

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 3rd June 2010

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), J Bennett, T Blackmore, M Groom, A Pflieger.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs B Baker, A Harris, K Thomas, S Welch.
2. **Safety Briefing** to 4 members of the public and 5 councillors.
3. **Declarations of Interest.** None
4. **Minutes of meeting 29th April (May) 2010** were signed as a true record.
5. **Police Report.** The police had agreed to attend the Highway meeting on the 10th June at Bagbury Park.
6. **Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.**

There is much controversy over the Ridgeway Farm application - see Item 11, Planning. The new government has promised to repeal the Regional Spatial Strategy, which will reduce the total of new dwellings required, particularly west of Swindon.

New charges are to be implemented during June regarding dropping of litter and parking charges. Cllr Pflieger reported that it is difficult to reconcile the litter dropping fees when places such as Lydiard Park only have one small bin per car park - small skips or more bins would be appropriate. Also the car parks do not have dog bins. Cllr Groom would investigate.

7. Parishioner's Question Time.

W.C. received many congratulations for the brand new road surface at Greenhill.

A resident reported that grass cuts have been carried out from the Washpool bridge to Tewksbury Way both sides, but they had again missed the section from the notice board to the bridge. Previous Cllrs tried to find out who owned the land many years ago.

Ridgeway farm application - residents considered that the planners have the proposed road scheme wrong, and that blocking off the road by The Forresters would be split the community, and create more rat run traffic through Common Platt.

Mrs Willies queried whether WC owned her wall. Cllr Blackmore confirmed that he had found deeds stating he owned his part of the wall and would assume the same would apply. However, Mrs Willies wall is beyond her chain link boundary fence. The crumbling wall is, however, a civil matter, and the group of residents affected may consider taking action against WC for the cost of repair, on the basis that the wall had been poorly constructed.

A resident complained that the bushes at Lydiard Green are not cared for in the same way as that as the raised beds on The Street. The resident was informed that volunteers care for the raised beds. Volunteers have since been found to look after the beds at Lydiard Green.

Thanks were given to the Parish Council for arranging a Highway meeting at Bagbury Park, Lydiard Green with the Police on June 10.

8. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

Cllr Bennett followed up on the cleaning of the Beeches bus shelter. It transpires that WC cleaned this one in error. When asked if we could use the Parish Steward again, there was no precise answer. It was then suggested that a volunteer be sought to keep this bus shelter clean now.

Holborn bus shelter - WC recommended a product that costs £89.99 for a type of wet wipe - this was rejected as being too high a cost. Cllr Burley will be asked if his offer to grind down the panels still stands.

Cllr Pflieger had followed up on the 'smiley face' Speed Signs from last meeting, and has been supplied with the name and address of the firm who provided them - to be forwarded to Clerk.

9. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention.

The Clerk mentioned that the Holborn welcome sign was hidden in long grass. However, a grass cut had occurred during the day and this has been dealt with.

Nine Elms/Common Platt bridge - the hedges are in need of cutting back, as they catch vehicles when pulling in to allow oncoming traffic to pass.

10. **Report on matters arising from 29th April (May) 2010 not on the main agenda.** None.
(The above items are for information only).

11. Planning Applications

N/10/01493/FUL	Selbrook Villa, 19 Washpool. Change of use of the existing building from C2 to C3.	Supported.
N/10/01561/FUL	Webbs Wood, 1 Wood Lane, Braydon. Side extension.	No adverse comments.
N/10/01524/FUL	Endley, 7 Park View Drive, Lydiard Millicent. Replacement of Conservatory with an Orangery.	No adverse comments.

Proposed residential development at Ridgeway Farm, Swindon.

A task group has been convened to meet with the developers.

MP is opposes this application, and members of the public have signed petitions against it.

Implications of closing the road, flooding, school, and general infrastructure are all reasons the public have against the application.

Councillors agreed that cutting off the road, to what is locally known as New Common Platt, would be detrimental to the community, and could alienate the school, causing a drop in numbers, which could jeopardise the current 'one class per year' system. An initial objection has been made to the developers, which was ratified at the meeting, with the general opinion being that this application has little to recommend it, apart from helping the required Swindon numbers. This too will change under the new government legislation to rescind the Regional Spatial Strategy building allocations.

Late Planning

N/10/01743/FUL	32 The Close, Swindon. First floor extension over garage and linking to house, ground floor extension to garage and ground floor garden room.
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No adverse comments.

N/10/01675/FUL	'Greensend', Lydiard Green. Change of use to retail.
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There was a general consensus to object to this application, on the grounds that a retail outlet would increase traffic in and out of this access point along the busy Lydiard Green road, which has recently suffered several accidents. The proposed buildings are within the rural buffer zone, which opposes any development other than agriculture and forestry.

As this application was received too late for the proper advertising via the Agenda, this item will appear again on the July agenda, to enable the general public to have had time to consider the proposals in detail. Clerk to ask Wiltshire Council for an extra week consultation time.

Wiltshire Council planning decisions.

N/10/01203/FUL	11 Lydiard Green. Single storey extension to rear.	Approved.
N/10/01129/FUL	32 Stone Lane. First Floor Extensions.	Refused.
N/10/00308/S73A	'The Glen', 7 Wood Lane, Braydon.	Approved.

12. Accounts.

Expenditure		£'s
Mrs R Leckie	Wages	293.30
(Clerks arrears deferred to July)		
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses 2months	96.77*
Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	21.00
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	499.51
Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust	Consider donation S137	25.00
Gillett & Johnston	Clock Gilding	2970.08*
(Church Clock fund to off-set this cost with a £1000 donation).		
Usual DDs	Utilities & Chairs broadband.	
May Income: Lydiard Plain rental £750, Cemetery £30.		

13. Approve year-end accounts, 2009/10 - the accounts were still not complete, but a meeting with the software providers the previous day has solved most of the outstanding issues.

14. Committee Reports:

Recreation Field - now being cut and used by Cricket Club, and SFC using the field also in the evenings for practice. A small proportion of the extra fees from SFC will be used to offset any extra costs for the cutting of the field.

The 'Children Slow' sign at the entrance to the field driveway has been turned around a couple of times to face the incoming traffic instead of the outgoing traffic as intended. A self tapping screw will be used to keep it in the correct position.

JCH - nothing to report.

Play Area - a local resident had to prevent a couple of youngsters setting fire to the wood chips in the corner of the play area. They mistakenly thought they were not being 'video'ed'.

The new trapeze rings were ready for putting back up, but had a slightly different hanging arrangement. Cllr Pflieger offered to see if he could install them with the Chairman.

Cllr Thomas's report to be given to the Clerk shortly.

Cemetery - gates of the old cemetery has been put into the shed temporarily, following an aborted theft. Mr. K Manning has offered to re-hang them. He was also asked to quote to re-furbish the current Cemetery gates.

Church Clock - invoice is now paid. £1000 to come from the Church Clock War Memorial Fund.

15. Meeting of the Highways and Road Safety sub-committee 10th June.

6.15 p.m., with Police at Bagbury Park, Lydiard Green, then at the clubhouse at 7.30pm.

Issues to be discussed - School buses, Lorry Watch Trial, Vehicle Speed Indicator Devices, Ridgeway Farm traffic issues.

The Parish Council has been offered the chance to be involved in a pilot scheme for Lorry Watch in this area of Wiltshire. It was agreed to ask Purton and Lydiard Tregoze to join scheme, as their parishes are also within the 7.5 Ton Zone. The Parish Council requested Cllr Bennett to continue to liaise to set up this scheme.

Wiltshire Council, Highways Working Group meeting - to be held on the 14th June.

Area Board Planning Workshop to be held on 20th June.

Finally the Parish Council had had a response to letter regarding traffic calming requests in the village. A meeting is to be set up with Mr Steve Cross, in response to our request to change bus routes. This is also an Area Board issue.

16. **Cemetery Rules handbook** - Cllr Bennett had Incorporated the changes proposed at the last meeting. In Touch quote £23 for 100 copies - approved.

17. **Deteriorating Stone Walls** - This is civil property problem, which LMPC will support if needed.

18. **Holborn Footpath** - Parish Council to contact Mr Croucher again updated project. There will be a need to agree on additional strips of land, under appropriate legal documents, prior to the new Parish Plan Update Committee continuing with the Holborn footpath project.

19. **Parish Plan** - following APM, the next step is to produce a flyer giving updated information on what we have done and seek to do. The flyer will also seek parishioner comments and help.

20. **Play Safety Course**, shared locally with Wroughton. There was little interest in this course.

21. **Parish Steward** - next visit 22/23rd June 2010.

(It was reported that the Guest's hedge had bramble at head height – owners to be advised.)

Grass by road signs to be checked out.

Manor Hill hedges need to be strimmed.

22. Correspondence:

Community First Newsletter, Spring 2010 - information only.

Wiltshire Council Bike Week 19th - 27th June 2010 - promotion of event.

Letter from Mrs Pearce, Southampton - re garage and plot between 2 and 3 The Butts.

Youth Action Wiltshire - request for donation - denied.

WALC Newsletter, May 2010. Including 'The Coalition Programme for Government'.

23. Date of next full meeting: Thursday 1st July 2010

Meeting closed 9.30 p.m.

Minutes approved 1.7.2010.