

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of 1st October 2009

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

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs A Harris and B Quant.
2. **Safety Briefing.** Delivered to 5 members of the public and 9 Councillors.
3. **Amendments to the Agenda** were made, including expenditure and necessary Planning matters.
4. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr S Welch - owner of dwelling in Planning No 09/01690/FUL.
5. **Minutes of meeting 3rd September 2009** were signed as a true record.
6. **Police Report** - no report
7. **Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.**

Cllr Groom had attended a conference in Torquay, which presented examples of good practice across the region. The Wiltshire Fire Service made a first-class presentation on the 'Salamander' project - to assist youths who needed help. At that conference she saw how some authorities have been successful in recruiting wardens, including youth wardens; the latter take 'ownership' and pride in the appearance of their space and have played a useful part in reducing anti-social behaviour. It is claimed that in some areas crime and disorder figures have fallen by up to 50 per cent.

WC's response to the Pitt Review on Flooding was brought to committee and it was noted that there are a number of recommendations required to be implemented by local authorities, but Wiltshire had not been awarded any funding!

The next Wiltshire Council meeting will be November 10th. A number of Councillors, who are in full time work, are struggling to attend their allotted Committees. It was noted that the Government decides on the number of councillors required by an authority.

8. Parishioner's Question Time.

- a. Q Some parishioners are not happy with the venue of the Mobile Library being moved from Buryfield to The Sun Inn. Those that attended at Buryfield will now have to travel uphill on their homeward journey with their books. Mrs Reed attended the library to join up. There is only one driver in attendance, and it took 30 mins to sign up 2 members.
R. To be monitored by the Council, as we need more locals to use the Mobile Library, lest we lose it.
Q. It was also mentioned that the Library location should have no bearing on helping local companies such as The Sun Inn. Mrs Reed had supported the idea of the coffee morning but was disappointed at the price charged for coffee.
R. The move to the Sun Inn was to try and increase numbers, not to profit the pub. The Sun Inn will be asked to review their prices for the morning coffees.
- b. Q A Leaf-clearing vehicle had only done half the path along The Butts. Both the large and smaller vehicle has tried, but seem unable to get close enough to the fence.
R. This may need to be swept by the Parish Steward or the Street Cleaner to carry a brush.

9. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

- a. Cllr Bennett had a complaint that The Beeches bus shelter glass is green and hard to see through.
R. Cllr Bennett has called at 1 The Beeches where the owner is happy to supply water to steward or groundsman to enable a good scrub of the shelter. Groundsman to be contacted by Clerk.
- b. Resident of Park View Drive has complained that the silencing has failed again on the kissing gate. Cllr Blackmore has restored the original buffer, but on further investigation considers that some of the noise comes from the hinges.
R. Cllrs Blackmore and Pflieger will consider options to cover the spigots.
- c. Resident of The Close complained about cars parking outside their driveways at school times.
R She was advised to contact the police, but WC are drawing up plans for a crossing from the Sun Inn car park, which should help reduce such parking. Chair is chasing.
- d. 1 The Crescent, Common Platt. Ditch behind notice board and phone box no longer exists and will exacerbate the flooding situation in the area.
R. Roger Witt and Danny Everett, of W.C., are to be contacted by Cllr Groom, to investigate.
- e. SID signs are doing the rounds now in Greatfield and Hook. Camera Safety unit are responsible for these. We would like Lydiard Millicent to be next, as when last in The Street, the battery failed. It is known that Wiltshire Highway has no objections to Speed Indicator Devices. Cllr Burley to continue his push to for W.C. approval, or Vehicle Activated Signs, for the Parish to purchase.
- f. Cllr Baker reported a road traffic accident, which had occurred the previous Thursday on Stone Lane. A car was pushed off the road and through a wall by an impatient driver.
R. The Highway Committee need to continue to push for traffic calming.
- g. Cllr Pepperall brought a complaint from residents of Chestnut Springs that traffic leaving the Recreation Field need to be slowed down.
R. It was suggested that the Council consider building their own 'humps', or other speed reduction methods. November Agenda.

10. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention –

Commented that she had needed to stop and go around a vehicle reversing at speed from the Millennium Trail lane, off of Stone Lane, that evening.

11. Report on matters arising from 3rd September 2009 not on the main agenda.

7a. The hump, still waiting for engineer to inspect & report. Drivers are ignoring priority signs.

7b. Worn pavement by roundabout - pavement resurfacing cannot be done by the roundabout team who are due to begin work on 12th and 13th October 2009 - it will be done by another team later.

The School and bus companies have been advised. Advance Warning Signs have been requested.

7c. The Butts parking area - nettles have been dealt with. It was mentioned that in Moredon outside the new infant and junior school they have child shaped bollards which would be good at this site.

R. Clerk to find out who supplies them.

8c. Lydiard Car Sales - Cllr Burley has spoken to the managers re parking on the pavement and on the other side of the road, and asked them to keep cars back to allow a pavement space.

13. Highways - Greenhill road - engineer advises that L.M. is on next year's micro-asphalt program.

Layby surface - an engineer has said a 'tar and spray' will take place sometime during October 2009.

The Highway team say that they have sprayed the weeds and seeded, but no grass growth yet seen.

Lower Greenhill Drainage - still to be reviewed.

14. Holborn footpath - initial grant refused, as no confirmation of required funding of £250K given.

Meeting with Ms Carter of W.C. to be arranged next with Cllrs Groom, Pepperall, and Bennett.

12. Planning Applications

09/01638/FUL 43 Common Platt - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a 2 storey detached dwelling - whilst this planning is larger than previously approved - **No adverse comments.**

09/01400/FUL amendment - 29 Stone Lane - Front Porch, detached garage and new access, moving garage 1 metre further away from the dwelling - **No adverse comments.**

Cllr Welch left the room while this application was discussed.

09/01690/FUL - Long Acres, Stone Lane - Erection of triple garage following demolition of existing outbuildings - **No adverse comments.**

Appeal 08/02822/FUL - 16 Lydiard Green. Erection of 2 no x 3-bed dwellings on land adjacent.

The Appeals Officer will take into consideration our previous remarks and only new remarks are required. The appellant has indicated that they might consider placing one dwelling only on the site. However, the inspector will be looking at two dwellings (refused by WC) and is the basis of the appeal. The Parish Council continue to recommend no dwellings to be built on the site.

Goods Vehicle Licence - The Yard, Stone Lane - The Clerk had written to the Traffic Commissioner with the Councils comments that only one more vehicle to be agreed. They had replied that we, as a Council, could not comment, but they have agreed a site visit.

Wiltshire Council Approvals

N/09/01271/FUL The Willows 20A, Common Platt - Erection of 2 storey front extn to chalet bungalow.

N/09/01280/REG3 - Erection of external shelter and boundary fence at LM School.

N/09/01366/FUL - New agricultural access at land adjacent to Bridge House, Lydiard Plain.

N/09/01416/TCA - Tree surgery at The Old Rectory, Church Place.

13. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	293.30
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	29.74
Do	do	47.92*
L M Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	21.00
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	487.33
Ken Manning	Notice Board at Wood Lane	140.00
Mazars	External Audit	327.75*
TH Pepperall	Printer ribbons	78.16*
Usual DDs	Utilities & Chairs broadband	

Accounts, proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Bennett, were approved.

Income for September - Cemetery £175, Wayleave for Telecom Mast £6.90.

14. Committee Reports:

Recreation Field – Posts & fence panels restoration has been completed.

Last cut resulted in the machine catching the goal post, rendering it unusable.

LMCC were asked to check their insurance. SFC has funded the £100 to replace the damaged part.

JCH J Frost still awaited, however Cllr Bennett has established how to take the shower heads off.

This will be done shortly and pipes flushed to prevent any Legionnaires Disease.

Play Area - Spring Animal still being repaired. Play Area report by Cllr Thomas shows that

replacement handles are required on the Multi-Play unit.

Tree report required from groundsman re condition of trees along the driveway.

Cemetery Report has identified jobs. It was suggested they are divided up into easy to manage sections of work, to be approved one month at a time. A discussion took place over whether or not to purchase Row Markers - possibly in stone. Highworth Memorials to be asked for advice.

Area Board - 30th Sept, was attended by Cllr Bennett, who reported that posted planning notices can be removed after 21 days. Wiltshire Council may be reducing the frequency of grass cuts.

School Travel Plan - no report.

Memorial Clock Gilding - Cllr Baker has met with Gillett and Johnson, who work from Bosuns chairs from top, estimate £3,549, and JB Joyce from Shropshire, who carry out work for Smiths of Derby, work from harnesses £4,290. Both quotes include VAT.

Cllr Baker to confirm with both companies that we could delay until Spring at the current price quoted, and will seek Grants for Places of Worship, and War Memorials. The gilding was last done 20 yrs ago. Add to Accounts Agenda in November.

15. Provision of a kissing gate into field from the track by the closed cemetery. Quotes to be obtained by November meeting.

16. Parking at the Butts Area. Still waiting for plan from Wiltshire County. School Travel Plan meeting to take place with the police re possible parking at area outside school times.

17. Use of Footpath 70 - Car Sales to Sun Inn. Cllrs Blackmore and Pflieger will clear the footpath.

18. Replacement and renovation of Parish Notice Boards - Greenhill board replacement. It was suggested that a new board be sited by the phone box. Highway permission to be sought for the location, then Mr K Manning to be asked to build another new one.

19. Parish Steward - next visit 14/15th October - suggested tasks for this month:

Greatfield - strim around Parish Notice Board.

Greenhill - strim around the telephone kiosk and letter box (near the entrance to Koff's Farm).

Greenhill - strim and weed-kill again at new pull-in.

Greenhill crossroads - strim around boundary stone on Purton road below big road sign.

Beeches to Chestnut Springs roundabout - weed-kill along the pavements.

Path west of Manor Farm House stone wall - clear weeds encroaching from the verge.

Manor Hill - remove vegetation by yellow grit box at the top, just after boundary stone.

Buryfield - weed-kill on the pavement in front of Pond House on the RH side of the entrance.

Common Platt - remove vegetation from grit box at bottom of Stone Lane, 20 yards up from T junction.

Holborn bridge - strim verge in front of parapet.

The Street - strim around sign opposite Badger's Brook just before the turning into Park Lane

Strim verge and remove sapling in Chestnut Springs just before entrance to the Recreation Field.

Trees on The Street in front of the Close. As there is also a request that the trees and undergrowth on the verge after The Beeches turning are cut back, and the trees on the verge near Greenhill crossroads (if W.C. responsibility), could all these trees be better cut by a tractor with flail cutter.

20. Christmas Tree - It was agreed to seek to purchase a 20ft tree this year. Quotes to be sought from Mr Hoare, Titcombes, and via the groundsman.

Cllr Pflieger has found Tree Lights on the web - 400 for £120. Add to November Agenda

21. Precept – Considerations by Public and Councillors for next year's budget.

Traffic Calming, and Memorial Clock on the Church.

22. Correspondence:

Mobile Library - moved to The Sun Inn – W.C. Confirmation

W.Bassett & Cricklade Area Board - 30 Sep 6.30 p.m. Cricklade Town Hall, next 2 Dec Lyneham.

Sustainable Communities Act - action re amendments to the Bill.

NCAP - re name of Community Area P'ship. Poll sheets of possible name changes were handed to Councillors who completed them and returned them to Clerk, to return.

Wiltshire Council - invitation to W.C. Service of Dedication at Salisbury Cathedral - Oct 11, 3 p.m.

Parish Steward Programme - Autumn 2009 - info only.

W. Council - confirmation - Stone Wall reported to Structures Team, and grass area added to list.

23. Date of next meeting: Thursday 5th November 2009.

Meeting closed at 10 p.m.

Minutes approved 5.11.09.