

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting on 7th February 2013

Present. Cllrs T Pepperall (Chairman), M Groom, A Pflieger, K Thomas, A Harris.

1. **Apologies for absence** - Cllrs D Cobb, and S Mowbray.
2. **Safety Briefing** was given to 13 members of public plus 4 Councillors.
3. **Co-option of New Councillor.** David Rees was welcomed as a co-opted Cllr and having completed his paperwork with the Clerk, prior to the meeting, was duly able to take part in the meeting.
4. **Declarations of Interest** - there were no declarations of interest.
5. **Minutes of meeting Thursday 3rd January 2013** were signed as a true record.
6. **New Chair for Cemetery S/Committee.** Cllrs were reminded of this vacancy - no volunteers.
7. **Police Report** - no report available.
8. **Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising + Core Strategy Note.**
 - a. Cllr Groom reported that the Overview and Scrutiny committee congratulated the officers on their hard work in bringing together such a complex and innovative budget. It is thought that a balanced budget with the correct level of reserves and projected financial planning should be achieved. The Overview and Scrutiny committee had also received positive comments from members of the public with regard to the proposed budget.
 - b. Cllr Groom commented that when she raised the subject of C road maintenance, she was told that Balfour Beatty had taken over the Highways contract and they have confirmed that the largest backlog of maintenance was on the C roads. She suggested that the Council prepare a list of C road concerns.
 - c. J16 - Swindon are again intending to pursue this project, which in turn will necessitate more local action, both by the Council and individuals, as all objections will be counted.
 - d. The Wiltshire Core strategy is out for consultation, Cllr Groom suggested that we all write in and support it, particularly the WB section, and the classification of L/M as a 'small village'.
 - e. Dispensations have been reviewed by Government departments who consider that Wiltshire went too far, but have yet to offer solutions.
 - f. Swindon BC have again raised their idea for a tunnel under the M4, which has caused much concern again.

9. Parishioner's Question Time.

- a. It was suggested and agreed by Councillors that we liaise with Purton Parish Council and come up with a unified plan with regards to future road layouts regarding Ridgeway Farm, before meeting with WC or Developers. It was asked what the future traffic predictions are for both Ridgeway Farm and the J16 tunnel? This is the largest problem in that there is no reliable data available.
- b. Mrs Blakey requested a copy of the code of conduct. As the Councillors had now received theirs, it could now be published - this request was agreed - Clerk to email her a copy.
- c. Following on from the meeting with LMPC, SFC and the residents, it was hoped that the new contract being prepared for SFC for the wonderful facilities would include suitable fees to cover the costs currently being subsidised by the Parishioners, such as the expensive white lining fluid, cutting of the pitches and electricity. The Chairman said that all such suggestions would be looked at when drawing up the new contract, but the final document would need to take all parties concerns into consideration. It was also normal practice for Councils to subsidise sporting facilities. It was also asked why the Chairman had not informed the Council that he had received an enquiry from another local football club to take on the agreement – with only 5 teams and not 13 such as SFC. That this club had offered to take over the cutting of the field, would have maintained the pitches and purchase all the white lining fluid at no cost to the Parish. The Chairman responded in that the contract was not up for tender, and that in the past the Council had decided against adult clubs due to previous experiences. The adult club currently pay £3800 p.a. for 1 pitch, and it was said that a club such as SFC with a turnover of £40k should be able to pay similar rates, which would equate to £14k - much more than the 20% increase in precept. It was asked if SFC's rates would go up 20% in line with the Parishioners increase of precept? Cllr Groom asked what rates other councils charged. The Chairman said he had been told that SFC could, if they wished, hire pitches for as little as £21. This was questioned by Parishioners - why would they stay and pay £25 or more per pitch, making little or no financial sense. The current white lining was queried on the accounts for the month as it had rained so much lately; it was unlikely any white lining had actually occurred.
- d. Further flooding reported at the end of Greenhill, on Mr Wick's land, which was reported to have been under 4.5 feet of water recently. Cllr Groom offered to take this up with the Flood Working Group.

- e. The re-instatement of culvert was requested at the Tewksbury end of Washpool Bridge.
 f. It was alleged that APL Coaches are breaking up the edge of the road surface opposite Blackfords.

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

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

12. Report on matters arising from 3rd January 2013 not on the main agenda.

Badgers Brook owners have been asked to apply for planning permission regarding their business activities.

13. Planning Applications

'Oaklands', Braydon - V/12/04017/CLE - wrong interpretation was approved during the last meeting. It was in fact a 'fait accompli', as stated last month, re proven habitation for 10 years. Our disapproval was submitted.

Ridgeway Farm Highway planning - it was agreed to set up a meeting with Purton PC, in order to present a unified front. The Chairman will organise this. Cllr Groom to liaise with Purton PC.

Cllr Harris asked what had happened to the list of conditions we requested if planning application succeeded. These became invalid, when the development was allowed at the Appeal.

It was asked by a Parishioner what the Parish Councils vision was with regard to controlling traffic flow through the village. Some proposals were discussed, but this highlighted the need to agree on one plan between Purton and LMPC. It was noted that Shaw Ward residents would be preparing and suggesting different highway plans.

Park View Drive - a property has been brought to the attention of WC planners in that it is running a B&B.

13 a Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure

		£'s
R Leckie	Salary	347.85*
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LMPHall	Hire of P/Hall	25.00
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	504.00*
SFC	White Lining	100.00
In Touch Services	Printing of Neighbourhood Plan flyers	176.40
LM Parish Hall	Village Plan drop-in	23.30

Play Area wood chip quotations - one had been received, but was ridiculously high - more awaited.

Clerks Training for Elections, and PAYE - approved 2 x £35 seminar fees.

Quotation for Spring Horse £260 plus vat - approved.

The above accounts were proposed by Cllr Pflieger, seconded by Cllr Rees, no objections, and duly approved.

Thanks were given to Mrs Blackmore & Bennett who had run the refreshments for the Village Plan Drop-in sessions.

14. Sub-Comm. Chair Reports:

Highways & Footpaths - Cllr Cobb had emailed Clerk prior to meeting to confirm that he had sent several issue sheets and had attended the CATG meeting, but had nothing specific to report.

Rec.Field & JCH - a meeting between SFC, residents, and Rec F Sub Committee had been held in the past month.

A draft agreement to be sent to SFC - the fee schedule is still under review. The sub-committee will make its recommendations to full Council in March.

Cem. & P/Areas - Cllr Mowbray still pursuing the ownership of the ditch area in Lydiard Green.

Highways have suggested that a footpath in Lydiard Green would need to be completed in small stages.

Other Committee Reports:

Play Areas - Clerk had begun obtaining Wood Chip quotes and had found a reasonably priced Spring Pony at £260. The area in front of the gate needs building up with turf. Unused turf on a pallet at Greenhill Industrial Park could be utilised. Cllr Harris to make enquiries.

Rights of Way, & Walks. Walks will commence again on 5th April - a full year's schedule will be published.

Lorry Watch - The Lorry Watch signs have been updated and new signs attached where necessary.

15. Community Speed Watch - update. Training hopefully will commence in the Spring.

16. Parish Plan - an OS map detailing the area to be used in Holborn required to allow Solicitor to carry out the relevant land searches. Cllr Thomas offered to source one.

17. Neighbourhood Plan - Still ongoing, surveys have gone out, relations of families can also send in surveys. Contact Chairman for extra copies.

18. Holborn Footpath Project - see Item 16.

19. Community Field - LMPC now ready to consult with parishioners on the current plan. Public meeting to be arranged, when letters of support will be needed from as many organisations and residents as possible.

20. **The Butts Parking Area** - planter can now to be ordered as licence is in place. Parking signage to be chased up with WC. The planter will need to be added to the Insurance schedule.

21. **Parish Steward tasks** - sweeping of leaves and general litter picking, footpath behind railings at The Butts area, Stone Lane to Washpool needs a litter pick - Clerk to contact WC.

22. **Volunteer required to be a Local Authority School Governor** - no volunteer.

23. **Correspondence.**

Letter from resident re fall in The Beeches - WC will rectify the drain that caused the fall.

Mobile Library timetable is available online, contact Clerk for details.

Royal Garden Party - Chairman to be nominated.

Complaint re overgrown vegetation at Forge Fields - Clerk to contact owners.

Peoples Voice Survey - few responses so far from this area. Suggestion to advertise this on website was agreed.

See our web site under 'News - February - 'What Really Matters to You.....'

24. **Next meeting, Thursday 7th March 2013, 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

25. **May meeting date to be 25th April 2013**

26. **AGM. and APM 16th May 2013**

Speaker for APM - new Police Commissioner? - Cllr Groom to enquire.

Meeting closed at 9.10

Minutes approved 7.3.13