

**The minutes were amended and signed as a true copy on
28th April 2005 by Cllr Pepperall.**

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 7th April 2005

Present: Cllrs Pepperall - Chair, Bennett, Brimacombe, Holloway, Pflieger, & Quartly-Bishop

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Groom, Baker, and Saunders.
- 2. Confirm minutes** of 3rd March 2005, dates of next meetings had been altered from the previous month, see item 22. The minutes were signed as a true record.
- 3. Invitation for local PC to speak.**
PC Hulmes was unable to attend.
- 4. County Councillor's report and questions arising.**
Cllr Groom was unable to attend the meeting, there was no report.
- 5. District Councillor's report and questions arising.**
Cllr Groom was unable to attend the meeting, there was no report.

6. Parishioner's Question Time.

An update on the difficulties with funeral cars and the chicane was requested.

All funeral directors had been informed of the chicane, and the Co-Op Funeral directors were sending in a report. A discussion had taken place between the Chairman and Mr Rose of the Highways Dept. The emphasis being on pedestrian safety.

The new bollard lights at Buryfield were a surprise to some residents who expected a standard lamp.

A report was requested on the cemetery spaces available, and the projected length of time left. It was suggested that the Parish Council should advertise the plots, to enable pre-purchases.

The residents of Greenhill are still waiting for their road to be re-surfaced and are upset, as is the P.C., because it is apparently not on the highways list, as they had been previously informed. The Highways Dept. are to be asked again for Greenhill and Park Lane to be re-instated on the list.

Discussion was held on the large amount of water that collects at the end of Greenhill. The mud has been cleared from the pond and the road. A further dry sweep has been ordered by the Highways Dept. The track leading off from this along the bottom of Lydiard Plain has been there for approx. 45 years now and has always been part of Lydiard Plain. There is some public resistance to the Parish Council spending tax payer's money on draining the area.

It was reported that a manhole (thought to be foul water) between The Butts and The Beeches is uneven and causes a loud noise as vehicles drive over it. Clerk will report this to Clarence.

7. Councillor's reports of Parishioners queries.

Despite the previous report that a resident has dumped hedge cuttings in the ditch behind Park View Drive, this has not yet been cleared up. The Clerk will advise the resident concerned that he would be charged if the Council have to clear the ditch.

There is still a water leak in Park Lane – Thames Water has been informed.

The Spring Litter Pick - information was sought on where and when - see item 19 on the agenda.

Hedgerow/shrubbery has been cut back, as requested, 16 The Street, but not enough. Clerk to contact the owners again.

8. Report on matters arising from 3rd March not on the main agenda.

As reported at PQT, the new WCC Highways Engineer, D Everett, had sent a digger from Chippenham to Greenhill bottom to clear the ditch and the turning circle. A 'brush' was promised to follow. Two quotes have been sought to deal with the large puddle at end of the track, (Greenhill bottom), one for piping into ditch to drain the water away, the other for scalplings to fill in the dip. Quotes to be brought to next meeting.

A further discussion took place on the track, which is said to have been built 45 years ago on the edge of the common land known as Lydiard Plain. The Council has requested that a search be carried out to establish whether or not it is classed as footpath, right of way, or vehicle access. There is difference of opinion over who should pay for repairs. Clerk to write to County Solicitor.

Item 20. Mr Campbell has been contacted by the Highway Engineer, who is looking at the possibility of installing a higher kerb where the accident took place. It seems that WCC and NWDC agree that the access onto the Beeches' field is inappropriate but no action is to be taken at present as there is a common law 'right to access'. WCC will continue to monitor mud left on the road, if it is reported. Likewise any damage to drains etc, will be charged to the culprit. Local residents are asked to note registration numbers of offending vehicles.

The Councillors were asked if they had noticed the Parish Lengthsmen on the 14 and 15th March. They had been requested to cut back the hedge along Lydiard Green, which had caused earlier concern.

(The above items are for information only).

9. Planning Applications.

05/00624/FUL. 6 S/Det. 3 bedroom houses, land adj. Lydiard Towers, Lydiard Green.

Mr and Mrs Perkins have sent a letter of objection. Conservation area, buffer zone, water table is high and worse in winter - drains badly, no mains sewers, light and privacy loss, close to blind bend, additional traffic, 12feet from their cottage. Completely out of context with the current housing. P.C. also worries about further applications in the field immediately behind this site, if permission granted. It is out of character on a dangerous fast road, which already has drainage problems. The applicant appears to be a very new Limited Company.

Unanimous Objection - to incorporate all the comments raised.

05/00534/FUL. 1st Floor extension & balcony over garage, 16 Forge Fields.

No adverse comment

05/00485/FUL. Extension to rear of 30, Stone Lane.

No general objection from neighbour, but they are concerned about how the building would join theirs, and inappropriate guttering over their balcony.

No adverse comment - except that consideration be given to the comments made.

05/00717/FUL. Replace existing utility roof; first floor ext'n. over existing garage, 4 Lydiard Green.

No adverse comment

Late Planning Application

05/00447/FUL Drop kerb for vehicle access, 10 The Moors.

Support for keeping vehicles off the road.

Amended plans.

05/00034/FUL New Parking Area- Lydiard Millicent C of E Primary School

NWDC Permission Granted

05/00034/FUL New Parking Area - Lydiard Millicent C of E Primary School

05/00097/FUL Single storey side and two-storey rear extension, 9 Holborn.

The Planning Inspectorate - Appeal allowed.

04/00173/FUL 5 Dwellings on land off The Mews.

NWDC had relied too heavily on the the guidelines for the number of houses. Costs were awarded.

**Traffic Commissioner - Goods Vehicle (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995 –
OH1041458** Man With A Van, 37, Stone Lane.

HGV Licence Application. This would not usually come to the notice of the Parish Council, however several local residents did originally object, now resulting in a public hearing, date to be set. LMPC will then have the opportunity to appear, and Chairman asked to oppose accordingly.

10. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Mrs R Leckie	Salary	£230.00
Mrs R Leckie	Expenses	£47.73*
Mr R Nicholas	Groundsman	£119.16 (new contract next month)
Shaw F.C.	Line marking	£100.00
L.M. Parish Hall	Hire of Hall Parish Council	£15.00
WALC	Subscriptions	£402.31*
T.H. Pepperall	Expenses 2004/5	215.48*
T.H. Pepperall (Cats Solutions)	Parish Plan posters & flyers re 23/4	96.35*
Hot Pepper Design	Re-design of posters 23/4	60.00
L.M. Parish Hall	Parish Plan Hall Hire 23/4	63.50
SPLASH	Donation under S137	£25.00
Community First	Insurance cover for Buryfield bollards	£6.61
JCH (transfer)	Parish Plan JCH hire	£120.00
Southern Electric	JCH - invoice showing credit of	£155.56

For Approval

Williams Lea Parish Plan final document £1875.00*
This will enable the full grant to be eligible from The Countryside Agency.
The LMPC contribution to the Plan will then be about £500, against the £1000 precepted.

The Parish Structure section had been changed to represent facts only, and the Questionnaire. It was underlined that normal planning rules will apply to any resultant planning applications. The Parish Plan Committee had taken the LMPC comments, which are reflected in the document. The Parish Plan constitution states that all members declare any vested interest, and the Countryside Agency rules limit members of the Council to two. All issues raised by LMPC at the Parish Plan meeting had been addressed, but with the Chairman only named in each group heading. The total cost was close to budget of £4,000, and LMPC's support helped to enable the other grants. The amended Plan was agreed on trust, as the final copy was yet not available to LMPC.

The new bollard lights are now installed in Buryfield, but the requested tarmac ramp had been vetoed. A request for a wheelchair ramp will be sent to WCC. Insurance cover is £6.61 to renewal, £33.88 p.a.

The above accounts and supplementary notes were proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Holloway, and agreed. There were no objections.

11. Committee Reports

Rec. Field. PIR light towards Play Area has been vandalised. The bracket may be repairable, Cllr Pflieger offered to help.

The usual May meeting is shortly to be convened between the Recreation Field Sub Committee, Shaw Football Club and L.M.Cricket Club.

Whilst Swindon Services have been requested to do, and have done, another extra Grass cut, our own Groundsman would like to quote for these extra cuts in future. Agreed and quote to be sought.

Play Area. Cllr Baker to send Playground report to Clerk.
The Play Area Notice Board lettering has been re-instated.

Cemetery. Waiting for report from the Co-op Funeral Services on chicane and the cemetery gate.
The guttering on the old shed in the cemetery is full of vegetation. Groundsman to be asked to clear.

Web Site. Our webmaster has done an excellent job on the new site. Net cost will equal the previous costs, and 'www.lydiard.millicent.org.uk' will be easier to run. There may be some training sessions to enable nominated Cllrs to make amendments to this site.

12. Co-option Nominations

We are still hopeful that one parishioner will shortly volunteer, and there is still a further vacancy.

13. Parish Plan Update

Cllrs were thanked for attending the extra meeting with the Parish Plan committee. Community First have now seen the final plan, and were pleased that Councillors had made the necessary comments, and that it was right not to go into too much site-specific detail. The final meeting to present the Parish Plan will be held on 23rd April 2005 Parish Hall, 5pm. Deliveries of the Plan to every house should be done by 18th April.

14. Standing Orders

Amendments were made and the final copy to be distributed to Cllrs on 28th April.

15. Post Office Update

One of the essential projects in the Parish Plan was to seek the re-instatement of our Post Office. Chairman reported that 'Toomers' have offered to be a 'host'. Discussions with them, our Postmaster, and the Post Office are ongoing, and grants are being sought.

The Parish Plan proposed footpath along Stone Lane would need higher priority if the relocation of a Post Office, and shop, is successful.

16. The Butts Pond - Taurus has been asked to supply quotes for a replacement platform.

17. Church Chicane - see 6., P.Q.T. Check reflective bollards. Give way road markings to the east to be moved 6/8 feet, not 6 metres.

18. Lydiard Plain - new Agricultural Subsidies - More investigations are needed on the use of the Common Land. Questions on the shoot which takes place at the copse still to be answered. It was agreed to let to Mr Meredith again, and to leave his rent as before, subject to reductions from any grants received when LMPC has registered its own interest on the land. Clerk to request appropriate forms from DEFRA.

19. Parish Spring Litter Pick

7th and 8th May suggested. 10 or 12 pickers, plus bags, gloves, etc. to be requested from NWDC. Cllr J Bennett has offered to co-ordinate operations again, and write an article for the 'The Lydiards'.

20. Swindon Protest March against rural expansion

9/4, 11 a.m, GWR Park, Faringdon Road to Civic Offices. Members of the Council and public were invited to take part in the march.

21. Correspondence

Riffs Bar - Mr A Pett has been awarded 'Publican of the Year'.

E-mail from Mrs. J. Power re state of road at Washpool Bridge - WCC asked to make repairs.

Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Benson, 12 The Close, re boundary hedge. It was agreed that LMPC could not sanction their request, but the Chairman will arrange a meeting with them to discuss the options.

Expansion of Braden Forest School - letter from Dr. Paget's Ps & Qs asking for support to his objections. LMPC agreed to support on basis of increased school bus traffic, and Chair to respond.

22. Date of next Council Meeting, Thursday 28th April, 7.30, JCH.

Date of AGM and Annual Parish Meeting, Thursday 5th May, 7.30, JCH.

Approval of LMPC sought to continue after 10.00. The meeting closed at 10.30.