

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Present:** Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), J Bennett, T Blackmore, S Burley, A Harris, A Pflieger, B Quant, K Thomas, & S Welch.

**1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs B Baker, & M Groom.

**2. Safety Briefing.** Given to 7 members of the public and 9 councillors.

**3. Declarations of Interest.** None.

**4. Minutes of meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010.** Signed as a true record.

**5. Police Report.** No report.

**6. Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.** Cllr Groom had given her apologies - no report.

**7. Parishioner's Question Time.**

a. It was reported that the salting of the roads in the village was very disjointed. Initially the official route was salted, which includes Stone Lane, but not The Street, which is a bus route. It was said that over the course of the week, Chestnut Springs, then The Beeches and Forge Fields were salted.

*NOTE: Greenhill was completely cut off and had no salting, nor did Chestnut Springs or The Beeches.* It was possible that these separate trips were the result of calls to Clarence, or that the Bin Gang reported they could not access areas. W/C to be asked to comment.

b. The new Greenhill sign shines back towards drivers at night, causing them to wait, thinking an oncoming vehicle is approaching. WC to be asked if it could be re-aligned slightly as this could cause an accident if drivers assume it is the sign and then DO meet another vehicle.

c. Grit boxes, in Greenhill and other areas of the Parish are empty. WC to be chased to re-fill them.

d. The ditches in lower Greenhill still need work done to help prevent erosion of the road.

e. The Clerk was reminded that the Pond still needs clearing at the circle, bottom end of Greenhill.

f. Following complaints, a driver has been dissuaded, by a helpful member of the public, from parking on the verge, rather than the lay-by in Greenhill.

g. Ms Pina Brown, who is an experienced fundraiser, spoke to the meeting about an event she is trying to organise for the Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, the day of the Royal Wedding. The idea is to attract different groups of residents, from the very young to the eldest, during the day with a series of ideas such as the school children dancing for the Luncheon Club, and a barn dance session in the early evening. She is seeking a local charity group in the parish to contact her, so that VAT can be avoided when asking businesses for their support. Time is short!

**8. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.** None

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

**10. Report on matters arising** from 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010 not on the main agenda.

8c. Church fun day June 18<sup>th</sup> - Chairman has spoken to PCSO Singfield, who is quite happy for the parish to monitor short-term road delays on an informal basis, as long as it is properly manned. Applications for the groundsman post had reached 16 already, with most needing a tour.

### **11. Planning Applications**

**N/10/04409/FUL** Stable building at 37 Stone Lane -

**No adverse comments**

**N/10/04408/LBC**

New wall at Grove House, Lydiard Green -

**No adverse comments**

**N/10/04588/FUL**

Loft Conversion at 9 Greenhill -

**No adverse comments**

**N/10/04575/OUT**

Outline application for 840 dwellings, P/School & D1 Commercial at

**Ridgeway Farm** - Cllr Bennett had printed out some maps, showing how the traffic will be effected by road closures. It was agreed that the Parish Council would **oppose** this application on the grounds of lack of infrastructure, traffic control, and flooding. This will be in support of Purton PC's objections, in which Parish it is. The Residents Action Group in West Swindon are also opposing it.

A discussion took place over the proposed road infrastructure, with suggestions from Cllrs, as to how traffic should be routed, traffic calming and whether the road east from Casa Paolo should be closed. It was agreed that if the planning were to go ahead, then strong and sufficient infrastructure, and traffic calming to protect this village, is needed. A task group made up of Cllrs Pepperall, Bennett, Groom, and Harris, will put together a response, which will be circulated to the other councillors for approval.

**175 Houses North of Hook Street** - has gone to appeal. Cllr Pepperall had sent a similar letter of **objection** to the Inspector as that to SBC. The Parish Council ratified this action.

**Four Oaks** application - no response yet from WC.

*(The above items are for information only).*

### **12. Accounts (\*incl. VAT)**

#### **Expenditure**

Mrs R Leckie

Wages

£'s

296.25

Mrs R Leckie

Expenses - Tel, Stationery, Fuel, etc (2months)

113.42\*

Mrs R Leckie	Re Advert in Swindon Link for Groundsman	64.63*
L.M. Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	21.00
Inside Out	Groundsman Fee	499.51
H & W Webb	Hedge cutting	77.55*
Discount Heating (THP)	New shower unit for JCH	194.42*
SLCC	Membership renewal	82.00
Sw.Comm'l Services	Grass cutting	63.74
Usual DD's	Utilities, & Chairs broadband.	

Accounts proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Pflieger, and approved - no objections.

**12a. Add and remove names from Bank Mandate** – forms completed and Cllrs Blackmore and Thomas were added to the current signatories: Cllrs T Pepperall, B Baker, J Bennett, S Burley, M Groom, & A Pflieger

**Precept** - the Precept was set at £14,000.

**Increase of Recreation Field and JCH fees** agreed - the increase of £1 per game could generate an extra £150 income, Cricket Club fees to be raised \$25 to £700 - it is hoped this small increase will help to keep them viable, & facilitate any further discussion with the Parish Council.

**Increase of Cemetery fees** approved, with a minor amendment to keep the under 16's fee the same.

**13. Holborn Footpath** - preparation and quotations for hedge and tree cutting, fences, etc.

The last cottage at Holborn to Tewksbury junction - verbal agreement from landowners has been agreed to take a small portion of garden, then inside the field until the verge widens by the tree.

Quote from Costwold Tree Surgeons - to cut hedge from cottage to verge, adding hunting gate, cutting back hedge on road side - £1,250 + vat,

- fencing of the proposed area to separate path area from the field - £540,

- cutting back hedge from Badgers Brook to bus shelter at Holborn - £550.

It was proposed that, as timing is a concern over hedge cutting, that it would be advisable to get the hedges cut back prior to bird nesting season. This would also allow a clear vision of how much land is needed and would facilitate the legal agreements. It was also proposed that the area needed be fenced ready for the path. However, it will not be clear until the updated Parish Plan is produced whether or not this needs to be wide enough for a cycle path as well. It was agreed to add the hedge cutting and fencing quotes to the Agenda for February.

A quote has also been received for a crushed stone path with timber edge 1.8m wide - £4999.60.

Westlea Homes and Mr Croucher to be asked if they would be prepared to have the hedging work done prior to the legal agreements, beginning with letters of consent in principle.

Parish Council advised that there would be an ongoing cost for hedge cutting beside the new paths.

Whilst Mr Mills was in the Parish doing quotations, he was asked to look at the hedge from The Close to the Cottages along The Street. The homeowners whose gardens back onto the hedge deny responsibility as do WC. He recommended laying the hedge at a cost of £1000. It was proposed that the 5 homes directly affected by this hedge be asked to contribute £100 each towards the cost.

Quotes would be sought from agricultural colleges in Cirencester and Lackham as a training exercise.

Quotation also received for the footpath behind Park View Drive, to cut back the hedgerow and remove cuttings, mulching as necessary - £350 - to be added also to February Agenda.

#### 14. Committee Reports –

Recreation Field - no report, & JCH - no more leaks, Play Area Cllr Burley had repaired the wobble log. B Baker had sent his apologies - report to follow.

Cemetery - spoil heap - Mr Smith had been asked to remove the rubble.

Road Safety - we are to have a new village sign at the entrance from West Swindon, by end of Feb.

**15. Xmas tree removal** - Method of removal, remove tree with Hi/Ab. and chain saws with PPE's.

Logs to be taken to Mrs Willies.

**16. Parish Plan** - questionnaire to be approved at their next meeting on (Jan 25 - check).

**17. Parish Steward's next visit** - dates are not now allotted but Steward will do work as required.

However, it was agreed to advise monthly of any jobs to be done.

Litter was reported along Stone Lane, Cllr Bennett to contact WC.

#### 18. Correspondence:

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils - Newsletters

Wiltshire Rural Housing Association - Winter Newsletter - Info only

**Vice Chairman** post - Cllr T Blackmore, proposed by Cllr Harris and Cllr Groom prior to the meeting.

Cllr Blackmore kindly accepted this post and will begin working alongside the Chairman and Vice Chairman with immediate effect.

**Date of next full meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011**

**Meeting closed at 9.15p.m.**

**Minutes approved 3.2.2011.**