

Amended and signed minutes by Chairman T Pepperall on 6th January
2005

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2ND DECEMBER 2004

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall - Chair, Baker, Bennett, Brimacombe, Groom,
Holloway, and Pflieger.

Apologies for absence - Cllrs Quartly-Bishop, Saunders, Cole, and Groom.

1. Confirm minutes of 4th November 2004, no amendments and
duly signed as a true copy

2. Invitation for local PC to speak

PC Stewart Hulmes attended the meeting and updated the Councillors and
members of the public on his progress to date. Firstly he reassured those
present that Lydiard Millicent had no reported crimes in the past month
compared to 169 in the N. Swindon Sector, 59 in Wootton Bassett, and 10
in Purton.

He had targeted the school as his main project, where his efforts had not
had a positive response from the parents. On the spot speed checks had
been carried out with only verbal warnings issued, and posters had been
placed in numerous places, and a letter to all parents had been sent out to
explain how he hoped to improve the parking and safety issues. Many
parents felt that he was unjustified in putting the posters up and that they
had not had 'fair warning' and they were 'illegal'. He now had some
official police posters and signs together with traffic cones and he will be
returning with them shortly, and any vehicles caught in these restricted
areas will in future be ticketed, repeat offenders will end up in Court.
His message is that safety of the public and children are top priority.

Speeding. Two wires had been in place over a ten day period. 47000
vehicles travelled across the wires with a mean average speed 34.9 miles
per hour, which is well below the speed to warrant any form of speed
cameras.

Manual speed checks were carried out on a Friday morning - 44 miles an
hour was the worst recorded.

Heavy Goods Vehicles. The village does have a problem with these
vehicles with 10 or more observed; a joint operation with speeding and
stop checks are to be carried out in the near future.

Smiley Face signs. He had spoken to Cricklade Town Council, who had
paid for theirs, and he wondered if the Councillors would consider these.
The Chairman said that WCC policy was to limit these as too many are
counterproductive. PC Hulmes commented that there are not a lot of
these particular types in the area, and they would be effective.

Bus Stop. He had spoken to WCC about converting the school bus space to an official bus stop. This will not be confirmed until approx. March 2005, when the police would then be able to ticket parking offenders. Double yellows would also not be confirmed until March 2005.

Cllr Bennett asked about the convoy of school buses, which annoy the public. He replied that the 7.5 ton restriction does not apply to buses, but he would discuss the routes with the contractors and suggest that the empty returning buses find an alternative route. He also commented that he could use random stop and check tests on buses. Mrs P Guest has a list of the buses and the officer will talk to her.

Cllr Baker wanted to know why one bus would not do instead of each bus only picking up two or three children. It seems that buses are year group segregated, as well as covering different schools.

Cllr Pflieger, had visited the One Stop Depot in Southampton, and noted that although the original One Stop problem had ceased at present there were a batch of new lorries coming through, i.e. a six-wheeler milk, and a Hovis lorry. It was thought these may well be other deliveries to One Stop.

In response to Mr Tapscott's question, the Officer believed the chicane was not in the best place. However, alterations already done to the chicane were undertaken on the basis that the Council would not lightly ask for any further costly alterations or its removal in the short term. However the has WCC yet to completed the alterations.

In addition, were the chicane to be removed, the pavement would need to be narrowed to its former dangerous state, which is the main reason why the alterations were originally made. Would it really cost so much to have the chicane removed? Would the benefits not outweigh cost? The Officer is very concerned that he will be called to an incident sooner than later, when a young child might be involved. There are pros and cons over each scenario, but we need to decide whether safety for traffic or pedestrians is more important.

3. County Councillor's report and questions arising. No written report given.

4. District Councillor's report and questions arising. No written report given.

5. Parishioner's Question Time.

Mr Joe Ricketts has been admitted to hospital - The Parish Council wished him a speedy recovery.

Mr D Tapscott asked for a copy of the Standing Orders - Clerk to supply. He also enquired where all the Parish Documents were stored. - They are stored over three or four different areas. However, the more valuable documents had been taken to Archive in Trowbridge some 5/6 years ago. The Council is aware of its responsibility to preserve documents for posterity, but 100% digital storage would be too time-consuming, and not

all items are suitable, such as booklets. It was asked what the procedure was to enable the Council to co-opt a new member. The Chairman confirmed that NWDC send out statutory advertising, and if no replies are forthcoming then the Council may co-opt. It was noted that Cllr Baker was the last member to be elected by ballot.

Mrs Willies asked for an update on the Tree in The Butts - it has been removed.

Mr P Windo. Reported that last month our web site saw another 27 new visitors, which included Swindon BC - there had been 152 downloads. The new software 'Contribute' is making life easier, and he is rebuilding the web site to make all areas 'Contribute' friendly. However, some of the material offered to him is difficult to adapt when it is presented in 'sets'.

Mr N Smith, Chair of Parish Plan, had met with Youth Workers who are endeavouring to set up a Rural Arts Project for 13 -19 year olds. Sponsorship would be needed to enable the group to meet weekly. The project will help teach children 'the arts' in various forms, and may encourage parents and grandparents to take part in the activities. A small article will be put in the Parish Magazine by the Steering Group. It was agreed by the Council that the cost of hiring either of the halls for the purpose for one evening per week for the first quarter of 2005 was agreeable.

Mr Smith indicated that the Parish Plan was due to send out an Update with a Questionnaire, perhaps also on the web site, and hoped that it may be possible for the users of the web site to reply on line. The Update and Questionnaires would also be delivered to all homes in the Parish.

6. Councillor's Reports of Parishioners queries.

Cllr Pflieger agreed with PC Hulmes that there is still a problem with HGV vehicles using the village roads as a short cut and he asked for the 7.5 ton signs to be this months HOT SPOT.

There had been another water leak in Park Lane, which the Water Board had fixed, but still no action on the road surface.

Cllr Bennett - was pleased to report the 'Elms' blocking the footpath to Greatfield has been cut back, and it was possible to pass for the time being. There was a discussion over a 'Dead Elm' Gang, with a three year programme - but run by Wiltshire Highway Partnership.

Cllr Holloway enquired about last month's HOT SPOT (new field gate adj. to The Beeches). The site has been inspected by the Clerk, Chairman and WCC Highway Engineer, together with the two adjacent home owners. The hedge was grubbed out this year to put in the gate, and the entrance is not an agreed highway access. A new entrance on to a 'C' road needs planning permission. The situation has been reported to NWDC Planning Enforcement with a request that the hedge be re-instated. The Highway Engineer indicated that permission would not be given even on a retrospective application.

Rather than wait for consequential action, it was suggested that if there is no highway access, then a appropriate bollard might be installed - Council to seek advice on this.

7. Report on matters arising from 4th November 2004 not on the main agenda.

NW Local Plans have been published in Draft. Cllr Groom and Cllr Pepperall have reviewed them. No further action needed at present.

The County tier will be removed within 7 years; the SW Regional and Local Plan levels will be left, which may make the process quicker, but may offer less opportunity for public input.

S W Regional Spatial Strategy – Chairman and Cllr Groom have written a reply. A letter has also been sent to Swindon BC against the proposed Hay Lane link with Wootton Bassett.

A further visit by Mr Gibbs, WCC Highway Engineer with Chairman reviewed :-

Bus stop sign. – it has now been suggest that a new sign 60m before the roundabout opposite the pub be installed. Contact Mr A Wyatt, WCC.

Red road surface at Greatfield - will not be re-surfaced until the spring.

Park Lane – Mr Gibbs suggested adding a further gulley, and again indicated that it would be a re-surface not a patching job, but could not say when.

Cllr asked that a kerb be placed on the west side of the verge to prevent further erosion by vehicles.

Bagbury Lane, Grips and Gulleys have been done.

New kerbs have been requested to prevent the erosion of the verge – we will be added to the list.

Lorries would be likely to ignore new kerbs if the are re-instated in the original position.

Repair of sunken road and potholes in Greenhill has again been promised – a proper drainage scheme is proposed, and will be added to the list for future implementation.

Mr Gibbs has arranged a further meeting to discuss the provision of a Drop Kerb in Buryfields, as per precept request.

Footpath behind the Garage forecourt is now clear of the mattress and horse manure.

Future of footpath and the possibility of installing a dividing line to be discussed at another meeting.

Greensend bushes – the owner does not wish to have responsibility as it is on WCC land. Grounds man would be asked trim them annually, and WCC would be asked to cut the grass.

(The above items are for information only).

8. Planning Applications

- 04/03219/FUL Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 9 Holborn, L.M. NWDC have written to 3, 8 and 10 Holborn. **No adverse comments.**
- 04/03286/FRC Consultation on felling licence - amendment to forest design plan at Webbs Wood, Brinkworth. **Support.**
- 04/03084/FUL Loft Conversion, front and rear extensions at 2 Park View Drive, L.M.
NWDC have written to 1 and 3, PVD, and 20 and 23 The Street. Building in front of existing line at front is thought will cause a parking/traffic issue - overlarge front extension. **Oppose the Front extension, but Loft and Rear - No adverse comment.**
- 04.02771/FUL New Barn at Four Oaks Park - **Application withdrawn** 25.11.2004.

9. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Mrs R Leckie	Salary	£230.00
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	£40.69*
Mr R Nicholas	Groundsman	£119.16
Shaw F.C.	Line marking	£100.00
L.M. Parish Hall	Hire of Hall Parish Council	£15.00
L.M. Parish Hall	Parish Plan	£13.50
Mr T H Pepperall	Key cutting and Floodlight bulb	22.57*
British Gas	JCH	£3.95
Ordnance Survey	Annual licence fee for P. Plan maps	£55.81*
Mrs M Groom	Mileage allowance EIP Chippenham	£62.88
British Telecom	JCH	£11.47
Mr T Pepperall	'Dog' sign for Recreation Field gate	£70.50*
Mr P Windo	Software	99.13*

(50% agreed to be paid from Parish Plan funds).

The above accounts were approved by Cllr B Baker and seconded by Cllr Bennett.

10. Committee Reports.

Recreation Field. An extra grass cut has been made - £80 to facilitate pitch hire.

Quotes to redo white lines and yellow hatching in Car Park. Best quote was £410.00 ex. VAT.

The job should last 10 years. To be added to accounts at January 2005 meeting.

Mr Frost has been asked to mend a broken post in the Car Park, and is still researching a new Spotlight.

Post Office. We have been approached to incorporate a sub-post office into the Jubilee ClubHouse.

The 'Post Office' representative would need to come and see the plans, and there would be a P.O.grant available to the applicant. He would like a picture window be installed in the meeting room, to look out onto the

field, and a car park CCTV may be required. Opening hours could be 9-1 and 2-5 weekdays, which would not interfere with football or cricket. A suitable rent would be agreed -it was thought unlikely that the JCH could do better by actively advertising the room for parties. A charge of £100.00 was a thought a reasonable price in relation to the applicants expected profitability.

The Chairman asked that Councillors provide him with feedback. Agenda item for January 2005.

ClubHouse CCTV is now working after a period of repair

RoSPA Play Areas Report. Recommendation that the Council fix the gate with a self closing spring on the main gate, repair and affix a 'no dogs allowed' sign and an ownership sign. - The gate's 'dog' sign is now ready for installation. 'Ownership sign' to be ordered. Gate to be left as it is until the need to replace it.

Other suggestions included the levelling of the edge to Spring Animals in The Mews, to aid access to the disabled child. Discussion was held over this, levelling the edge would lead to the wood chip being kicked out. Installing ramps would cause a trip hazard. As no member of the public has complained and it was given a 'low risk' rating, no further action to be taken.

Disability Audit suggested adding arms to the seat - this may be done when the seats need replacing.

11. Precept Consideration 2005/6 -

Replace the cemetery gates and disguise the spoil (sub-committee meeting needed) - £350 allocated.

Gateway signs approx. £800 per sign provided no traffic management needed during installation.

No route to school funding available this year - the school needed to apply by the end of November. The best way at Greatfield would be a proper bus shelter, with a 50% grant up to £2,500 ex. VAT. Quotes for bus shelters approx. £3,000 plus pavement. Shelter seats approx. £500 per bus shelter panel.

Dropped kerbs for Buryfield approx. £500/600 each.

It was generally thought that £13,000 was acceptable and it was proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Brimacombe that the precept be set at £13,000 for 2005/6. There were no objections.

12. Co-option nominations - There were no nominations. It was agreed that the Council would place an advertisement for a new Councillor on the notice boards and in The Magazine.

Proposed advertisement to be circulated in advance.

13. Joint Cemetery with Lydiard Tregoze - new proposals have been suggested by LTPC.

It was agreed in principle that if an appropriate piece of land can be found in Lydiard Millicent, then no objection would be made to a joint project with Lydiard Tregoze.

14. Dial a Ride

£500 given this year as an emergency grant. LMPC is requested to give a further £500 in 2005/6, to facilitate further grant applications. Purton PC promised another £1,000. It was agreed that a grant of £250 is better suited to our precept. Proposed by Cllr Brimacombe and seconded by Cllr Baker. Agreed

15. Local Plan 2011 Dealt with in matters arising

16. Sign Clerks Contract

Delay until January 2005. Terms and conditions Green Book needed to be obtained by the Clerk.

17. Post Office Update See Committee Reports

18. Correspondence

Clerk telephoned re Streetworking Project - Contact names have been given to the organisers.

The Standards Board - Dual-hatted members Code of Conduct - Guidance for members - one each.

Area Two Committee Agenda for 1st December 2004

NWDC Dev Control committee Agenda for 24th November 2004 - No items for LMPC.

WALC County Circular No 11/04 - see 1, 2, 7 and 8. Minute.

NWDC Review of Parish Electoral arrangements - no change to LMPC.

Clerks and Councils Direct - November 2004 publication - available to read from Clerk.

Wootton Bassett Christmas Lights - 3rd December 2004 - Advertising on notice boards.

Splash - Thank you in general for donations and update on their years work.

**19. Date of next meeting Thursday 6th January 2004 LMPHall.
Meeting closed 10.15 p.m.**