

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 held at the Parish Hall 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllrs T Blackmore (Chair), S Burley, D Cobb, M Groom, A Pflieger,

1. **Apologies for absence.** T Pepperall, B Baker, A Harris, B Quant, K Thomas,
2. **Safety Briefing** was given to 2 parishioners, and 5 councillors
3. **Declarations of Interest.** There were none.
4. **Minutes of meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011** - signed as true record.
5. **Minutes of APM, and AGM** - were both signed as true record.
6. **Police Report.** No report.
7. **Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.**

Cllr Groom reported that the Core Strategy was out for consultation and that we all now needed to comment. See also **Item 18**.

The Minerals and Waste Strategy policies are also out for consultation.

The Vanguard Scheme committee is now being set up.

The Agenda for the Flood Working Scheme contains a reference to a grant from LMPC - we are unaware of this and *Cllr Groom will investigate.*

8. **Parishioner's Question Time** - none
9. **Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.**

Lorry watch. Cllr Pflieger advised that Nolans Transport lorries were still using The Street. He had located the address of the depot and offered to *write a letter* to them, whereby he would remind them of the preferred route for the drivers to follow. *Copy letter to go to Toomers.*

The stile beyond LMP Hall had been repaired by Alan Pflieger - his expenses to be added to Accounts. He also suggested LMPC could look again at using the Community Speed Watch scheme, now that the Local Speed Camera Partnership had folded - *Clerk to add to August Agenda.*

SIDs have again been placed in the village - however the batteries were flat. *Clerk to contact W/C to see whom we should contact in future regarding the failure of the units.*

Cllr Cobb showed photos of a bungalow wall in Common Platt that had been knocked down twice in a month. Whilst out taking photos of the incident, he was approached by residents who asked if the hedge around Holborn bend could be cut back. It is thought to be Westlea Housing's land.

*Cllr Blackmore to establish whose hedge it was, using the photo provided.*

#### **10. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention**

Road closures were reported by the Clerk on the B4553 Common Platt 9<sup>th</sup> August, and C414 Hook Street on the 10<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **11. Report on matters arising from 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 not on the main agenda.**

Item 4 – we now have clearance to co-opt a councillor.

Cllr Blackmore has provided signs for the Millennium Trees and the raised flowerbeds.

Item 19 - Carers Support Wiltshire. Further information had been received during the month and Cllr Blackmore and the Clerk agreed it would be worthwhile allowing a link on our website. *Clerk to send details to J Holloway.*

#### **12. Planning Applications**

**N/11/01774/FUL**      **Maycroft, Common Platt.** Extensions and alterations - raise roof for loft conversion and balcony. **Support.**

##### **Amended Plans**

**10/04575/FUL** – revised. **Ridgeway Farm.** 700 dwellings plus school, etc. Consultation closed 6<sup>th</sup> July. The Council had sent a letter of **objection** within the time scale confirming that the original objections still stood. The Council noted that the road layout had been changed, but still had valid objections.

At a recent meeting attended by the Clerk and Cllr Blackmore, the Leader of the Council thought it was appalling, and did not wish to see the application approved. Although W/C have no policy objections they could use, they were actively looking for alternative angles on which to refuse this application. Emerging legislation is a material consideration they need to use.

Cllr Burley questioned how a decision, on such a large planning application, could conceivably be

dealt with by one planning officer. Cllr Groom said that this application would go to Planning Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011, but the planning officer assigned this case was very experienced. Thames Water is known to be objecting, and there are hundreds of objections lodged by members of the public.

### **No Enforcement Action on**

**11/0148/ENF** 11 Greenhill. LMPC has been advised by W/C that a Garage, which had been built larger than and to a different specification to the approved plans, still fell within the permitted development rights of the property. Therefore no enforcement action was to take place.

### **Wiltshire Council Planning Approved**

**N/11/01260/FUL** Rudlers, The Street. Extension approved with conditions.

**N/11/01481/FUL** 4 Chestnut Springs – Conservatory.

**N/11/01492/FUL** 5 Ash Close – Single storey extension.

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

| <b>Expenditure</b>       |  | £'s     |
|--------------------------|--|---------|
| R Leckie                 | Wages                                    | 296.25  |
| R Leckie                 | Expenses - Tel, Stationery, Fuel, etc    | 147.05* |
| Enlan Ltd                | Groundsman Fee                           | 504.00* |
| Enlan Ltd                | Weedkill cost - Cemetery and Boules area | 36.00*  |
| RBS Software Solutions   | Annual Maintenance fee                   | 118.80* |
| Inside Out Ltd           | Replacement of 8 parking posts           | 295.70  |
| Auditing Solutions Ltd   | Internal Audit fee                       | 366.00* |
| T Blackmore              | Gate catch, and Millennium signs         | 38.01*  |
| Wiltshire Bobby Van      | Donation                                 | 25.00   |
| Wiltshire Wildlife Trust | Donation                                 | 25.00   |
| A Pflieger               | Repair of Stile                          | 13.45*  |
| Usual DDs                | Chairs broadband & Utilities             |         |

The above accounts were proposed by Cllr Burley and seconded by Cllr Groom, no objections, approved. The cheques were duly signed.

**June Income** - SFC £322, Cemetery £225, Rec. Field £70, Misc. £21.

**14. Holborn Footpath.** Cllr Pepperall to be asked for an update on return from holiday, regarding the legal negotiations with Westlea Housing and Mr Croucher.

### **15. Recreation Field Sub Committee Minutes for approval.**

Following concerns raised as part of the Parish Plan questionnaire, a meeting took place at the JCH between SFC and the Recreation Field Sub Committee, regarding the substantial increase of traffic during the cup matches. Concerns were raised as to driver attitude and the lack of space for an emergency vehicle. SFC believed it only occurred on two separate occasions, and due to changes in their game structures, said the cup matches would be no longer played on the JCH Field. SFC will stagger matches with longer change-over times in between matches. Members of the Recreation Sub Committee will monitor this for the first few weeks' matches in the new season, and on days when more matches are scheduled.

The car park situation was discussed, and SFC was told that LMPC would not be paying to extend the car park when the main beneficiaries of the expenditure would not be the local residents. SFC will now seek a F.F. grant to extend the car park, which would then need to be approved by LMPC to ensure the Council are not tied into any lengthy commitments. Minutes accepted.

### **16. Other Committee Reports:**

**JCH** - nothing to report.

**Play Area** - Cllr Pflieger carried out the inspection and agrees that the swing seats need changing very soon, also that the spring horse looked worn. He also reported that the gatepost to the Play Area is rotten and the gate is now dragging on the concrete. *Clerk - quotes urgently required to fix this.*

**Boules Area** - Cllr Blackmore had fixed the catch on the gate.

**Cemetery** - nothing to report.

**Road Safety** - Holborn corner remains the most urgent issue. *Cllr Pepperall to check on the legal position on return from holiday.*

**17. Dog Fouling.** Residents of Buryfields are having trouble with dog fouling. They have called the warden whose answer was to watch at the relevant times of day to catch the offender. LMPC suggests that a dog bin be placed in the area. *Clerk to request new bin.*

**18. Raised Beds** – some of the former telegraph poles are rotten to the core. It was agreed that materials and equipment can be obtained locally and job can be done with a local team. *Cllr Pflieger to contact BT*, whose original telegraph poles they are. Previous installation was done under the Young Offenders work scheme.

**19. W.C. Core Strategy, and Waste Strategy**

Consultation periods run from 13<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> August. *Parish Councillors should see this as an obligation to read and provide feedback* by email to Cllr Blackmore by the 31<sup>st</sup> July.

They are very important documents, which identify the different settlements and will become new guidelines for spatial and planning requirements.

We are surprisingly regarded as a large village. Cllrs were urged to answer for themselves the response forms at the end of the documents, but more importantly to say clearly what they want in the future, to include the retention of a Rural Buffer Zone, and to check the risk of expansion by Swindon. Cllr Blackmore picked out several key sections in the document to highlight the need for response.

**20. Parish Plan** - The committee have now finished shaping the conclusions, and are looking to Community First for guidance on how to present this in approved format for W/C, and to incorporate references to emerging policies, so that it will be accepted as a relevant document.

**21. Parish Steward Tasks.**

Hedge near the brook before Holborn corner. *Clerk to advise the steward's office of any other items.*

(Cllr Pflieger had cut back brambles on two of the Millennium walks.)

(The Butts footpath - the hedge is overhanging the red marked footpath, from the bus stop towards the school. *Clerk to arrange.*)

It was agreed that landowners need to be encouraged to maintain their own borders, or provide someone to do this on their own behalf.

**22. Correspondence:**

WALC newsletter June 2011 - information only.

Information from Mr Ricketts - Clock keeping good time now - no remedial action required.

**23. Date of next meeting: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011, in the Parish Hall.**

**Meeting Closed at 8.50 p.m.**

**Approved 4.8.11.**