

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of 1st September 2011 held at the Parish Hall 7.30 p.m.

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

1. **Apologies for absence.** B Baker, A Harris, B Quant, K Thomas.
2. **Safety Briefing.** Was given to 7 parishioners, and 5 Cllrs. It was noted that the LMPH committee had moved the Emergency Meeting Point to the corner of the front car park.
3. **Declarations of Interest** - none.
4. **Minutes of meeting Thursday 4th August 2011** were signed as a true copy.
5. **Police Report** - no report.

6. Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.

Cllr Groom confirmed that the Ridgeway Farm planning application has now been postponed to 19th October, as archaeologists are still working on the site.

The Core Strategy is still being worked and consulted on by large groups, including the CPRE National Trust, political parties and members of the public, to improve the outcome.

Cllr Groom had attended the Sunset Ceremony in Wootton Bassett that evening, which was extremely good. It was estimated that 2000 people attended, including the Prime Minister.

7. Parishioner's Question Time.

a. Mr Tapscott, reported that on the 10th September in the Manor House, 3.30 - 6.00 p.m, there will be a 100th celebration of the Swindon branch of Bell Ringers. 11 teams will be entering the competition, and celebrations will include a pig roast and beer tent.

b. Mr. D. Rees asked if all parties who had objected to the Ridgeway Farm Development on the first application, needed to re-iterate their objections for the amended application.

No one wanted the application to be approved on a technicality of not having re-submitted their objections. *Cllr Groom would confirm this with W/C.*

c. Mr Birch explained to Cllrs that the 38 Stone Lane application does not give a true and accurate picture. The plans were alleged to be inaccurate in scale. The property was also allegedly left in a mess deliberately to invoke sympathy for the application for a new build. It would also significantly affect his outlook and block sun to his lounge and garden.

d. It was reported that The Butts drains were full of leaves and at least one was brimming with water - they need to be cleared before the bad weather returns. *Clerk to chase Highways.*

8. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

a. Cllr Groom referred to the previous month's request regarding weed spraying along the main roads in the parish. She had been told that due to cut-backs, WC were only treating towns. It was agreed that this was not acceptable, as weeds cause cracks in pavements to widen, and will cause more trouble in the winter. *Clerk to contact Parish Steward.*

b. It was reported that the corner at Nine Elms close to our Parish Notice board still has a really bad smell. It was thought that the Environmental Health team had rectified this long-standing Septic Tank problem. It was said that some Agencies use coloured die in septic tanks to ascertain whose tank is involved. *Clerk to write to the Public Health Officer Maggie Ray, with a copy to the Environmental Health team, to seek a new solution.*

9. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention - none.

10. Report on matters arising from 4th August 2011 not on the main agenda - none.

11. Planning Applications

N/11/02311/FUL - 7 Holborn - Two-storey rear and single-storey side extn.

No adverse comments.

N/11/02579/FUL - Four Oaks Park - Provision of five extra caravan pitches and erection of Community Hall (resubmission of 10/03709/FUL)

This application had previously resulted a split decision by the Cllrs, between an outright refusal or whether to just comment on the non compliance of conditions in the original planning permission, e.g. the use of the green space as a building yard. It was still unclear as to why they needed bedrooms in a Community Centre. NW has more sites than in any other part of the County. There were also concerns that Wiltshire still had a number of sites with empty pitches, and that this application may cause the numbers to exceed the required overall figures. Clarification is awaited under the Wiltshire Core Strategy & the Localism Bill. It was agreed that *Cllr Groom would call-in this application* and that LMPC should **Object**.

N/11/02637/FUL - 38 Stone Lane, Demolition of existing building and erection of a replacement dwelling.

A letter of objection had been received, and Mr Birch had explained in PQT the family concerns. Cllrs agreed that it appeared to be more than 44% larger, concerns regarding blockage of light were noted, and that fact that the building would look directly into 39's lounge. It would constitute a change of street scene, both with the use of different building materials, and in looks, both of which reasons, apparently, had been used by WC in the past. Councillors agreed the need for a site visit the following day to view the concerns and the accuracy of the plans, and the distance between the houses.

On confirmation of the concerns, an **objection** would be sent to W/C quoting change of street scene, over-development, and blockage of light. *Cllr Groom agreed to call-in the application.*

Cemetery Application.

A letter had been received requesting that the late Mr Paul Miles be allowed a plot in the cemetery. The family had a long history in the village, and many of their relatives were already buried in the cemetery. The application was **approved**.

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*
Avon Extinguishers	Annual JCH Fire Extinguisher service	31.38*
Usual DDs	Chairs broadband & Utilities	

Accounts proposed by Cllr Pfleger, seconded by Cllr Burley, no objections, and approved.

August Income – JCH £20, Cemetery £445.

13. Holborn Footpath

It is understood that Mr Croucher has been approached to sell his land, which has led to the withdrawal of his permission at present. It is hoped to be able to re-negotiate with the current or any new owner, to continue with the project.

Westlea Housing had been asked to cut back the hedge on the corner. If prompt action is not taken on the hedge, it was proposed that Environment Health and Safety be advised, as it is seen to be a danger to pedestrians and road users. *Cllr Pepperall to contact Westlea Housing.*

14. Other Committee Reports:

Recreation Field - Football starts 5th September, and match schedules still awaited from SFC in order that busy match days can be monitored.

JCH - A leak was reported in the urinals u-bend. *Cllr Pepperall to organise a repair.*

Play Area - The gatepost had been repaired, & Enlan will return to stain the post.

They had also agreed to glue a broken slat.

The Clerk had requested alternative quotes for the annual inspection and concurred that ROSPA's fees are reasonable and will be carrying out this year's inspection.

Cemetery - WC are doing a good job on the closed cemetery.

Road Safety - The minutes of the Sub-Committee had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Points of interest from the Minutes included that a new 'Census of Buses' will need to be taken. Volunteers will be requested via the Magazine and the Web site.

Cllr Pflieger reminded parishioners that it was necessary that sufficient volunteers come forward to enable us to carry out the proposed Community Speed Watch scheme.

The Sub-Committee minutes were duly approved.

Highways - Sub-Committee to meet again to decide on further required speed calming, and appropriate Issue Sheets to be brought to P/C for approval to send to the Area Board.

The Area Board Transport meeting had been attended by Cllrs Pflieger, Groom and Pepperall, and which had resulted in a successful bid to have white gates installed at Holborn, similar to a scheme at Broad Town. The cost, est. at £250, to be approved at the October meeting, after all remaining available funding from the 2010/11 Highway budget.

15. The Close Trees - report by Cllr Thomas - No report.

16. Parish Plan - update. We are the first Parish to do an update. Ms Rayner of Community First was pleasantly surprised at how far we have progressed with the plans. She has suggested major amendments to the interim report. Another Public meeting will be arranged for Saturday 1st October, 10 – 12 am, after which, the additional results of the surveys can be amalgamated, and incorporated into a finished Plan, which will then form part of the Area and County Plans. Parishioners are urged to attend and help contribute to the Plan, and to getting the ideas put into action.

17. Parish Steward Tasks - next visit tba. Street and pavement weeds.

Overgrown grass verges are now requiring some work, and the Parish Steward will be asked to attend to the southern verge from The Butts towards The Beeches.

18. Correspondence:

Wiltshire Association of Local Councils - Newsletter - info only.

Royal Horticultural Society - re Britain in Bloom - info only.

Invitation to book launch - A History of Wiltshire XVIII : Cricklade & Environs Sept 10, 2p.m., Cricklade United Church Hall.

19. Date of next meeting: Thursday 6th October 2011, in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed 9.00 p.m.