

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of 2nd June 2011 held at JCH, 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), T Blackmore, M Groom, A Harris, K Thomas.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B Baker, A Pfleger, and B Quant

2. Safety Briefing. Was given to 3 members of public and 5 Councillors.

3. Resignation by Cllr S Welch received as he felt he was unable to do justice to the role due to his health & irregular attendance - thanks were given for his help to the Parish.

4. Co-option of new Cllrs. Mr Dean Cobb has offered to join the Council and had filled in the appropriate forms of application and a Register of Interest. Mr Cobb was duly elected Cllr with no objections. Cllr Cobb then signed his undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct, and will be added to a committee in July, after the AGM minutes are confirmed.

A second vacancy had been advertised on all 7 notice boards, & is to be added to the Web Site.

A further co-option can then take place at the July meeting, on approval of another candidate.

5. Declarations of Interest - none.

6. Minutes of meeting 5th May 2011 were signed as a true copy.

7. Police Report - none.

8. Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.

Cllr Groom discussed the 'Vanguard' Scheme, which Westbury and Wootton Bassett are piloting for Wiltshire. This scheme is part of the Localism Bill - Terms of Reference are still being drawn up - and will involve local parishes in decisions on spatial issues such as development and Rural Buffer Zones.

9. Parishioner's Question Time.

Thanks were offered for the new sign at the raised flowerbeds, acknowledging Mr Cooper's continued contribution of plants. He has again agreed to provide bedding for the summer. In the meantime the edges of the beds are on the move, and will need to be repaired at some time, preferably prior to planting. Cllr Blackmore offered to assess their condition and report back to Council.

He also advised that the tree plaques would be ready soon.

Mrs Redford remarked that an amended plan for 'Rudlers' had been issued, but was not on display.

The application was then retrieved from the files for discussion – see Item 13.

10. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries - none.

11. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention. The Clerk announced that she would in future be working only on a Thursday, but would be in from 8/8.30 a.m. and then work for 5/6 hours. This will hopefully be more productive, and save fuel, and travel time.

12. Report on matters arising from 5th May 2011 not on the main agenda.

April Item 14 - Recreation Field Sub-Committee meeting, 17th June with Shaw FC, regarding parking and other issues in the Chestnut Springs area.

April Item 15 - update on Holborn Footpath. Solicitor now instructed to provide legal agreements.

April Item 16 - Road Safety - Sun Inn Crossing - now deferred by W/Council until legal agreements with Enterprise Inns completed.

April Item 16 - Gel Bags - no response from public, but issue left open in case the Emergency Planning Committee may seek a supply.

Buryfield path cycle bar is now hinged; Chairman has received a few requests for keys. Following a discussion, it was agreed that no charges would be made for keys.

(The above items are for information only).

13. Planning Applications

N/11/01260/FUL 'Rudlers', The Street - Amended Plans - these plans expanded on details of the new the windows, and their impact.

LMPC remained unhappy about this large extension of a small property, and suggested a 2m fence between the properties was essential for the privacy of 'Rudlers' and the adjacent properties. They were similarly still unhappy about the impact of the two bedroom windows for privacy reasons.

N/11/01394/FUL	Casa Paolo , Common Platt, Single storey garage.	No adverse comments.
N/11/01436/FUL	Plain Farm, Lydiard Plain. Replacement Silage Clamps.	
N/11/01437/FUL	2 new cattle accommodation buildings and below ground dirty water lagoon.	
N/11/01439/FUL	Demolition of existing cattle accommodation and construction of new milking parlour facilities.	
N/11/01440/FUL	Demolition of existing cattle accommodation building and looseboxes and construction of new cattle accommodation building.	All 4 applications Supported.
N/11/01067/FUL	Echo Lodge Farm, Wood Lane, Erection of Timber Stable.	Supported.
N/11/01492/FUL	5 Ash Close, Single storey rear extension.	No adverse comments.
N/11/01481/FUL	4 Chestnut Springs, Conservatory.	No adverse comments.
N/11/01530/FUL	35 Chestnut Springs, Erection of front porch	

LMPC had **no adverse comments** regarding the erection of a porch and front extension. There was concern that the proposed extension may be in front of the building line and would ask Wiltshire Council to confirm or deny this. If it is in fact in front of the building line the Parish Council would wish to object to the application on those grounds.

Further the Velux windows were discussed which are shown on the plans, but not on the description. There were some concerns on the windows regarding possible lack of privacy to the homes opposite.

Late Planning

N/11/01695/S73A PurdysFarm, Wood lane. Removal of Condition 1 of 08/02352/S73A, from Temporary to Permanent permission, to continue use of land as a two pitch gypsy caravan site. The Chairman reminded the Council that they also currently face the possibility of a significant increase in the size of the Four Oaks site at Braydon, and that we would have preferred an amalgamation of the sites. Cllr Groom confirmed that they can not be moved to a private site such as Four Oaks, even though that is where they used to overwinter. They can only be moved to one of Wiltshire's public sites.

This application is to remove the temporary aspect of the site, which is due to expire in January 2013. There was mixed feeling over this application, as they have now been on this site which they own for 2.5 years, with little or no complaints being received by the Council regarding their behaviour, although they were always aware that they only had temporary planning permission.

However, the original objection that they inhabited the field without planning consent still remains, as did the discrimination that was felt by local people who would also have loved to be able to set up home on an empty field in this way.

The new Localism Bill needs to be a material consideration as it applies to development of land to gypsies and the retention of Rural Buffer Zones. The site is in what was our Rural Buffer Zone on land known as Royal Braydon Forest. The Localism Bill also provides for equal treatment of all residents. It was agreed that LMPC would **object** along similar lines to our original decision, as nothing had materially changed, on the basis of the Localism Bill and the location in the Royal Braydon Forest. The proposed response would then be emailed to all Cllrs for approval prior to sending.

12. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure		£'s
R Leckie	Wages	296.25
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L.M. Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	22.00
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	504.00*
Cotswold Tree Surgeons	Hedge cutting for Holborn footpath project	2,280.00*
TH Pepperall (Viking)	Paper & computer cartridges	65.33*
Usual DDs	Chairs broadband & Utilities	.

Proposed by Cllr Blackmore and seconded by Cllr Groom, no objections, and approved.

May Income – Lydiard Plain £750, Cemetery £35, 1st half Precept £7000

13. Approve 2010/11 Accounts and Audit Forms

The accounts were proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Blackmore, there were no objections, duly approved. The Audit Form was approved, and signed for submission to the External Auditor with accompanying documentation.

14. Holborn Footpath - See **Matters Arising**, Item 12.2.

15. Committee Reports:

Recreation Field - in December 2010 approval was given for 5 posts to be replaced in the car park. Since then the number has become 8. The original chosen company has been unable to carry out the work. New quotes had been sought. It was agreed that the job be awarded to Inside Out Ltd, who had carried out the previous replacements, for the price of £295.70.

Cricket is on Sundays and Tuesdays, and also football training by one of the School teams, and SFC.

Boules Area - the gate needs repairing.

Play Area – following his monthly turn of inspection, Cllr Thomas reported that the four swing seats need to be replaced soon. Quotes to be sought by Clerk.

Cemetery - the Clerk had received a request for scattering of ashes in the Cemetery. It was agreed this could go ahead without charges, once the Clerk had checked on any legal requirements from the Burial Authority.

Road Safety Sub-Committee - it was reported that they had not met for some time. The committee needs a secretary, who, once elected will arrange the next meeting. There were no offers to take up the position at the time.

Buses – Changes to Route 54 were discussed. Cllr Groom has heard suggestions that Route 53 may be changed for a longer route. Petitions have been filed against the loss of the local buses. Hopper buses might be more useful. The Area Board Chairman has put a proposal forward to Wiltshire to have smaller more frequent buses.

16. The Close Trees - update from Cllr Thomas - it was previously agreed that September would be best time to act (end of bird nesting season). Cllr Thomas will seek a consensus of opinion from residents on what should then be done. Item deferred to September Agenda.

17. Parish Plan

Cllr Blackmore has almost finished the latest updated document. The Committee has talked about the implications of Neighbourhood Plans, as Parish Plans have no statutory standing. The Committee will decide if actions for neighbourhood plans will be included.

18. Parish Steward Tasks - next visit w/e June 17th.

Washpool sign to be re-erected.

At Greenhill crossroads looking east, it is very difficult to see traffic coming from Purton - the hedges needs to be taken right back to aid visibility.

Washpool to Common Platt, Field Elder needs spraying.

Sign opposite Casa Paola, at 45% angle, needs uprighting.

Strimming of the verges at the junction by Casa Paola required, to aid pedestrian use.

LMPC to request the re-instatement of a black and white finger post sign for the junction by Casa Paola, similar to that at the Church roundabout.

19. Correspondence:

W/C Permission to co-opt re J Bennett vacancy - see item 4 of Agenda.

SBC letter re 'Residential Extensions and Alterations Draft Supplementary Planning document' - public consultation from 26.05.11 - 07.07.11.

Request for donation from Bobby Van Trust - to be added to July Agenda.

Request for donation from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - to be added to July Agenda.

Clerk Magazine - information only

WALC newsletter May 2011 - information only.

First News / Community First Magazine, Spring/Summer 2011 - information only.

Carer Support Wiltshire - seeks permission to add a Link on our web site. Clerk to contact

Sue.redmands@wiltshire.co.uk to request more information.

Email - training meeting for new and upgrading for Chairmen and Vice Chairmen - not required.

20. Date of next full meeting: Thursday 7th July, in the Parish Hall.

Rec. Field Sub-Comm. meeting Friday 17th June, at the JCH

Meeting closed 9.15.

Minutes approved 7.7.11.