

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting on 1st November 2012

Present: Cllrs T Blackmore(Vice Chairman), D Cobb, M Groom, A Harris, A Pflieger,

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs S Burley, S Mowbray, T Pepperall, K Thomas.

2. It was reported and accepted that B Quant has tendered his resignation with immediate effect.

3. Safety Briefing. Was given to 9 members of public plus 5 Councillors.

4. Declarations of Interest. None

5. Minutes of meeting Thursday 4th October 2012. Agreed and signed as a true copy

Consider different start time for future meetings. Cllr Blackmore had considered this question, and reported he felt that regardless of start time, there will always be occasions when Council members or public will be late. A later start time would inevitably result in meetings closing after 10pm at night which he did not consider to be reasonable or acceptable. He proposed that the start time remain at its present 7.30 p.m., Councillors present agreed with this deduction. – No further action required.

Consider changes for the Standing Orders – re PQT time. It was agreed by those present that generally unless we started regularly getting large numbers of public each taking up 10 minutes or more monthly then no action was needed as the ability to be able to discuss and debate local concerns was popular and works well. The onus is always on the Chairman to keep discussions moving.

6. Police Report. Apologies were received. No Report given.

7. Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.

Cllr Groom has seen reports that show millions were saved with the change to Unitary Council.

More seminars are coming up, everything is changing in health. Many of the changes are causing patient care to slip and complaints are being noted at County level. The poor communication between Consultants and Doctors was being one such source of complaint.

Planning – Wiltshire Council are taking on residents' views that they want to stay in own homes as long as possible. More units are being built with stepped warden arrangements, ranging from available if needed, to full care within one complex.

11 Greenhill – It was noted that this super garage is now being lived in. Enforcement action can now take place. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Groom on what action to take next.

8. Parishioner's Question Time.

Blocked drains in The Beeches are still causing water to overflow and water regularly runs down to the BT junction. This is a long standing issue, with residents reporting that 6 years ago WC determined part of the drain had collapsed, and required replacement. There was no funding at the time, and the issue still remains. Cllr Groom agreed to pursue this.

Highway verges – it was requested that the Clerk determines how many cuts per year we now get, and when the next cut was due.

Up-date was requested on hedge reported last month at Washpool which needs a good cut to clear pavement. Clerk to action.

Up-date requested on hedge in Holborn -Wimpey has been contacted.

Mrs Blakey, - requested a copy of the agreement entered into by the FA and LMPC. This was agreed however, the only copy is with the Chairman, who was currently away. The Clerk to obtain a copy from the Chairman

Helpful information was requested by member of public on candidates for the upcoming election of Police Commissioner. Many households still have not received any canvassing literature. Cllr Blackmore said that information was available about the candidates online, but the Council did not have any further additional information.

White lining – Cllr Burley has received information that the remarking of the white lining along Stone Lane should be

completed within a 3 week period after 12th November.

9. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

Cllr Pflieger reported that the Driving Centre is asking instructors and examiners to refrain from using Stone Lane for hill starts.

Cllr Cobb reported that the newly refurbished bridge in Holborn has been fractured as a result of a vehicle accident on 29th October, which also fractured a gas main. It was recommended that the driver's insurance be called upon by WC to pay for the repairs. The driver was tested at the scene and was not found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Grit bin was also knocked over and now needs filling back up urgently. Councillor Groom agreed to contact Wiltshire Council.

Attempted break-in at Sun Down, - Councillor Cobb reported that it is being investigated by CID.

It was asked if an issue sheet had been sent regarding the erosion of the bank at the bottom of Stone Lane at the junction with Washpool. – Clerk confirmed that this has been sent. A request to change the junction from Give way to Stop was also made.

No issue sheet has been issued for a possible mini roundabout at Casa Paolo as the Clerk had been waiting for result of Ridgeway farm Appeal. After further discussions it was agreed that it would do no harm for the Clerk to add this to the issue sheet list.

It was asked if the Parish Council were aware of new regulations regarding the proportionate sizes of pitches and goal posts to the age of the team. It was confirmed that SFC are already using different size pitches for different age groups.

10. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention.

The Clerk had received a request to investigate what had happened to footpath 123, Stone Lane to Holborn. She had looked at various OS maps and discovered that some of her latest ones did not in fact show this path. WC footpath site however, does still show the path. The footpath sub-committee group offered to check the state of the path.

The Clerk reported that she had met with the owner of Pond House regarding the hedge adjacent to the footpath on the junction of Stone Lane and Church Place. He maintains that the District Council in 1968 took away his bank and installed a footpath; he considers that WC should adopt this hedge and footpath. Clerk to contact WC.

The Clerk reported that she had purchased two second hand 6' Filing cabinets and a new Union Flag.

11. Report on matters arising from 4th October 2012 not on the main agenda.

The Clerk reported that as Cllr vacancies have occurred within 6 months of Council elections WC would not be advertising the vacancy. Parish Councils can however use co-options to fill vacancies temporarily until end of April 2013. Suitable candidates will be advertised for – Co-options to be added to December agenda. Interested members of public' need to contact the Clerk or Chairman for further information.

38 Stone Lane, Cllr Burley sent in a report. He has talked with many of the residents along Stone Lane regarding various concerns about this building site to better gauge general feelings/opinions.

He has received a response from Allan Browne, Planning Enforcement Officer that the owner has intention to use the spoil in the development of the site, and that he can temporarily use his own field to store the spoil.

Environmental Health is investigating the allegations that asbestos may have contaminated the spoil.

The issue of water levels and potential flooding due to raised land levels. Allan Browne has not yet been able to contact all of the residents who have raised this issue with Cllr Burley.

It was noted that when Cllr Burley gets an appointment to meet up with Mr Frith he will be accompanied by another member of the Council, Cllr Pflieger offered to attend if available.

Cllr Pflieger noted that he may have been out by 1 mug on his report last month, as Cllr Quant still holds 1 of the stock.

Mr Perrin has asked if the Parish Council can organise the digging out of the ditch at the bottom of the playing field, to help alleviate flooding to his land and disperse the water.

Cllr Burley has spent more time considering the problem of water running down the road in Greenhill.

12. Planning Applications

N/12/03482/FUL 1 The Beeches, two storey side extension, first floor extension and new porch.

The Parish Council were minded to approve this application with the proviso that planning officers should be satisfied that the size of the resultant property was in keeping with neighbouring houses.

There have been two letters received by residents who do not wish to see business activity on this site.

N/12/03508/FUL 39 Chestnut Springs, Side and rear single storey extension (resubmission 12/01742.)

The Parish Council were minded to approve this application, and local comments were that it would improve the site.

Concerns were raised about the distance between the proposed property and the neighbouring ones, and that one of the windows may overlook the neighbour.

13. 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*
Enlan Ltd	Weed Killing around white gates	24.00*
Stratton St Margaret PC	Grass Cuts	180.00*
Mazars	External Auditor fee	366.00*
Hampshire Flag Co	Replacement Union Flag	44.99*
Iconic Office Furniture	Two tall filing cabinets	235.00
Playsafety Limited	RoSPA report on play areas	151.20*
Mr Redford	Plants for raised garden	50.00*

The above accounts were proposed by Cllr Harris and seconded by Cllr Groom, no objections, and duly approved.

14. Notice of conclusion of external audit – has been advertised as per regulations, information only.

15. Precept – Parishioners and Councillors were invited to propose spending for 2013/14.

It was recommended that the Council obtain rough figures from WC as to cost of a mini roundabout at Casa Paola junction, in order that they may start putting aside match funding.

16. RoSPA – September 2012 inspection report – This year's inspection has taken place, the report does not indicate any serious issues. There are however, a number of minor maintenance tasks recommended. The playground sub-committee to organise these repairs.

17. Quotes for new Spring Horse – quotation not yet received.

18. Core Strategy - approve Parish submission.

All Councillors have had access to the proposed and amended Core Strategy. Cllrs Pepperall, Blackmore and Groom, had prepared a submission which focused on issues they felt would be for the benefit of the community. The Councillors present agreed to adopt the prepared submission on behalf of the Council.

19. Sub-Comm. Chair Reports: Highways & Footpaths – nothing new to report.

Rec.Field & JCH – no report available, Cem. & Public areas – no report.

20. Other Committee Reports: Play Areas – nothing to report, Rights of Way & Walks committee to investigate further paths 123 and 81

21. Replacement Chairman of Cemetery committee now to be sought, Agenda December.

Cllr Pepperall had not been able to resolve the legal position regarding the War Memorial clock funds in time for this meeting.

22. Neighbourhood Plan – J Bennett has been given the position of vice chairman of the remaining group of villages who want to continue, it will now be known as North East Wiltshire Villages, as Cricklade and Wootton Bassett have pulled out and will be creating their own plan group.

A motion for the Parish Council to accept and support the new grouping of the Neighbourhood plan was passed.

- 23. Holborn Footpath Project** – Real progress is now being made, Mr Croucher has agreed the proposed terms, and we are now awaiting a response from his solicitors. Possible path naming competition delayed until December.
- 24. Christmas Tree** – Cllr Pflieger has purchased new lights and has ordered a tree. He will agree a suitable date to install the tree with Parish Hall committee once he has a delivery date.
- 25. Parish Council Field** - First stage drawings have been received and some amendments have been recommended by Chair and Vice Chair. Currently waiting for the drawings to be amended. The next stage will be a further meeting with the Parish Hall committee, and then a public meeting with all concerned parties. Cllr Pflieger has seen an article on where to purchase native British Trees, to be passed on to the Clerk and filed until needed.
- 26. The Butts Parking Area** – Cllr Blackmore and Cllr Pflieger to re-examine the site, to ensure that just one of the proposed planters will be sufficient to discourage vehicle movement across the area.
- 27. Update on Community Speed Watch.** A Metro count had been anchored to the bus shelter in Holborn 1st November. Once these results are in, then teams can be assembled and trained.
- 28. Greenhill Residents Association & Tel. box** – They now wish to be just a telephone box association, it was agreed that it does not matter much what they are called, so long as they take on the maintenance of the box.
- 29. Parish Steward tasks.** Removal of dead fox on Stone Lane. Make safe loose bricks on The Close hump. Strim around and clean highway signs. Replace reflections on bollards in the chicane. Brambles - remove from overhanging footpath along The Butts. Hedge in Washpool to be cut back from 'RoseHall' towards Casa Paolo. Councillors and Residents to email the Clerk on Friday with any further specific items.
- 30. Correspondence.**
Wiltshire Council – Food Digesters – information only, no action required.
- 31. Next meeting, Thursday 6th December 2012, 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

Meeting closed at 8.50pm