranged especially along Hook Street as this was to become part of a one way system. Special arrangements and telephone numbers had been set up for the residents of Hook Street and the surrounding area.

Questions to Mr Lloyd included how local people and their visitors would access roads in the closed off areas etc. He gave the meeting the tel. number 01793 445500 which would deal with all enquiries.

Residents of Lydiard Residential Park on Hook Street requested Police Cones across the entrance to their park - this was agreed.

Residents within the yellow tow away area were concerned about having their cars or visitors cars towed away if they parked on the road. Mr Lloyd explained that the Police will only take such action if vehicles were causing an obstruction and having an impact on safety.

He was questioned on the local closure of 4 footpaths - he explained that the event cordon went across these paths and no alternative footpaths were available - therefore, to avoid members of public getting half way and having to return, they had been closed for the weekend.

Concern was raised over how they would count the 2,500 cars for the temporary event parking along Hook Street. He revealed that the cars would be counted on the entrance to the parking area and that a reserve field was available to them if more cars arrived, and that the marshals would be in full radio contact with each other.

It was requested that Tewksbury Way/Nine Elms entrance to Lydiard Millicent needed a 'residents only' sign to be placed at the Brook House roundabout - this was agreed.

Hook Street residents asked that should future events on this scale be agreed could they be consulted earlier. Mr Lloyd explained that they had restrictions placed on them by the BBC as to when information could be given out, and to which groups of any affected public. He also revealed that an event would take place later in the year to compensate local residents.

Local businesses were concerned about loss of trade during the weekend as the 'residents only' signs made it look as if the village was closed off. Mr Lloyd was unable to help solve this problem but commented that a balance between saving the majority of the village from undue traffic had outweighed that of the local businesses needs.

Mr Lloyd was thanked for coming to explain and answer queries. 8 members of public then left.

6. Police Report.

No report from any Officers. Cllr Groom reported that Purton have had problems with unsociable behaviour. They are preparing to hold an open meeting with all the different agencies and groups. Cllr Groom had complained to the Police Authority about the length of time it took to get police to attend, after advising that the drain covers had been stolen in the village.

7. Wiltshire Council - Councillor's report and questions arising.

- a. Cllr Groom has managed to obtain some archive maps from W.C. of the adoption of the 1977 Chestnut Springs Sewage Works. Cllr Groom will write to Thames Water seeking their Agreement of liability. Thanks were expressed for her continued hard work for the Parish, and she was wished well in the forthcoming elections.
- b. Cllr Groom had brought some literature on Wiltshire Council's budget for Mr Ricketts.

8. Parishioner's Question Time.

- a. It was a relief to Mrs Willies that the Chestnut Tree near her home had been cut down.
- b. A report of dog fouling on the footpath between Buryfield and The Close has been made. Signs to be placed in the area, and advice sought from Wiltshire Council.
- c. The Dog Fouling notice on the gate to the Recreation Field needs to be updated.

9. Councillors' reports of Parishioners' queries.

- a. Parish Steward - graffiti on give way sign had been reported.
- b. Pothole at top of The Street near Church Place had been reported.
- c. Condition of the Roundabout is dangerous - the Parish Council are continuing to push for repairs.
- d. A recommendation was put forward that the Church Clock needs re-gilding. Cllr Baker will be asked when it was last done - it was thought that this was approx 9 years ago, at the Millennium. It was agreed that a quote should be sought if the current condition proved a need.
- e. Cllr Quant reported that the drainage ditch from the Foresters to the Lagoon has been cleared twice now by SBC. Drains are to be jetted between Stone Lane and Peatmoor Lagoon by SBC. It was suggested that we ask them for a written report when completed.

10. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention. There were no matters reported.

11. Report on matters arising from 2nd April 2009 not on the main agenda.

8a. Mr Smart - defibrillator. Lyd.Tregoz minutes show that they are seeking an NCAP donation, however, Cllr Groom said no formal request for a donation had been received. Purton has written to NHS, and Mr Smart, asking them both more about the ownership of the kit and the logistics of how this would work. Clerk to write to Mr Smart, to confirm that we are awaiting further information. **The Sun Inn** wall had been damaged. Enterprise Inns were notified, and the wall has received some temporary remedial work and loose stones removed. The Sun Inn advise that they are involved in negotiations at present. There are concerns locally that the rents are set too high, which could facilitate them to seek a change of use.

8c. W.C. Highways have no objections to Blackfords moving their sign by one width.

12. Planning Applications

09/00580/FUL - Land adj. to The Paddocks, The Street - Barn, Field Shelter, & Ménage.

No adverse comments.

09/00623/FUL - 8A Greenhill - Rear first floor extension.

No adverse comments.

09/00570/FUL - 43 Common Platt - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a new house. The plan is well over the allowed 25% increase. There was no objection to this becoming a 2 storey dwelling, but LMPC would prefer to see a smaller extension. It was mentioned that the land at the back was once an orchard, and this could be a greenfield site. **No other adverse comments.**

09/00540/S73A - The Glen, 31 Stone Lane. Demolition of existing house and erection of replacement dwelling with associated landscaping and re-sited vehicle access - amendment to **08/01995/FUL**.

No adverse comments.

N/09/009534/TCA - Rudlers, The Street. Fell 1 Acacia and 4 Yew Trees. **No adverse comments.**

Letter from WC authorising felling of a dead willow tree. Clerk to query this as there is no Willow.

13. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	255.90
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	39.70*
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	487.33
L.M.P.H	Hire of Hall 2 months	42.00
Shaw FC	White Lining	100.00
W.A.L.C.	Annual Subscription	470.48
Community First	Annual Subscription	36.00
Norwich Union	Insurance premium	721.42
LMCC	Grass cutting x 3	150.00
Usual DDs	Utilities & Chairs broadband	

Approve cost of topsoil for Greenhill verge project - review in June.

Approve quote for kissing gates. Colin Lovelock of Wiltshire Council has provided 3 suitable gates free of charge. New quote of £368.00 approved for fitting only.

Concern of resident to the clanging of the gates - it was agreed to add rubber buffers to the gates.

The above were proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Groom there were no objections.

13a. Clerk's Contract Review.

In April/May, due to end of year accounts, AGM, APM, etc the workload doubles. Over the course of the past 5 years the volume of work has increased. It was proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Groom that the clerk's hours should be increased by 4 hrs to 32 hrs per month. The new rates from NALC have now been received, and the increase will be calculated and paid next month.

13b. Clerk's Training

The Clerk had requested funding to help with her application to apply for the Certificate in Local Council Administration. The Application fee is £150, course £45, plus books and other one-day courses. It was suggested that the Clerk pays the £150, and the Council pays the £45, and an allowance for books and any further short courses, up to £150 inclusive. This was approved.

14. Committee Reports:

Recreation Field The SFC football season has finished, and goal posts are due to be removed shortly. Cricket re-starts shortly - if any parishioners wish to play, would they contact LMCC on 853219.

4 posts around the car park need to be replaced. The groundsman's quote at £150 was considered a little high - the Chairman was asked to request a review of the quote.

The Football Foundation had queried the SFC agreement term, but has since waived any further claim of active involvement. Still awaiting response from Football Association, before reviewing the new proposed agreement.

SFC given permission to enclose their half of the Store Shed with caging, for their insurance requirements. They will supply us with a key, c.o.n.

JCH is now 6 years old, and inside walls are cracked. Two quotes have been received to paint the interior. The quote from A.Robbins was accepted at £1,500.

JCH Boiler needs servicing - quote received £50 - approved.

The Boules Area has been hired by Lydiards Twinning Association for a tournament on July 18th. The groundsman has re-sprayed the weeds. Residents are invited to apply if they wish to take part - phone Cllr Pepperall on 770734.

Play Area - CCTV vandalised on 17th April - to be pursued as culprits caught on camera.

Cllr Baker to provide usual monthly report.

The fencing posts around the Play Area and Boules Area need re-staining. Quotes have been sought.

We are advised not to try and re-stain the play equipment, lest the new stain interacts with the original treatment. The play items are strong and durable, and regularly checked.

Spring animal - concerns were raised that this needs to be done safely and professionally if it were to be re-painted. Quotes to be sought to replace this piece of equipment.

Cemetery - still waiting for quotations to level the ground.

Proposed edging for cremation area still not decided upon.

Holborn Footpath - still awaiting 2 more quotes.

Walking Guides - 50 more copies of each have been printed. Cllr Bennett paid the £110, which has been re-imbursed to him. Five books ordered by a local business.

Litter Picking - Thanks were given to Cllr Bennett who organised the day, and to the volunteers. Report written for Lydiards Magazine passed on by Clerk.

Wood Lane Notice Board – permissions have been agreed for placing at Wood Lane Nursery. Chair to request a quote for the new board.

15. Transport Sub-Committee Report - had been circulated prior to the meeting. A brief summary was given to the meeting.

Greenhill verge - another suggestion has been made by W.C. A 50/50 approach, half topsoil, drain to be moved back, and the second area to be bitumen. Top soil review in June.

Greenhill ditches - we have contacted the land owners, and the results are to be sent to W.C. Further contacts need to be made to some residents.

Blackfords sign - has been agreed by Highways for moving, and to be checked with Planning.

Greatfield Crossroads Bus shelter repainting - quote received for £158.11. Whilst it was said that a local volunteer could do this much cheaper, it was agreed that an approved contractor should do the work. Thanks were given to the volunteer for the offer.

Cllr Burley reported that the bus route and pick up for children going to school has changed and they are now having to cross the road to get on the bus in Stone Lane. Wiltshire Council Education Transport Dept to be contacted to find a solution.

16. Parish Steward's next visit – no visit during June - grass cutting only this month.

17. Correspondence:

Eastern Development Area - Public Consultation 20/4/09 – 15/06/09.

W.A.L.C. - April newsletter - Items of interest on Grave Seminar, and funding to update Play Areas.

Wiltshire Council - Community Area Highway information pack - details of proposed schemes.

Wiltshire Council - Parish Steward Scheme - appointed contact training day - date to be set.

Wiltshire Council - Town and Parish Newsletter - Public Sector equality responsibilities.

First News - Community First Magazine, Spring 2009.

L.M. Parish Hall - request for P.C representative for Hall Committee

18. Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th June 2009 7.30 p.m.(NOT 4th June).

Annual Parish Meeting 21st May 2009 7.30 p.m.

Guest Speaker Chief Constable for Wiltshire – refreshments provided.

Minutes approved 11.6.09.