

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of 1st April 2010

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), J Bennett, S Burley, M Groom, A Pflieger, K Thomas,

1. **Apologies for absence.** B Quant, S Welch, A Harris, B Baker, T Blackmore.
2. **Safety Briefing.** 5 Parishioners, and 6 Councillors were present, all of whom new the safety drill.
3. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
4. **Minutes of meeting 4th March 2010.** 8b line 2, grammar was unclear - sentence re-written.
A Harris was missed from the apologies. 13 Mr Smith was 'asked', not tasked.

5. **Police Report.** As part of a series of appearances, the police will be present for questions and comments at the Parish Hall on 6th April at 8.30 a.m. It was pointed out that this was a school holiday. Clerk to write and remind them school is closed.

6. Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.

Wiltshire Council has £1.2m extra gov't funding to help pay for repairs to roads and potholes.

Cllr Groom has sent them a list of potholes and road issues for their attention.

They had responded that on further consideration, the 2nd coating of the road in Greenhill will not now be done. They consider the 'experiment' to be a success. This was not acceptable to the Councillors or Parishioners present. Residents' comments would be sought and representation sent to W/Council.

Salaries are being held down, budgets are on course and are being carefully scrutinized.

The amalgamation of 5 computer systems is proving very difficult. The new system 'SAP' will leave a useful audit trail of costs.

Wiltshire Council is reported to be trying to cancel a Special Educational Needs unit at the Longleaze School in Wootton Bassett. Councillor Groom advised this is being met with resistance.

210 homes are proposed on Hook Street. A meeting was held last week in West Swindon, attended by Cllrs Pepperall, Groom & Quant. P Willis (LTPC), Ann Snelgrove MP, and all present, opposed it.

7. Parishioner's Question Time.

A. Mrs Reed reported that Mrs Tracey Rapson has volunteered to run 'Open Gardens' this year, and has chosen Fathers Day, 20th June – more details at next meeting.

B. Mr Tapscott reported that an article in the Western Daily Press last month had indicated that several villages in Wiltshire have purchased a speed camera gun, and been trained by the police. Question, could our village do a similar scheme. Reply - this was discussed last year, and we chose not to use the 'speed watch scheme' where we would lose the existing Police Safety Camera Unit scheme. It is still believed that the current scheme is a better deterrent, and that the 'speed watch scheme' could prove to be a risk from angry motorists to operators of the speed camera.

C. Is there any news on the proposed Highway Workshops? Reply – not yet, still chasing. Hopefully the new Parish Plan Update Committee will review highway issues.

E. Turning circle at bottom of Greenhill, full of potholes, has been reported.

Ditches in lower Greenhill – more research is needed before a co-ordinated proposal can be put to residents.

H. It was said that the condition of the roads in the County were much better when Councils hired their own workmen, rather than putting the work out to contractors.

I. The activity near Greenhill crossroads, with lorries in and out of the field on the corner, will possibly continue for a further 6 weeks. The field belongs to Mr Marklove, and the soil is being injected with natural waste.

K. Mrs. Willies reported that the kerbing is both loose and sunken at the western end of The Butts parking area. Reply – the County proposals for renovation of the area should rectify this, but it may be delayed until after the new School is built. The plans include a new path beside the wall, protected by railings, and possibly bollards.

8. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

3 large potholes outside The Paddocks, The Street, were reported again. When it rains the water hides their depth and damages to vehicles are inevitable. Cllr Groom to contact W/C Highways.

9. **Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention** - no report

10. Report on matters arising from 4th March 2010 not on the main agenda.

8a. Cllr Burley had not yet spoken to the Car Sales in The Street - to be done.

19. Grit bin at The Close - the last meeting agreed that the resident would need to consult with his neighbours. Cllr Pepperall having spoken to the complainant again is told 5 members of the public oppose the bin's current location. A letter is to go out to the residents of The Close to vote for their preferred position. To be decided at next Parish Council meeting.

Further to the decision by Wiltshire Council not to re-surface Greenhill, it will be necessary to obtain details of problems from Greenhill residents, for Parish Council to then contact Wiltshire Council.

11. Planning Applications

N/10/00807/FUL 4 Downs View. Side 1st floor extension, and Conservatory.

No adverse comments.

N/10/00692/TCA. 'Lordswood', The Butts. Fell 2 Leylandii hedges.

No adverse comments from neighbours or councillors.

S/10/0343 Outline application for 210 dwellings, Hook St., Swindon.

LMPC had been asked by SBC to comment. The land is adjacent to Lydiard Park and West Swindon. It was agreed to oppose this application for the following reasons.

Flooding concerns – land in West Swindon already being flooded.

Traffic concerns – the extra traffic will be further burden to Hook Street and West Swindon, let alone Windmill roundabout and Junction 16.

The one entrance will be on Hook Street, against proposed guidelines for the number of dwellings.

It is outside of the Swindon settlement line.

It has never been included in any previous Wiltshire or Swindon Core Strategy documents.

Outline application is only an indication of final numbers, which could be much higher.

Environmentally - a loss of setting at Lydiard Park.

Permission Granted

N/10/00161/FUL. 14 Greenhill, Lydiard Millicent - Two-storey extension to side.

N/10/00240/FUL. 9 Downs View, Lydiard Millicent - Rear and side extensions.

11a. Alteration of parking area at The Butts - approve railings.

It was agreed to request the Derwent, galvanised plus PPC, which was most appropriate, and in keeping with the church, cottage and conservation area. Safety is the most important aspect.

If this option is too expensive, it was agreed we should consider offering the extra funding. It was also agreed to request inclusion of the requested bollards, missed off the W/C plans.

12. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure

		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	293.30
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses (2 months)	114.18*
Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	21.00
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	487.33
SFC	White Lining	100.00
Mr M Smith	Spoil Removal at Cemetery	50.00
SLCC	Clerk training course on Health and Safety	116.62*
Mr T Pepperall	Renewal of Web Host Fee	17.95*
Mr T Pepperall	Chairman's expenses 2009/10	123.28*

Cemetery cheque to Inside Out can now be released.

Usual DDs Utilities & Chairs broadband

Accounts proposed by Cllr Pflieger, seconded by Cllr Groom, and approved.

Income received in March - Lydiard Plain grant £2,088.00, Pitch hire £299, Maps/Guides £92.

12a Inside Out Ltd notification of increase in charges by 2.5% from 1st April 2010 - accepted. October 2010 - diarise to begin process for new tenders for the contract.

12b Lydiard Plain. Request from Mr Meredith to renew the rental. Agreed at £750.00 as before. He is to be asked if there is any work that is needed to be done.

13. Committee Reports.

Recreation Field - thanks to Cllr Burley for erecting the 3 signs.

Trees have been lopped - invoice awaited.

JCH - Electricity usage is still a concern. SEB is to put a test meter on the box. Possible options of installing meters in the kitchen were discussed.

Play Area (Cllr Pepperall) - the £90 quote, proposed by Cllr Groom, and seconded by Cllr Burley, was approved, to order the 2 trapeze handles from the current playground supplier.

Cemetery - most of the work on the levelling has been carried out.

It was agreed that a copy of the rules should be issued to relatives.

Church Clock - work completed - invoice awaited.

14. Holborn Footpath - Waiting for the Parish Plan Update to begin. Letters and posters advertising the launch on May 13th to be circulated.

15. Parish Plan Update – It is hoped that a nucleus of Cllrs will put forward their names for the 13th May to take part in the process.

16. Village Spring Clean - 25th April. Getting good response already, but more volunteers needed.

17. Parish Steward - Gulleys, grips and holes work done in March.

Next visit 20th/21st April 2010:

Cllr Bennett volunteered to meet the new steward.

Church crossing still needs clearing.

Bus stop at Holborn - not a Steward's task - Cllr Burley offered to look at clearing off the graffiti before we consider the expense of renewing the panels.

18. Correspondence:

Parish Steward - Spring Programme - information only.

WALC - Newsletter March 2010 - information only.

Wiltshire Council - Newsletter March 2010 - information only.

Your Wiltshire - Magazine March 2010 - information only.

Clerks and Councils Direct - March 2010 - information only.

The Clerk - Magazine March 2010 - information only.

Rural Payments Agency - Application form for coming year. Complete by 17th May.

Enforcement Training for Town and Parish Councils - 12th May 2010 - some interested members but 5 p.m. time not suitable at on a weekday.

19. Date of next meeting: Thursday 29th April 2010, 7.30pm, as Elections to be held on 6th May.

20. AGM and APM: Thursday 13th May, 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.20p.m.

Minutes approved 29.4.2010.