

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of 4th August held at the Parish Hall 7.30 p.m.

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

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs A Harris, B Quant, K Thomas.
- 2. Safety Briefing** was given to 11 parishioners and 7 councillors.
- 3. Co-option of new Cllr.** The Council are waiting for all who have an interest to put their names forward. There may need to be a Council vote to choose a candidate.
- 4. Declarations of Interest** - None.
- 5. Minutes of meeting 7th July** - minutes corrected to show Cllr Baker had apologised, then signed as a true record.
- 6. Police Report** - None.
- 7. Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.**

Wiltshire Council is busy with future planning documents - Core Strategy, Waste etc.

As our village has been classified in the Core Strategy as a large village, despite no P.O. or shop, Cllr Groom is seeking access to the calculations. We need the development protection afforded to a small village in view of our proximity to Swindon.

The Parish Council's response on the Core Strategy is almost ready, and any last minute thoughts on this needed to be made within the next two days, as the completed response must be with Wiltshire Council by 8th August.

8. Parishioner's Question Time.

- a.** A very concerned resident reported that an 8ft fence was about to be installed to the boundary of No 8 Greatfield and urged the Council to help stop this. Cllrs present confirmed that fences over 2m needed planning permission. Cllrs also confirmed that if the fence was erected without permission, then it would be subject to planning enforcement. The concerned resident had applied for copies of the plans for this property, as he felt that the boundary is creeping further out towards the highway.
- b.** Mr Jinks urged the Council to object to retrospective planning application N/11/02363/FUL, to ratify 4 new or larger Velux windows. Also the overall size of the extension appears larger. He said it makes a mockery of planning committees spending time deliberating on decisions, for builders to just do as they wished. His neighbour has failed to adhere to the agreed plans and now wanted to make legal his flouting of the law.
- c.** David Tapscott said that the pavement between Manor Farm and The Beeches has been narrowed by the encroachment of soil and weeds, and further has many brambles overhead, one of which caused him an accident recently, resulting in scratches to his face and a pair of broken glasses. He asked the Council to have this rectified. Whilst it was agreed that the Parish Steward may be able to help, the main responsibility lays with the landowners.
- d.** The Council was reminded that the drains in The Butts are again beginning to fill with leaves, and that the yellow footpath cannot be seen for leaves and weeds. *Parish Steward to clear the footpath, drains to be reported to WC.*
- e.** Mr Wicks was concerned that continual building on green land will seriously diminish the country's ability to feed people, should the country find itself in an emergency situation, and urged the Council to object to the 700 houses proposed at Ridgeway Farm. The Council agreed with his prognosis and confirmed that they had already put in very strong submissions against that application, and that no further action can take place until the W/C September meeting
- f.** It was reported that the pond at the bottom of Greenhill still had not been cleared. The Clerk reported that she had tried to get through to W/C that day, but they were having technical troubles with their telephones. *Clerk to try again.*

9. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

- a.** It was confirmed that a property on The Street, recently advertised for sale, did have planning permission.
- b.** The Parish Steward was to be asked to clear the road signs adjacent to The Close of overhanging growth.
- c.** The future of the trees beside The Close has still not been determined.
- d.** Following complaints about weeds at the side of footpaths and kerbs it was agreed to request a spray of weeds throughout the parish. *Identified areas of concern are to be sent to the Clerk.*
- e.** Amazingly, the meeting received two offers of Christmas Trees for this year. Cllr Burley and Cllr Pflieger both knew of trees of an ideal size that need to be felled. Mr Hoare, who normally obtains our Xmas tree, to be informed that a tree has been donated this year.
- f.** Water is bubbling up through the road at No 5 Washpool - *Clerk to inform Thames Water.*
 Later that evening the Clerk was also informed of water on the road at Lydiard Green, just past Bagbury Park.

10. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention. The Clerk mentioned that the ROSPA report for the Play Area is due in September, and we had proposed to seek alternative quotes. It was agreed *for Clerk to do so.*

11. Report on matters arising from 7th July 2011 not on the main agenda.

9. SID's. The Clerk reported that when the SID does not work, it should be reported to Clarence.

17. Dog bin already there. The Clerk will ask for better signage as to where the bin is.

It was reported that The Butts area is now clear of dog mess.

21. Butts hedge - still being pursued.

12. Planning Applications

N/11/02153/FUL Barretts Yard, Stone Lane. Erection of replacement dwelling, following removal of existing commercial buildings and activities. **Support.**

N/11/02084/LBC The Stables, Lydiard Green. Create 1st floor New Internal doorway. **No adverse comment.**

N/11/02362/FUL 20 The Beeches. Alter Windows & Rooflights (re Approval N/10/01926FUL).

This is a retrospective application. Cllrs Pepperall and Blackmore had looked at the property, and confirmed that a number of additional windows had been built in the extension, some of which were larger than approved. The north side facing No. 22, has two large velux windows, where there were none, and the south side facing 18 & 16 have 3 similar windows where there should be one smaller one. It is clearly a serious invasion of privacy, which must be refused, and revert to the previously approved plan. Confirmation is to be sought that the actual extension is of the correct footprint size, as the front of the extension appears larger than the plan. **Strongly oppose.**

Wiltshire Council Approvals

N/11/01/260/FUL Rudlars, The Street, Two storey extension and alterations.

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

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

13. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure

		£'s
R Leckie	Wages	296.25
R Leckie	Expenses - Tel, Stationery, Fuel, etc	75.58*
R. Leckie	Screwfix - JCH coat hooks	8.44*
L.M. Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	22.00
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	504.00
SLCC	Re-sit CILCA Fee	90.00
Usual DDs	Chairs broadband & Utilities	.
13a. Proposal for replacement of Play Area swing seats		348.48*

13b. Initiate procedure to close Bank of Ireland Account - balance approx £500.

The above accounts were proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Burley, with no objections, and duly approved.

14. Holborn Footpath - The footpath had been strimmed by our Groundsman.

The Chairman had received an email from our solicitor with amended agreements, also sent to the other two solicitors for approval. Annual holidays are hampering the procedure.

Cotswold Fencing has been asked to proceed with the installation of the barbed wire fence in Mr Croucher's field.

15. Replacing raised beds. Cllr Burley had obtained 12 telegraph poles which were currently on his driveway.

While the weather is good, Cllrs Burley and Pflieger and any other volunteers will prepare the poles and cut them to size, ready to fit together. The poles cost £5 each. Cllr Burley to be re-imbursed when it is known how many of the poles will be needed. Cllrs to liaise with Joan Redford re installation, when the current flowers fade. It was agreed to store the poles behind the JCH, when cut to required size.

16. Transport Sub Committee re Community Speed Watch, Area Board requests, etc. Meeting set for 8th August at 7.30 in the JCH, agenda to be displayed. Cllr Pepperall read out a list of tasks to be added to the Agenda.

17. Committee Reports:

Recreation Field - gate post quotes received from Enlan, Linden Fencing not interested in quoting. The Quotation was not available at the meeting, Cllr Pepperall thought it was approx £200 which was too high - if this was the case then an extra quote to be sought from Haines Brothers.

JCH - Play Area - Cllr Pepperall still to carry out report.

Cemetery - An appeal has been received re an application for an interment, which the Clerk had properly refused as their address did not meet the Parish Councils' criteria. Mrs Martin advises that the late Sandy Martin, a well-known local radio DJ, who lived in old Shaw Lane, had sadly died at 36. It was thought they had lived there for some 10 years, and some present at the meeting also stated that Mr Martin had earlier lived in Stone Lane when he was a young DJ. The Parish Council agreed exceptionally to allow Mrs Martin's appeal. *Clerk to advise applicant.*

The Clerk asked for guidance on what is considered a Headstone, as she had received a request for a non-standard headstone. It was agreed that Memorials should not include surrounds for living flora. Further upgrade of cemetery rules are needed to make clearer the type of memorials and size to be accepted in future.

Lorry watch - Cllr Pflieger had traced the Connolley's vehicles to a company in Kilkenny, Ireland. No response as yet from the letters sent to Nolan's or Connolley's.

Cllr Baker reported he had seen a 'KCT' vehicle that evening - details to be given to Cllr Pflieger to investigate.

Speed watch - at least volunteers 6 per team is required. The full details of the scheme will be discussed at the Transport sub-committee meeting on Monday, and a number of interchangeable village teams will be sought.

Deliveries by large vehicles to Westhills Lodge are causing problems by partially blocking the road. Cllr Groom discussed this with a planning department colleague, as it could be a planning consent condition. W/C advise that this is an 'obstruction' for the police to deal with.

18. Street Trees - update from Cllr Thomas was not available.

19. Parish Plan - A meeting is planned with Marion Rayner on 22nd August 2011 to discuss the next stage.

20. Parish Steward Tasks - next visit not specified, but will ask him to:- clear growth from road signs especially at The Close, clear the yellow footpath of leaves and weeds at The Butts, remove some concrete blocks which have appeared on the verge on the junction with Stone Lane and Common Platt near to the bus stop (he may need to advise relevant department), also to remove the overgrowth of verge on the pavement between Manor Farm and The Beeches. *Owners to be asked to cut their hedge.*

21. Correspondence:

Invitation to School Open Evening 7th September 6 - 8p.m. Cllrs Blackmore, Pflieger and Baker are interested in accompanying Cllr Pepperall, who will liaise with school.

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils. Newsletter (WALC) July 2011 - information only.

Invitation to Community First Annual General Meeting 14th September 2011.

Email from resident of Meadow Springs, who is very upset about the possibility of a car park extension at the Recreation Field, as she has a catalogue of complaints against SFC, without extra parking being made available.

22. Date of next full meeting: Thursday 1st September 2011, in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Minutes approved 1.9.2011.