

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of 29th April 2010 (May Meeting)

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), J Bennett, B Baker, S Burley, A Pflieger, and B Quant.

Late attendance by: Cllrs A Harris and S Welch

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs T Blackmore, M Groom, & K Thomas.

2. Safety Briefing: To 6 Cllrs, 5 parishioners.

3. Declarations of Interest: None.

4. Minutes of meeting 1st April 2010: Signed as correct.

5. Police Report: None.

6. Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising. Apologies given - no report.

A replacement member will be needed on the Northern Community Area Partnership, as County Cllr Groom has stepped down to avoid any conflict of interest.

7. Parishioner's Question Time.

a. It was commented on by a parishioner that their rates are higher than many, and yet the drains at the Beeches are still blocked some 3 or 4 years later. Please can Council ask Wiltshire Council for money to be made available to rectify the blockage.

b. Mr D. Cobb introduced himself to the meeting as a relatively new resident who is concerned about traffic issues in the village, especially speeding at the Holborn bend, and is keen to get involved. He had been given much of the up to date information by Cllr Bennett prior to the meeting.

c. It was asked if it was common for the police to be on the Agenda but not turn up. The Council reported that they do receive regular updates on the internet, and reports by email from time to time, along with routine parish visits. The Police in turn receive copies of the Agenda and Minutes of the Council. The item is on the Agenda as an opportunity for them to speak when they are able to attend.

d. The Police had caught a large number of speeding motorists in Common Platt/Nine Elms recently. Some will be prosecuted - most received a warning.

e. Update on the request to WC for 'red road markings' or 'lines', prior to 30mph signs. However, there are more bids than funds available. No decision has yet been made by Wiltshire Council.

f. The Wiltshire Safety Camera Unit has temporarily placed a mobile speed sign in Lydiard Green on their rota system. Our next 'turn' is eagerly awaited.

g. Cllr Pflieger commented that he had spotted some speed signs with 'smiley faces' when you had obeyed the speed limit, and 'sad faces' when not, at Edith Weston in Rutland.

8. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

a. Cllr Baker had following a bus through the village and noticed the bus continuously exceeding the 30mph limit, and had made an official complaint to Thamesdown Bus Company for speeding. Thamesdown had sent a written response that the driver is being investigated. The majority of buses are fitted with CCTV, which provide useful evidence.

b. Cllr Bennett reported that the current school bus route has been forwarded to the Area Boards as an issue for discussion. The proposal is that the school buses should go via The Pry in to Purton, unless picking up children from the village. WC officers are to meet to discuss this prior to the next Board meeting. Next Area Board 26th May - neither of Cllrs Pepperall or Bennett are able to attend.

c. Greenhill road repairs. Cllr Harris reported to the meeting that the first he knew of the impending road re-surface was on Monday. He had not tried to stop the work going ahead at this late stage, but wished to make Wilts Council aware that insufficient planning and notice had been carried out. Deliveries and work schedules had needed to be rescheduled to accommodate the road closure.

As a result of communication back and forwards to WC from Cllr Groom & himself, agreement had been reached to schedule some of the road re-surfacing at night.

He stated that this was not the worst problem in the Parish, and that many roads are worse. The Chairman stated that this work was a correction of a trial resurfacing from the previous year, and was one of 2 of 17 areas in the County that had failed.

The Chairman agreed that the planning stage could have been organised much better, and comments will be passed on to the relevant department, in the hope that they will improve their standard.

9. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention.

A bracelet was found, by 'the bushes' near Greenhill crossroads, during the litter pick. An appropriate item is to be placed on the 'Lost & Found' section of the web site.

10. Report on matters arising from 1st April 2010 not on the main agenda.

The Close Grit Bin - the residents have spoken - 37 of 53 responses wished it to remain where it is. The W.C. bin is not to be painted, and needs to be close to the kerb for access. *(The above items are for information only).*

11. Planning Applications

N/10/01129/FUL. 32 Stone Lane, LM. First floor rear extension. **No adverse comments.**

N/10/01203/FUL. 11 Lydiard Green, LM. Single storey extension to rear.

Copy of letter to WC received from 16 Lydiard Green asking for confirmation of boundaries.

Apart from drawing WC's attention to the boundary issue - **No adverse comments.**

Wiltshire Council Approvals

N/10/00807/FUL 4 Downs View, Lydiard Millicent - Extension, and Conservatory.

N/10/00563/CLE Badgers Brook, The Street - Roof Dormer, and garage conversion.

N/10.00549/FUL Badgers Brook, The Street - Erection of Porch.

N/10/00293/FUL 15 The Beeches - Rear and side single storey extensions.

N/10/00546/FUL 30 Park Lane - First floor extension, and single storey extension.

N/10/00692/TCA 'Lordswood' - Fell 2 Leylandii hedges.

S/10/0343/HECO 210 Dwellings on Hook Street. Copy of the reply on behalf of WC to SBC - also opposing the application.

Question asked regarding the appeal at 43 Common Platt - no information to date.

12. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	293.30
Lydiard Millicent P. Hall	Hire of Hall	21.00
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	499.51
SFC	White Lining	100.00
BT Plc	Annual fee for sponsorship of BT Box	352.50*
Inf. Comm. Office	Data Protection Act renewal	35.00
Cotswold Tree Surgeons	Rec Field tree trimming	881.25*
T Pepperall (Viking)	Printer paper	16.32*
T Pepperall (34SP.Com)	Hosting Fee	17.95*
J Bennett (Spaldings)	10 Litter Pickers	116.33*
WALC/NALC	Annual Subscriptions	484.06*
AE Evans Ltd	2 Rope handles for play equipment	105.40*
LM Cricket Club	Grass cut recreation field	60.00
Came & Co	Insurance renewal (incl. 5% discount)	706.93*

Discussion was held over the Insurance Companies offer - if we agree to stay with them for a 3year term then they were offering a 5% discount starting this year. We confirmed with the company that were their rates to rise unduly, then we may opt out of the agreement. It was agreed to accept the offer.

Usual DDs Utilities & Chairs broadband

The above accounts were proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Bennett, and approved. Capital Reserves held for large projects has been re-invested at Lloyds Bank for 6m @ 0.9%. April 2010 Income - SFC £368, Cemetery £350, 1st half of precept £7000.

13. Committee Reports

Recreation Field - Football ends May 2, and cricket starts May 8.

SFC has asked for practice sessions over the summer - they will avoid cricket dates.

This should add some £500 of extra income this year. The fees have not been increased for this year - they are to be reviewed at the end of 2010, ready for March 2011.

We have agreed to allow LMCC sublet for 8 matches, under their supervision. Clerk to check their insurance for the relevant public indemnity.

Play Area - Cllr Baker to pass report on to the Clerk.

Cemetery - Groundsman to do further grass seeding in the cemetery. A resident has kindly made a very good job of cutting back the Viburnum, and mending the crack in the wall.

Our grateful thanks are given.

Church Clock - a good job was done - invoice awaited.

Cllr. Alan Pflieger left the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

Cemetery Document - Some minor amendments were recommended, and then the set of rules can be issued, when plots are purchased. The Clerk will also start a programme to send copies to the identifiable next of kins, for existing plots.

Cost of printing £9.85 for £50 - it was agreed to order 100 - charge to be confirmed.

Re flowers on the graves - some heather still to be removed - Groundsman to be reminded.

14. Parish Plan and Holborn Footpath. On May 13, as well as the usual APM reports, there will be the inaugural meeting of the Parish Plan Update, which should restart discussions for the footpath.

The School Headmistress will update us on the new school build.

15. Village Spring Clean - Report. Thanks were given to Cllr Bennett for organising this and arranging the volunteers (with some new faces this year), and many thanks to those volunteers for their help. Feedback indicated that we needed some heavier and better signage for the future.

16. Parish Steward - next visit 22/23rd June 2010. Cllr Bennett has met the new Steward, and possible tasks were outlined.

17. Correspondence.

Receipt of BT plc Signed Contract form re the sponsorship of The Street telephone box.

Wiltshire Council - Community Speed Watch in Wiltshire leaflets - information only.

SBC. Invitation to contribute to consultation re the Contaminated Land Strategy for Wiltshire.

NCAP - reply requested for 'facilities for youths'.

Health and Safety - local course for Play Area Regulations.

18. Date of AGM and APM 13th May 2010, 7.30 p.m. Posters to be displayed.

19. Urgent Planning slot c.o.n. on 13th May after AGM and before APM.

20. Date of next full meeting - Thursday 3rd June 2010, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.00 p.m.

Minutes approved 3.6.10.