

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting on 4th October 2012

Present: Cllrs T Pepperall (Chair), T Blackmore (V/C), S Burley, A Harris, S Mowbray, A Pflieger, K Thomas.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs D Cobb, M Groom.
2. **Safety Briefing** was given to 8 members of the public and 6 Councillors. Cllr Mowbray arrived late.
3. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Burley indicated that he had met and knew Mr Simon Chambers the Architect who was working on the Barretts Yard application. He did not stand to gain financially from the application. This was not considered to be 'an interest' by the other members present, no action required.
4. **Minutes of meeting Thursday 6th September 2012** - were altered at Item 7b, PQT, to amend '25 Greenhill' to '27 Greenhill'. Also in Item 16 - last sentence should have read 'NALC revision of code of conduct' be adopted.

Extra Notices.

The Chairman, Cllr Pepperall, announced that he would not re-stand for the role of Chairman after the May elections.

A written notice of Cllr Bakers resignation had been received by the Chairman, and communication had taken place on receipt of this to try & persuade him to stay until elections, but regretfully his notice was final and immediate. The Council reluctantly agreed to accept his resignation and thanked him for his invaluable 32 years of service. Further communication with Mr Baker will be needed in regard to continued concerns about the Clock Fund account.

Cllr Blackmore confirmed rumours amongst Parishioners that he had indeed also given his own notice as Councillor and will attend his last meeting in December.

Cllr Blackmore asked that a celebration of Tom and Brian's many years in service should be held approx April/May.

Cllr Pepperall reminded Cllrs that any such celebrations could not be funded by the Council.

Cllr Harris asked whether or not Cllr Burley and Cllr Pflieger had also resigned? It was confirmed that they had unofficially considered the action, but both now wish to continue until the elections in May 2013.

The vacancy for Councillor would need to be checked by the Clerk, as the rules change six months prior to elections.

It was agreed that the Council would actively seek and advertise for prospective Councillors in early 2013, to ensure that a full election will take place in May. Such candidates should be committed to attend on a regular basis and be willing and able to fully take part in Council business.

5. **Police Report.** No report.

6. **Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.** Cllr Groom had provided a written report -

1. Cllr Groom had attended a seminar on the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy. The imbalance between Gov't funding and the amount needed for infrastructure will need to be addressed.
2. Cricklade had withdrawn from the Neighbourhood Plan group - financial consequences may need to be considered.
3. The owners of Spittleborough Farm have applied for a change of use from garden to leisure to enable weddings and events to be held in a Marquee at the farm.
4. Wiltshire Voluntary Sector Assembly has achieved a government grant to develop the service further.
5. Elections for the first Police Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire will take place on 15th November.
6. The Area Board recognised that the RSS has not been abolished legally. It will be interesting to see just how the RSS, Wiltshire Core Strategy and Neighbourhood Plan will inter-relate to each other.

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

1. 5 drains in The Butts were reported as filling up with leaves - *Clerk to report.*

2. Mr Haydon, who lives next to the development at 37 Stone Lane addressed the Council and asked for help regarding the rumours that there was asbestos from the demolished house in the spoil, which had allegedly been deposited in the field behind the site. The spoil area is substantial, and will increase further as footings are dug out.

Mr Haydon asked LMPC to establish 1. Whether or not asbestos had been placed on the field to the rear of his property, and if so to have it effectively dealt with; and 2. If the rumours were incorrect and no asbestos was found, then all records pertaining to this are clear, to prevent problems for home owners in Stone Lane in the future.

Mr Birch, also a neighbour of the development, confirmed to the Council that when the property was owned by Mr Nicks, it had been under-cloaked with asbestos and fitted with asbestos soffit boards. This was a common building material from 1950's to the mid 1980's, several homes along Stone Lane having been treated in this way.

No knowledge was available as to whether or not the asbestos had been removed in later years.

Both neighbours have in the past few months contacted both the Environmental Department and the Planning and Enforcement Departments, but all actions have been passed back to Mr Allan Brown.

Cllrs Burley and Harris agreed to work together on getting some answers regarding the situation, as urgent removal of any asbestos from the field would need to take place as soon as possible.

8.00 p.m. Cllr S Mowbray arrived.

3. Mr Tapscott asked for information on how the oil purchased for the War Memorial Clock would be accounted for? The Clerk reported that the Council has a duty to maintain War Memorials and it would be entered under that heading. Cllr Baker had also purchased some Clock oil prior to his resignation.

4. It was asked if Council meetings could start at a later time in the evening, such as 8 p.m. The Council will consider this on the November Agenda.

8. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

1. Cllr Burley had recently attended a Planning Committee meeting at Monkton Park. He remarked that, at such meetings, there is a specific allocation of time for both Parishioners and Cllrs to say their piece, and then the Committee uses the extra information or comments to help them with their final decisions. No interaction takes place between committee members and that of the observers. Cllr Burley asked if similar restrictions could be put on the Parish Council meetings. Response - such changes require alterations to the Standing Orders. *Agenda November.*

2. It was recorded in the Minutes that a traffic accident had taken place at the junction of Stone Lane and Common Platt on 10th October. Photos of the scene had been emailed to Clerk and Councillors.

3. Overgrowth from field needs to be cut back from 'Rose Hall' towards the 'Casa Paola'. *Clerk to write to the landowner, thought to be a Mr Bunce.*

4. Lilac Cottage hedge, by the bottom ramp - *Clerk to contact owner re hedge trimming.*

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

10. Report on matters arising from 6th September 2012 not on the main agenda - none.

11. Planning Applications

N/12/03030/FUL Barretts Yard, Stone Lane - Replacement dwelling.

The proposed new dwelling would be approx 40% larger. However the applicant had also purchased the adjoining land from the Scaffold Co. Thus the building will be on a larger plot of land. Both the Scaffolding Company and Barretts Yard would cease to trade. It was agreed to support the application on the grounds that it would greatly improve the street scene in that area. It was further noted that Cllr Burley had asked that the application be called in if the Planning Officer was minded to refuse the application.

N/12/00257/ENF Badgers Brook, The Street - WC letter received re investigations into a change of use.

A request had been passed to Cllr Baker for LMPC to review the building work at Ruddlers, The Street, where a new double garage has recently been built. There are now Patio Doors in the side elevation, Double Glazed windows, water mains and drainage in the building, making it habitable.

12. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure		£'s
R Leckie	Salary	347.85*
R Leckie	Expenses - Tel, Stationery, Mileage, etc.	106.39*
LMPHall	Hire of P/Hall	24.00
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	504.00*
Enlan Ltd	Weed Killing	48.00*
Stratton St Margaret PC	Grass Cuts	100.00*
Bevirs	Holborn Footpath WHA fee	913.00*
T Pepperall	Stationery from Viking and printing inks	134.86*
For Approval		
SCS	Quote for Weed and Feed	583.65 plus vat

was discussed, and it was agreed that it is too late in the season, and to reconsider a quote in the spring.

Accounts proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Blackmore, no objections, and duly approved.

It was suggested that a Competition for the School or Community groups be arranged to name the 1st stage of the Holborn footpath - November Agenda.

13. **Quotes for new Spring Horse.** A representative from Kompan Play, had visited the site today - quote will be slightly higher than anticipated. The prices for 2011 were promotional, and had gone up since. The quote will be split to show a price for delivery and fitted, and delivery only, and also for different material types.

14. **Registers of Interest** - Only Cllr Quant left to complete his form. WC will write in next month with further information as to what action is needed next. *Cllr Burley to contact Cllr Quant in the meantime.*

15. Sub-Comm. Chair Reports:

Highways & Footpaths - Cllr Cobb had sent notes, as he was unable to attend the meeting at the last minute.

The Minutes of CATGroup read out by Chairman. Key points; Lydiard Millicent has had approved £6,000 for Stone Lane traffic

calming proposal. Also two of the remaining three proposals for further expenditure may be granted for works in Lydiard Millicent.

An Issue sheet is required for verge work at the Anchorage, before the edge of the property slips into the road.

At the same time a possible request for a 'stop sign' rather than a give way to be suggested for the junction of Stone Lane and Common Platt.

Cllr Pflieger no longer wishes to be deputy representative to attend CATG meetings. Another volunteer is needed.

Rec. Field & JCH

An intermediate cut by SCS was needed, as Stratton PC was not cutting short enough. Stratton still doing cuts fortnightly, at present. Stratton PC's machine had broken down half way through their last cut - they returned later to finish the job.

SFC has agreed a November meeting date to discuss the new Agreement.

There was a minor accident on the field recently. A male fell over the chain while jogging and had looked around at the wrong moment. Cllr Pflieger again recommended that we attach a metal 'long lorry type sign' on the chain.

Cemetery & Public areas - Cllr Baker had sent in his report, which was read by Chairman.

Cemetery - nice and tidy, but no written quotation yet received from Enlan for work on graves.

Hedge at Buryfield had been cut back, but not far enough as the metal squeeze belly stile is still buried in the hedge and the hedge is still overhanging the ditch. Cllr Blackmore offered a further inspection.

Hedge at Pond House overhangs the pavement and drips on pedestrians when it is wet, and needs further trimming.

16. Other Committee Reports:

Play Areas - no problems reported.

Rights of Way & Walks - next walk Dec 1st 11.00, 1.5 hours walk, followed by lunch at The Sun Inn.

17. Parish Plan - update, incl. Jubilee mugs. Cllr Pflieger has handed the Clerk £252.50 to be banked.

We purchased 250 mugs for £500, of which 130 mugs given out, 101 Sold, and 19 left in stock.

18. Neighbourhood Plan - update. Cricklade has pulled out, as the agreed aims did not suit their situation. There may be a financial implication, and name change. Lots of events and meetings are planned in the Parish for parishioners to illustrate the wishes. Schedule for completion by March 2013.

19. Holborn Footpath Project - update on Legal Agreements. Mr Croucher has agreed to proceed, which enables us to work with Westlea Solrs who need an up-front fee of £913.00, to be held by our Solicitors, Bevirs. Approved.

20. Wiltshire Council Core Strategy responses. Some who have looked at the proposed amendments, are of the opinion that they do not directly affect the Parish. Cllr Groom has made comments, which she encourages us to support. Anyone wishing to make a comment could support any of the aspects relevant to the Parish.

21. Parish Council Field - Instruction letter to Simon Chambers of LPC agreeing their terms has been sent. We await their draft plans for discussion with all interested parties.

The Kershaws have agreed to sign a Rental Agreement for the field for the next 6 months, as soon as we have the field number for the agreement. Cllr Harris to supply Chairman with the RPA telephone number.

22. The Butts Parking Area - a free-standing planter installation was discussed and approved, as WC will not allow bollards in the area. A licence application will now be sought.

23. Update on Community Speed Watch. A Metro Count request for Holborn has been sent on an Issue Sheet.

Lorry Watch - Cllr Pflieger twice witnessed through the village, a low loader with crane. A report has been sent to DVLA and feedback requested on any action taken by them.

24. Greenhill Residents Association & Tel. box - Constitution to be approved shortly.

25. Parish Steward tasks.

27 The Street, brambles hanging from hedge, *Cllr Pflieger offered to cut back.*

Drains in The Butts.

26. Correspondence.

Various Emails

Lydiard Park Academy - Consultation re possible sixth form - no action needed.

27. Next meeting, Thursday 1st November 2012, 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

9.15 closed.