

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 5th August 2010

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), J Bennett, B Baker, S Burley, A Pfleger, S Welch
Late: M Groom.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs T Blackmore, B Quant, A Harris, K Thomas
2. **Safety Briefing.**
3. **Declarations of Interest.**
Notice of changed date for October meeting
4. **Minutes of meeting 1st July 2010.** Amend page 2, para 11f - Cllr Pfleger offered to clean Holborn bus stop if volunteer found for the Beeches bus stop.
5. **Police Report** - none
6. **Guest Report** - Ms Julia Stacey, Community Partnership, re future Community Planning, greeted the meeting, and gave thanks for the opportunity to speak. She explained for those who were not aware of the Community Planning that it is a process which enables everyone from individuals to statutory partners to all come together to work on what is best for the Community. It is important to carry this process out across the whole of Wiltshire - the Northern Community Area Partnership (NCAP) has not yet managed to solve this arrangement successfully. NCAP includes both Cricklade and Wootton Bassett and balancing the wishes of these two towns is difficult. There are wide ranges of issues, and important priorities - a very challenging task. A WC workshop recently investigated ways to move forward, resulting in this consultation on the future of Community Planning. Her role on the evening was to present some options available, to which end she passed around the Councillors handouts with three options. Ms Stacey talked the meeting through each of them, pausing for questions along the way. Each Parish Council is being asked to consider which of the options will be best for the future, and the responses will be consolidated into a proposal to the next Area meeting.

Questions arose: There were concerns that Swindon is not involved in this process – they are not part of the WC area, but it is recognised by NCAP that, especially in the North of Wiltshire, residents do use facilities from Swindon, and would like input on them.

How would two 'CAP's work better than one? Currently, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett do not agree - this was acknowledged and is a big part of the consultation.

Concerns were raised over the cost of this consultation, when services are being cut back, such as swimming in Wootton Bassett. Ms Stacey was unable to comment on this, as being out of her control. Ms Stacey asked if the Council were prepared to debate the issue at the meeting, this was declined on grounds of time available, but a meeting specifically designed for discussing the issue may be arranged, which would be open to the public.

Cllr Groom arrived at 8 p.m. She was concerned about the future of the Lime Kiln Leisure Centre - local areas to be canvassed as to where residents swim, in Wiltshire, in addition to Swindon.

7. Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.

Cllr Groom reported that many consultations were happening at present - Leisure facilities consultation, Local Transport consultation, Minerals and Waste consultation - we may need to comment on details proposed for Latton and Cricklade.

Grow - the new enhancing community support body needs to be viewed regularly, to obtain grants for projects in the area.

8. Parishioner's Question Time.

Possible Cemetery and Car Park on land adjacent to The Beeches:-

A group of residents from The Beeches were at the meeting very concerned that the Parish Plan Update Committee would be considering new parking and cemetery provision on adjacent land. They asked why this issue had raised its head again. The matter was raised recently under Highways Sub committee, and the landowner had been approached a few months ago to see if the offer of land was still available. This being so, it was agreed that the Parish Plan committee should raise the question as to whether or not extra parking or cemetery space was needed in the village.

Parishioners asked for clarification as to who would be using the parking and cemetery provisions. Four years ago it was a possible joint project with Lydiard Tregoze P.C. as theirs was to close, and they had money towards the project. It was confirmed that this option was no longer on offer as that they no longer had the funds available.

Parishioners then asked why Lydiard Millicent now needed to have this land as a cemetery? LMPC have failed to find an alternative site, but continue to look. The closed cemetery & Church

graveyards cannot be re-used for at 80 years after the last interment.

LMPC do not legally have to provide a cemetery, but many parishioners find it more convenient than visiting a cemetery many miles away.

If a new scheme does proceed, the car park area would serve those visiting the cemetery, and could also be used by other residents, and parents of school children, etc, during the day.

Additional car parking was not included in the plans or quotations for the new school build.

Concerns were again raised on the infrastructure for the school, and the percentage of local children attending. This is decided by W.C, giving priority to children living in the catchment area.

The school has increased in size over the last few years, partly due to the demand from new housing such as the 'new Common Platt estate' in our Parish, but has now reached an optimum size for one class per year group. It is not expected to expand any further.

School buses were again criticised. LMPC have been working hard to reduce the number of transient buses through the village, which have recently reduced, but see Item 2 below.

Discussions were had over the filling in of the ditch beyond the Sun Inn, to make a footpath from The Sun Inn car park more walkable. This was previously investigated, but there were many problems.

Cllr Pepperall reported that the W.C. Safe Route to School have agreed a plan to enhance the pavement, and provide a road crossing at the Sun Inn - this car park could be better used by parents. More relevantly, it was stated that a number of homes in The Beeches were still on sceptic tanks, which could well affect the quality of the soil in the suggested cemetery field.

Residents were also concerned that undesirable users would invade such a parking area.

Mrs Church presented a petition of 47 signatures against the suggested scheme.

All the gathered information will be looked at together with responses from Parish Plan questionnaires.

Proposals will then be put forward in the Parish Plan in order of public opinion and need. Any such projects would then need to be researched and funding obtained in the best way possible.

Richard from Oilconsolidation.co.uk introduced himself, and explained the benefits of his syndicate to purchase Oil for Central Heating - savings average 10% off bills. He left some business cards.

A question was raised re the new Lorry Watch Scheme. What if companies claim their lorries are delivering in the Parish? The scheme is run by Trading Standards who will be able to check the information given.

It was asked if businesses with goods licences in the Parish could be checked to ensure they are keeping to their restrictions. This information would be on their planning approvals – to be checked.

9. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

Braydon Forest Buses. July issue of the Link, had an advert showing routes. LMPC had hoped this would cease with the loss of funding from Swindon BC, but Braden Forest School is organising its own bus service and is advertising for more students to travel. This matter was raised at the Area Board in December. LMPC is lobbying WC to restrict the buses by changing the official bus route to a 'pick up and put down' only route. We have asked for comparative route risk assessments.

The Safety Camera Partnership will close in October. It was agreed to email to Inspector Cox and Swindon Safety Camera Partnership, expressing our thanks for their services, and to ask that the police continue to use the speed guns on our behalf. It will be more important than ever to try to organise speed restrictions, and to push for other initiatives, such as 'road calming'.

Holborn Bus Stop Panels - Cllr Burley reported that they are too damaged for repair – Clerk to order.

10. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention

Clerk read out the anonymous letter received via a resident. The correspondent was concerned about the way that cars park along the main road West of The Butts, and is concerned about public safety.

11. Report on matters arising from 1st July 2010 not on the main agenda - none.

12. Planning Applications

N/10/02309/TCA Lydiard Millicent School Fell 1 Turkey Oak and 1 Ash Tree **Supported.**

N/10/02356/FUL Hill View, Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent - Dormers **Supported.**

N/10/02360/FUL 1 Bagbury Park, Bagbury Lane, LGreen - Construction of access road -

Mr Holloway and Cllr Pflieger have written to object to this application and had acknowledgments.

It was agreed to **strongly object** as before, and report that further tractor car accidents have occurred since the previous application. The structure of the road is not suitable. It was agreed to ask Cllr Groom to call this in to Committee, in case the Officer is minded to approve the application.

Planning Appeal

N/10/01129/FUL 32 Stone Lane, First Floor Rear Extensions.

No adverse comments made on application by LMPC. Refused by W.C. because of 'right of light'.

Permissions Granted

N/10/01743/FUL 32 The Close - Extensions.
 N/10/01711/FUL 63 Chestnut Springs - Erection of single storey front extension.
 N/10/01561/FUL Webbs Wood, 1 Wood Lane, Braydon - Side Extension.

Planning Withdrawn

N/10/01675/FUL Greensend, Lydiard Green - Change of use to retail.

13. Accounts (*incl. VAT)**Expenditure**

		£'s
R Leckie	Wages	296.25
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Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall	Hire of Hall plus AGM evening	42.00
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	499.51
Auditing Solutions Ltd	Internal Audit fee	346.62*
In Touch Services	Parish Plan Flyers	41.16
Avon Extinguishers Ltd	Annual Service of extinguishers, JCH	30.74*
K. Manning	Cemetery Gates and Shed Roof	465.00
A Pfleger	Junction Cover, JCH	17.99*

The above accounts proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Groom, and approved.

Usual DDs Utilities & Chairs broadband.

July **Income**: VAT refund £788.22, Cemetery £290.

14. Committee Reports: Recreation Field - Boules area used recently.

JCH - Clerk has been paid by LMCC to clean JCH toilets.

Play Area report by Cllr Pepperall - weeds have been sprayed and have subsequently died.

Cemetery - work in progress with issue of leaflets, lots of headstone requests.

Extra special burial request - the Clerk and Cllr Baker had received a request for a extra large cremation casket that was too large for the normal size plot. It was agreed that a burial plot could be purchased out of rotation, nearest to the cremation area for the purpose of this casket and subsequent future family caskets. Only one headstone will be allowed and no tablets.

Church Clock - £20 donation, in lieu of payment for local scaffolding, had been given to the fund.

15. Lorry Watch - Trading Standards to deliver signs. Our first lorry has been reported to Cllr Bennett who will pass information on. When signs are ready, another article will be given to the Magazine to help the public judge the size of a vehicle. This is done by gauging the height of the vehicle wheels, against the persons body. Cllr Pfleger offered to be the second point of contact after Cllr Bennett The School has been asked to register their contractor's vehicles, but no response received yet - Clerk to chase.

Cllr Baker reported that over past two or three months, he has witnessed six or seven 'artic.' vehicles travelling from Church Place to Manor Hill. The area will need to be watched to ascertain if they are travelling to a local business.

16. Parish Plan - Steering Group established - date to be set for first meeting.

17. Parish Steward - no visit in August, next visit Sept 21/22nd September.

18. Potential flood risk map to complete. The dip in Manor Hill flooded recently. Cllr Groom offered to take the map and fill in the known flooding areas plus all the local springs.

19. Correspondence:

Wiltshire Parking Consultation - 12.07.10 - 03.09.10.

Being a Good Employer - booklet from WALC.

Wiltshire Council - Grants to improve Countryside Access.

St Johns Ambulance - Grant request - declined.

Attempted break in at Cllr Groom's - Bobby Van attended and fixed it without changing the doors.

2 The Moors - recently vandalised rear fence by putting fist through each panel.

20. Date of next full meeting: Thursday 2nd September 2010

21. Date of October meeting: Thursday 30th September 2010

Meeting closed at 9.45.

Minutes approved 2.9.10.