

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 2nd August 2012

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

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Quant and Mowbray
2. **Safety Briefing** to 9 members of public and 7 Councillors
3. **Declarations of Interest.** None.

Cllr Harris questioned the need to publish the Registers of Interest on the Parish Council Website. The Clerk confirmed that it was necessary but that she only intended to put that Councillors had registered interests without any specific details, and that this in itself will have to wait a while.

It was agreed that the Clerk should register the concerns about how and what should be put on the websites with WC, and WALC. Further discussion to follow next month.

4. **Minutes of meeting Thursday 5th July 2012.**

Item 17. Cllr Pflieger asked how he could have offered to check for 'SID' contacts when he was not in attendance. The Minutes were signed unchanged when it was explained that it was thought he already had the task in hand. Cllr Pflieger agreed to carry out the request for information.

5. **Police Report.**

PCSO Singfield had called in before the meeting to give a report. He warned of thefts from cars in late evening in The Mews, Chestnut Springs and New Common Platt. Mostly they had been opportunistic, petty thefts. There had been 2 road accidents in the past month reported, but residents doubted they were on Stone Lane due to lack of evidence.

6. **Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.**

1. Cllr Groom had attended Area Board meeting on Community Led Planning where there had been a very interesting presentation. The Area Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well and will soon reach the stage of consultation.
2. Cllr Groom urged Councillors to write in and support the Core Strategy, which guarantees no strategic developments in our area, but support is needed to safeguard this point. She hoped to receive a template for consultation responses shortly.
3. Cllr Groom continues to assist Mr Merrick against WC enforcement action over his boundary and flooding issues.

7. **Parishioner's Question Time.**

1. Mr Merrick asked the Council to report to WC that the Clarence number if used with a mobile phone contacts a number in Edinburgh.
2. It was requested the Clerk write and thank Mr Cooper for his bedding flowers donated again this year.
3. Mrs Blakey reported a broken stile at the end of walk between Meadow Springs and Washpool.
4. Mr Wicks reminded the Council that the drainage ditches still needed attention and that water continues to cascade all the way down the road when it rains.
5. Some hedges needed to be cut back along Greenhill.
6. Regretfully, no more has been heard regarding the thwarted metal theft outside 'Merrywood', Greenhill.
7. A caravan had been noted going down past Mr Wicks property along the track, but was not seen returning. He requested LMPC to check to see where it was placed.
8. Mr Tapscott reported that the pavement drains in The Street from the roundabout to the Garage were blocked.
9. Mr Tapscott asked for clarification as to what will be changed in the Standing Orders to be amended - would changes be debated publicly? Specifically would there be a change to the Cllrs six month rule. The Clerk explained that the changes were only to conform to new legislations and would not alter the Standing Orders significantly, and the Cllr six-month rule should remain. The changes would be put to Parish Council for approval.
10. It was asked if someone had a grave surround, could they replace the garden with stones. Clerk confirmed that the middle of a grave with surround could be altered in this way without consultation.

8. **Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.**

1. Cllr Baker had written a complaint to another Cllr and copied to all. It was considered that this was not an efficient or appropriate way to deal with the matter referred to.
2. Cllr Burley had visited Mr Wicks and had returned to inspect the Greenhill during a recent rainstorm. He reported that the water runs down the wrong side of the road, due to the camber and that it may be possible to pipe the water under the road to the ditches on the other side periodically down the road. The turning area at the bottom of the road needs re-surfacing, so that the surface water could drain into the pond, and into the pipe under the road to the ditch on the other side. The area needs to be dredged and the pipes unblocked. Cllr Burley agreed to continue looking at possible solutions to the problems.

3. Cllr Burley confirmed that the conifer hedge on the sharp corner, past the Nurseries, was in need of cutting back.
4. Cllr Burley had spoken to a member of the HSE regarding Legionella in water tanks, and obtained a quotation of £195 + VAT for a risk assessment on the JCH. This was agreed in principle and an appointment would be made.
5. The Planning Sub-Committee meeting with the WC Planning Officers was still being arranged. Cllr Burley asked Cllrs to send him specific questions to put to the Planning Officers.
6. Cllr Harris asked if anything could be done about the number of learner drivers using the village roads. He had recently followed one who stopped opposite 38 Stone Lane to do a hill start. Cllr Pflieger said there was nothing that could be done about the numbers as it is a test route; however, he would register a complaint with The Driving Centre regarding the dangerous practice of hill starts in that area of Stone Lane.
7. Cllr Pflieger reported that Broad Town had received the same white gates as at Holborn. The higher ones would have needed planning permission. The mess the area was left in though is still a concern. Cllr Pepperall confirmed he would request WC to return and tidy it up.
8. The replacement sign run is still awaited. It was promised many months ago - to be chased up.
9. Lorry watch. Two more lorries reported this month. One Stop has been telephoned again, and sent approved routes.
10. LMPC is pleased to receive information from parishioners. Cllrs should not take decisions personally on such matters, but acknowledge receipt of the correspondence, and pass the matter on to the Clerk and relevant Chairman.

9. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention.

The Clerk reported that she had attended a half day training session on Section 7 of CiLCA General Power of Competence. She now needed to work on her response to the exam questions prior to application.

10. Report on matters arising from 5th July 2012 not on the main agenda.

Item 17 - meeting now held with W/C Highways Officer Steve Hinds, and we await his findings.

It is important that the improvements to Stone Lane need to be in one project, and not several small ones.

W.C. Officer Malcolm Beavan to be asked about remarking of white lining in various parts of the Parish.

Cllr Pepperall had tried again, unsuccessfully, for funding for bollards at The Butts. Cllr Pflieger offered to complete and send off a Highways Issue sheet. Meanwhile, the alternative of a flowerbed is being considered, which would stop traffic cutting the corner into The Butts.

11. Planning Applications

N/12/01838/FUL **Badgers Brook, The Street.** Detached Garage.

LMPC has **no objection** to the change to the garage, but would ask for restrictions to prevent the business use in the main building overflowing into the garage area, if this is possible.

N/12/01742/FUL **39 Chestnut Springs, Lydiard Millicent.** Two-storey side extension.

LMPC **unanimously oppose** this application on the grounds that it is overdevelopment of the site, and will adversely change the Street Scene. The inner circle of Chestnut Springs were originally all bungalows, some of which have been developed as Chalet style. The back elevation is too close to the adjacent property and too high - and the first floor windows will overlook the neighbouring properties, and cause loss of privacy.

N/12/02015/FUL **38 Stone Lane.** Demolition of existing dwelling, and construction of a replacement dwelling (amendment to N/12/00504/FUL).

LMPC has **no objections** to this application.

As for the claim of spoil being placed in the field beyond, it was agreed to wait until after the property had been built, and then check that any such waste had been correctly removed and the field area re-instated.

N/12/01435/FUL **Green View, Wood Lane.** Ground floor extension to rear and side of dwelling. Re-sited replacement garage with accommodation above.

LMPC is **very concerned** that the garage with accommodation above would be more of an annex than a garage.

We would ask that the annex be less self-sufficient and more reliant on the main building, ie. removal of the kitchen. It should also have a Section 106 Agreement to tie it to the house.

12. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure		£'s
R Leckie	Salary	347.85
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LMPHall	Hire of P/Hall	24.00
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	504.00*
Stratton PC	Grass Cuts	60.00
WALC	Clerk's Cilca Course Fee	30.00*

No July income. Accounts proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Pflieger, no objections, and duly approved.

13. Registers of Interest - see Item 3.

14. Sub-Comm. Chair Reports:

Highways & Footpaths - nothing to report, agenda to be prepared for next meeting. Repairs being done to Holborn bridge look to be an excellent job.

Recreation Field - Spring horse - it was suggested that the Spring horse in the main area be disposed of and replaced with the one from The Mews. There were concerns over the safety of such a move. Clerk & Chair to source a replacement.

Residents meeting - Friday 3rd August to be held at Cllr Blackmore's home.

Cricket update. Wiltshire Cricket Grounds Association wish to look at the ground. Cllr Thomas to make appointment. The suggestion of an artificial turf square, which can be used in all conditions, would seem to be most practical. Pitch rental of approx £60 a match could then be achieved.

Cem. & Public areas - No report. Ivy has been removed. Clerk to ask WC to look at holly bush in old cemetery, which is pushing against the wall. Turf reported in Lydiard Millicent Field - no action needed.

15. Other Committee Reports:

Rights of Way & Walks - July walk successful, 7 walkers, no rain. Next walk 10th August.

Right of Way reported still partially blocked at the back of 4 Park View Drive. Owner to be contacted again with the threat of WC to cut and charge.

Church Clock - discussion on Clock Fund deferred to next meeting, due to Cllr Baker's absence.

Lydiard Millicent Field - sub-committee set up of Cllrs Blackmore, Burley, Groom, & Pflieger - first meeting with P/Hall committee on 15th August 7 p.m. at JCH.

Interim use of the field discussed. The owners of the adjacent field, who had been renting our field prior to sale, expressed an interest in continuing to use the field to graze their horse during winter months. This was generally agreed, subject to a written Agreement, with any cost to the tenants in lieu of a rental fee.

They have suggested 'topping' the grass rather than cutting for hay. Cllr Harris to provide a draft tenancy agreement for Chair to discuss with the potential temporary tenants.

Lydiard Millicent Field to be added to our Insurance Policy as soon as possible.

16. Area Neighbourhood Plan - covered under Item 6.

17. Parish Plan - Housing Working Group request for Housing Needs Survey. This process has been agreed by WC and could begin as soon as October.

18. Holborn Footpath Project - Solicitors still have not completed the Legal Agreements needed. Cllrs were very upset and suggested that if there is no action within the next week, then a replacement solicitor be sought. Mr Croucher to be advised of the delay.

19. Parish Council Field - see report Item 15.

20. Diamond Jubilee - update. 'Jubilee Mugs' are now slowly being sold off - only 15 now left. It was agreed to mount and send one each to School and The Sun Inn to mark the event.

21. Greenhill Residents Association & Tel. Box - Cllrs Pepperall & Blackmore met residents on 25th July, offered them a draft constitution and a few ideas, and any help in setting up their Association, prior to completing the promised Maintenance Agreement.

22. Parish Steward tasks.

Drains along The Street, Strim around signs in hedges, continue hedge cutting in The Butts.

23. Correspondence.

Internal Audit Report.

Various on-line publications received - for information only.

Updated email address and telephone number for local police.

24. Next meeting, Thursday 6th September 2012, 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed 9.50p.m.

Minutes approved without alteration 6.9.2012.