

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES 6th August 2009**

Present. T Pepperall (Chair), B Baker, J Bennett, T Blackmore, S Burley, M Groom, A Harris, A Pflieger, K Thomas, S Welch.

1. **Apologies for absence.** B Quant.
2. **Safety Briefing.** 7 Parishioners, 10 Councillors
3. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Groom re School application.
4. **Minutes of meeting 2nd July 2009, and APM of 21st May.** Both signed without amendment.
5. **Police Report.** No report.
6. **Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.** No report.
7. **Parishioner's Question Time.**

Q1. Greenhill - T Wicks. When will WC complete the road resurfacing - current top coat inadequate. Mr Twiggs complains - Layby - lorries cutting into the soil - a complete mess, still needs verge markers, surface water not reaching the laid pipes, run-off from road now threatening to flood a house.

Response to Q1 & 2 - WC coming to view the surface shortly.

Q2 LMPC - Lower Greenhill Ditches. Some residents still not responding re the new drainage system.

Q3 A parishioner reports of grass being cut before 9 a.m. on Sundays in the Meadow Springs area.

Q4 also of Dog faeces on the entrance road to the JCH – **Resp** Sign on notice board, Dog Owners - to take more care.

Q5 Gates of the Recreation Field. LMPC confirms gate was erected for safety of homes, and to prevent unwelcome vehicles and caravans entering. Present practice to continue.

Q6 S.New. Highways engineer still has not come to view the crumbling hump on The Street.

Resp LMPC confirm WC engineer still awaited.

Q7 Ransom Strip, top of Chestnut Springs, back of fence. Mr Hobbs spoke re area. See item 14.

Q8 J.Willies - Gutter clearance has been in the village up as far as the Parish Hall. Also the wall between Manor Farm and The Beeches, erected by WCC, is crumbling, and needs to be reported to Wiltshire Council for maintenance.

Q9 Hill Farm, Greenhill -the late Mr. Clark's property - thought to contact asbestos. The Environment Agency has the tipping at the site under review.

8. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

1. Kissing Gates - excellent job, thanks to Chairman. Footpath holes need filling - Groundsman. Most owners in Park View Drive have cut the hedges behind their properties - some yet to be done.
2. Some pots etc remain on memorial stones, a hazard for the Groundsman when strimming.
3. Shrubs near Greenhill Xrds - ask Groundsman to plant bush in gap. 'Greensend' residents to be asked to trim their hedge, to facilitate cutting of grass by Groundsman. **Resp. Clerk to write.**
4. Cllrs discussed moving Blackfords sign. The move was agreed by Blackfords & approved by W.C.
5. Westhills Lodge - It was asked if permission had been granted for the buildings going up there. **Resp.** Clerk to check.

9. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention – Orchard questionnaires.

10. Report on matters arising from 2nd July 2009 not on the main agenda.

7a. Coaches on Manor Hill – Purton PC is not taking action over this. Cllr Groom to chase.

7b. Apology received from School, re parking on 2 July.

10 Planning, 27 The Street - swimming pool was part of approved application.

11. Planning Applications

N/09/01139/FUL Demolition of existing front and side extn and construction of front single storey extn and two storey side and rear extns at Lordswood, The Butts. **No adverse comments**

N/09/01180/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of living room at 82 Chestnut Springs. **No adverse comments**

N/09/01280/REG3 Erection of ext. shelter & boundary fence, & ext. alterations to LMP School, The Butts. Wrong description - Appl'n re alterations to Victorian bldg. **Supported.**

N/09/01271/FUL Erection of two storey front extension to chalet bungalow at The Willows, 20a Common Platt **No adverse comments.**

Amended and WC Approved applications

N/09/00965/FUL Proposed new dwelling at Sundown, Holborn. Minor amendments only.

N/09/00570/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a new detached dwelling

at 43 Common Platt. Minor amendments only.

12. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	293.30
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	36.99*
Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	21.00
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	487.33
	Hosepipe - raised gardens	64.89*
Linden Fencing	Kissing Gates	423.20*
Usual DDs	Utilities & Chairs broadband	

Wood Chips. Agreed to order 12 cubic metres - Playground, & 3 cu.m. standard - Perrins Piece.

13. Committee Reports:

Rec. Field, keep gate closed – approved. Gate notice – no change.

LM Primary School would like to use the field for sports one morning per week. Approved.

Fence & posts treatment to be carried out shortly.

JCH J Frost awaited re shower head cleaning, & hole in down-pipe needs mending.

Play Area - no extra tasks found. Next month check Cllr Baker. Wood chips – see above, Item 12.

Cemetery - no comments. Tidying up of pots etc to be progressed.

New WB & C Area Board - Chairman attended - Cllr Groom appointed Vice Chairman, & Cllr Bucknell of Lyneham as Chair.

School Travel Plan including Butts parking area, and Sun Inn crossing, approved in principle -

WC feasibility studies progress re implementation, and timing.

War Memorial Clock re-gilding. A.Woodward, Purton clock maker advises repair could be done from outside, and up to middle of this month by another gilding company already in the area. Two quotes required. Cllr Baker to liaise with Chairman..

14. Grass area 17-18 Chestnut Springs

The land is not owned by anyone.

Mr Herbert has stopped cutting this area, and offers to tend it as meadow. Mr Hobbs complains if grass is not cut, weeds grow into his fence and garden, so maintenance is difficult.

Environment Health have stated that grass cuttings must not be left to rot against the fence.

Cllr Pflieger spoke to contractors who said it was not big enough for a meadow.

Chair spoke to contractors in July, who said it needed strimming before cutting, and asked them not to cut it until LMPC requested. In early August, it was reported to have been cut by WC.

LMPC agrees that the grass should be cut, and WC are to be asked to include it in their normal cuts.

15. Parish Steward - no visit scheduled for **August** – next visit **September 16/17th** Greenhill Layby.

16. Correspondence:

Wiltshire Council's Rural Facilities Survey 2008 - see Clerk for website address to view this.

Wiltshire Council - Tag Rugby Project - new Club, WB Rugby club for Adults on Friday night.

Wiltshire Council - Amenities and Leisure Services - list of contacts.

Wiltshire Council - Transport, Environment & Leisure (TEL) Service Directory 2009 – info only

The Clerk magazine.

Orchard Owners questionnaire reminder.

WALC - newsletter July 2009

Swindon Core Strategy - proposed submission document.

Community First AGM - 7.10.09, Devizes Corn Exchange, 5 pm.

North Wilts Citizens Advice Bureau - request for grant. Add to Sept Agenda.

Telephone request by a resident asking for information on rule of bonfires.

WC Press Office warning re 'Survey' offer & Gift – **beware conditions**.

Further warning re telephone scam – if asked to phone back to a 9 digit number – **DON'T**.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 3rd September 2009.

Meeting closed 9.25.

Minutes signed by Cllr J Bennett on 3rd September 2009