

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009**

**Present:** Cllrs J Bennett (Chair), B Baker, S Burley, B Quant, S Welch.

1. **Apologies.** Cllrs T Pepperall, T Blackmore, M Groom, A Harris, A Pflieger, K Thomas.
2. **Safety Briefing.** Delivered by the Clerk to 4 member of the public and 4 councillors.
3. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr S Burley, advised that he lives next to the applicant of planning application ref. N/09/01400/FUL
4. **Minutes of meeting 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009** were altered at 7.4 response to read sign on notice boards - dog owners to take more care. The minutes were then signed as a true record.
5. **Police Report** - no report.
6. **Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising** - no report.
7. **Parishioner's Question Time.**
  - a.**Q.** Update requested on the condition of the traffic calming hump near Park Lane.  
**R.** A request had been submitted by the PC to Wiltshire Highways to survey the hump  
 It was advised that the PC do not wish to see the removal of the hump, but a possible replacement by a less severe one.
  - b.**Q.** Advice was sought as to whether the worn pavement by the Church roundabout would be repaired at the same time as the roundabout was resurfaced.  
**R.** No advice on this matter has yet been received from Wiltshire Highways.
  - c.**Q.** It was advised that parents are not walking within the barrier of Police “No Parking” bollards at the school bus stop, possibly due to the nettles along the wall.  
**R.** Wiltshire Highways would be tasked to dig out the offending nettles.
  - d.**Q.** Access to the school following the re-routing of the pavement and the erection of bollards around the school bus stop was queried.  
**R.** The new bollards would not effect the access from Church Place into the Butts but would prevent drivers cutting the corner across the school bus stop.
  - e.**Q.** Why are roll numbers so high in the school?  
**R.** Government policy controls roll numbers; however, the largest proportion of pupils are from the school catchment area.
  - f. **Q.** It was requested that, where possible, whenever the PC supported felling of a tree that they recommended that a replacement is planted in same or another area, as too many trees are being lost.  
**R.** It was agreed it would be a good policy, and the PC could recommend this when such applications come before us.
  - g.**Q.** Mr. D Williams was appalled at the standard of driving in the village.  
**R.** Speeding is a major issue and the relationship between the PC, the Police, and Safety Camera Partnership is very good. In the past week it had been advised that more money had been allocated for Safety Camera activity in our area.
8. **Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.**
  - a. Cllr Burley asked if he could try again to get permission for the erection of Vehicle Activated Signs in the village.  
**Action:** It was agreed Cllr Burley could contact Wiltshire Council on this matter.
  - b. Cllr Baker asked if we could find out the legal standing, regarding dog fouling from dogs being walked in groups, as a complaint has been received regarding dogs from the Kennels on Stone Lane.  
**Action:** Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council (Waste & Recycling North) to seek advice on making Stone Lane a designated area where dog fouling is prohibited and fines can be levied for breaches of the bye-law.
  - c. It was reported that it is difficult to walk safely to the post box across the car sales forecourt as cars were being parked too near the road. Also cars parking on the road

opposite caused traffic problems.

**Action:** Cllr Burley offered to talk to the managers about moving their vehicles back and allowing space for visitor parking.

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

Communication received from a resident of Chestnut Springs, concerning the advice from “Environmental Health” that grass cuttings should not be left to rot against a fence.

**Action:** Clerk to establish source of the advice and to confirm this point with the resident.

### 10. Report on Matters Arising from 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009 not on the main agenda.

Minute 7.8 The wall adjacent to Manor Farm and the Manor House is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and they have been advised that the wall is crumbling..

Minute 8.1 The footpath behind Forge Fields and Park View Drive. The kissing gates sound proofing which had been removed has been replaced and holes in path have been filled. Most residents of Park View Drive maintain their hedges and the adjacent farmer’s hedge ditch but still more of the latter needed to be cleared. Local residents would be asked if their bonfires could be used to burn any cleared debris.

### 11. W.C. Planning Applications:

**N/09/01366/FUL** New Agricultural Access on land adjacent to Bridge House, Lydiard Plain. In the interests of road safety – **Support.**

**N/09/01337/TCA** Tree Surgery to two oak trees at Lydiard Millicent School.

**Approved by Wiltshire Council prior to meeting.**

**N/09/01180/FUL** Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of living room addition at 82 Chestnut Springs. Revised plans. **Approved by W.C. prior to meeting.**

**N/09/01400/FUL** Front Porch, Detached Garage and New access at 29 Stone Lane. Provided there is adequate turning for vehicles to exit onto the road forward - **Support.**

#### **W.C. Permission Granted:**

**N/09/01139/FUL** Lordswood, The Butts - Construction of front single storey extension and two storey side and rear extension.

**N/08/02801/S73A** The Yard, Stone Lane, Change of use to scaffolding yard and Office.

#### **Traffic Commission Application:**

It was noted in the Swindon Advertiser that parking for three vehicles was being sought by HM Scaffolding Ltd of The Yard, Stone Lane. It was recommended that a maximum of 2 vehicles to include the current vehicle.

**Action:** Parish Clerk to notify the Traffic Commissioner, before the due date, of the Parish Council’s recommendation.

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

#### **Expenditure:**

		£’s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	293.30
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses Three mobile	9.79*
Newey & Eyre	New Smoke Detector for JCH	14.25*
Inky.Co.UK	Toner Cartridge for Brother Printer	62.09* £86.13*
Lydiard Millicent PH	Hire of Hall	21.00
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	487.33
CPA Horticulture Ltd	Playground woodchip	638.00*
J Bennett	Printing – Cemetery maps	9.18*
North Wilts Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	25.00
Usual DDs	Utilities & Chairs broadband	

Accounts proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Burley, & approved.

**Income for August 2009.** Cemetery 410.00

### **13. Committee Reports:**

**Recreation Field** - Broken and missing posts around the car park have been replaced and most of have been treated with wood preservative.

**JCH** - Still waiting for J Frost to re servicing of shower heads.

**Play Area** - New wood chippings delivered and spread. Cllr Baker would carry out his check in the next week and report to Clerk.

**Cemetery** – Visitors continue to ignore the rules regarding placing of pots and vases on cremated remains memorial slabs. Copies of the map of cemetery plots have been produced and will be used to identify the plots where remedial work is required.

**WC Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board** - The next meeting would be in Cricklade Town Hall on 30 September and either Cllr Pepperall or Cllr Bennett would attend.

**War Memorial Clock** - Quote from the previous guilders in post. The work could be completed within 6-8 weeks from acceptance of quote and it would not require scaffolding as a bosuns chair would be used. The Church and bell ringers need to be informed in advance of the start date of the work.

### **Highways.**

Greenhill - Sign at Blackfords has been moved and the Council is most grateful to Blackfords.

Also - New passing place has 4 verge markers installed, weeds strimmed, in preparation of grass seeding. Top dressing of passing place still to be completed.

Road surfacing - not considered satisfactory along Greenhill. Outcome of any meeting held by Wiltshire Highways not yet known. Highways to be chased again.

Drainage in lower Greenhill - some survey information is conflicting and the way ahead for remedial action is not clear. An interim report will be presented to the Parish Council in October, when a way forward may be reached.

A table showing traffic and speed surveys carried out by the Wiltshire Safety Camera Partnership is to be attached to these minutes.

The finger post at the roundabout has been replaced and looks good. It was noted that the post does not state distances to the destinations.

**14. Update on Holborn Footpath.** Cllr Pepperall had applied for the first £5,000 of grant money from Community Area Grants.

### **15. Parish Steward - next visit September 16/17th**

A list had been prepared by Cllr Bennett to be sent to the Steward.

### **16. Correspondence:**

Mobile Library Service - Leaflets advertising the dates, times and location of the mobile library when it visited Lydiard Millicent had been received to help in boosting numbers. It was suggested that the mobile library uses the Sun Inn Car Park, where coffee is available from 10:30am, rather than Buryfield This would mutually benefit users, the Library Service and possibly the Sun Inn. The manageress of the Sun to be asked for permission and the Library Service to be informed accordingly and the changes publicised.

Wiltshire Council consultation letter to Parish Councils regarding a proposal from Wiltshire Council to remove the anomalies in the bus tokens, taxi vouchers and railcard voucher travel system following the demise of District Councils. No problems were foreseen, although it was unclear if WC had also consulted the users.

W.C. Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board August newsletter 'Just a Minute' - Info only.

Wiltshire Council - Introduction to Councils, and various literature - Info Only.

Mr D Williams - complaint regarding the traffic situation in the village - See Item 7g above.

Cllr Baker brought to the attention of the Council that if you put out the brown "Green Waste" bins before 7 a.m. on the day of collection or did not bring them in before 10 p.m. at night then your whole family could be fined - see back of the WC invoices.

**14. Date of next meeting: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009.**

**8.50pm meeting closed.**

**Minutes approved 1.10.2009.**