

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 4th February 2010

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), T Blackmore, M Groom, A Harris, A Pflieger, B Quant, K Thomas.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs B Baker, J Bennett, S Burley and S Welch.
2. **Safety Briefing.** Was delivered to 7 Cllrs and 4 members of the public.
3. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
4. **Minutes of meeting 7th January 2010.** Amended at item 16, some copies had 'hot cross buns' instead of 'mince pies' - then signed as a true copy.
5. **Police Report.** No report.
6. **Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising**
 - a. The important item currently is the budget and Cabinet is expected to make the following recommendation, amongst others, to Council on 23rd February 2010: Approval of the proposed Council Tax increase of 2.3% (average) with a Band D equivalent of £1,222.43.
A briefing note on the new method of assessment was made available to members.
Fire Authority when setting their budget for the coming year has placed in a reserve to help with the following year which is thought will be leaner. This contingency plan is being used by many services.
 - b. Wootton Bassett School Governors had an interesting and informative first meeting with Mr George Croxford, the recently appointed Head of Wootton Bassett School.
 - c. On the local Ward side I was very grateful to the Northern Planning Committee for refusing an additional access point (along Bagbury Lane) to the Bagbury Industrial site in Lydiard Millicent. That particular area has been the subject of two serious accident investigations recently.
 - d. Wiltshire Council survived the recent cold snap and still has reserves of salt and grit.
 - e. A Consultation on Waste can be viewed at libraries consisting of 4 large documents. Cllr Groom will forward relevant objections to Chairman for formulating a Parish response to the Strategy document. It was promised Studley Grange site would finish in 2010, and it is still included in new plans.
 - f. Core Strategy - sustainability report in March will look at Pitt recommendations on flooding.
 - g. Audit Commission looking at Wiltshire Council need further info on climate change and housing.

7. Parishioner's Question Time.

- a. Mrs Willies reported drivers were parking on pavements and on the Butts corner.
- b. Mrs Jo Smith, had become our new Co-ordinator for Neighbour Watch. She told the meeting that her aims would be to get the scheme more active, incorporating as any areas as possible. For this to happen volunteers are needed from the areas not currently covered. She will place an article in the Lydiard Magazine seeking volunteers for the area co-ordinators.

8. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

Another speed check was reported in Stone Lane - some drivers had received tickets.

9. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention. None.

10. Report on matters arising from 7th January 2010 not on the main agenda.

- a. The footpath behind Park View Drive needs the hedging cut back to keep the path clear. The sign to direct walkers to Lydiard Park is ready for erection. Cllrs Pflieger & Blackmore offered to look at the path and report back on the work needed.
- b. Holborn footpath - waiting for suggestions on path and new Parish Plan committee, which may be re-established. The Parish Plan is now 5 years old and in need of updating.
- c. Cllrs Bennett and Pepperall attended the Enforcement Seminar. No new ways of dealing with the problems were offered, but handouts may prove useful.
- d. Cllrs Bennett and Pepperall attended the Area Board meeting. It was reported that services like the Fire Authority do not have enough funding to attend all of the scheduled meetings.

11. Planning Applications

N/10/00161/FUL - 14 Greenhill, erection of two storey extension to side.

This will double the size of the building, but would be in keeping with the other adjacent cottages.

However, it means losing another small dwelling. After discussion agreed to **No Adverse Comment.**

N/10/00240/FUL - 9 Downs View, proposed single storey, rear & side extns **No adverse comment.**

These applications had not been received prior to writing the Agenda, therefore residents had not had a chance to comment, and any comments received would be forwarded to Wiltshire Council.

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N/09/02103/FUL Unit 1 Bagbury Lane was refused due to road safety and lack of information re expected usage for the new entrance. This could change if a new tenant were to take over the unit.

Wiltshire Council Planning Appeal

09/01638/FUL 43 Common Platt. Demolition of existing & erection of two storey detached dwelling. Previously the Council had sent No Adverse Comments for this application. The Appeal committee will have these comments. There is a current planning permission for a smaller construction and the building is currently being demolished. The meeting was asked whether or not they wished to support Wiltshire Council's stance to oppose the application. It was agreed not to vary our previous comments as several Councillors would prefer to see this approved.

12. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	293.30
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	93.62*
Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	21.00
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	487.33
SLCC	Practitioners Guide	22.00
Inside Out	Cemetery Levelling	1016.40
Usual DDs	Utilities & Chairs broadband	

The above accounts were proposed by Cllr Pflieger and seconded by Cllr Thomas and approved.

There is still no explanation as to the extra electric costs during the summer at the JCH. A Shaw FC member is to carry out a PAT test on the electrical equipment on the site, he will be asked if he can suggest any cause.

13. Committee Reports:

Recreation Field - signs received but a plan of the services is needed before erecting the 'slow' sign. Waiting for Cotswold Tree surgeons to contact us with a start date.

JCH – none.

Play Area - Cllrs Thomas and Pepperall arranged to go and take photos of the strained handle, to be sent out to companies to source a replacement.

Cemetery - waiting for confirmation that the levelling work has been carried out satisfactorily.

Clock re-gilding started. It was questioned whether the Memorial Clock fund is a charity which could receive gift aid of 28%.

Lydiard Green common land - a request had been received to place a gate on the land, but this has since been withdrawn.

14. Parish Steward - next visit **16/17th February** 2010. Suggestions - work on hedge of footpath behind Park View Drive, and Litter Pick west from the millennium trail to Toomers along Stone Lane.

15. Adoption of BT Boxes.

The Parish Council has sent the contracts to BT for the sponsorship of the telephone box in The Street, awaiting the return of the Contract and invoice. Common Platt telephone box was not listed on Purton or Swindon's list - BT have been asked to confirm its status.

16. Correspondence.

a. Grit bin survey - on behalf of Wiltshire Council, re condition, position, necessity - completed.

b. Request received to place a new bin at The Close - position to be agreed by Wiltshire Council.

SBC - Supplementary Planning doc. - Design Access Submission, Swindon Core Strategy

- Public consultation 18.1.2010 - 1.3.2010 - information available from Clerk.

Cllr Groom recommended that this be looked at just in case there is anything detrimental in it.

Volunteers required to review this consultation.

c. Flood working group - Wiltshire County are inviting Local Councils to nominate a Parish Flood Warden and Parish sub-committee. Cllr B Quant would be happy to be a warden, but had not yet been invited to any of the flood working group meetings. Cllr Groom will try to facilitate this.

d. Wiltshire and Swindon Draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document Consultation 27.1.2010 – 17.3.2010. Cllr Groom to consult with us on a response (see above Item 6.e).

e. Consequences of the closure of RAF Lyneham in 2012 were discussed.

17. Date of next meeting: Thursday 4th March 2010

Minutes approved 4.3.2010.