

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

Present. Cllrs T Pepperall (Chairman), D Cobb, M Groom, S Mowbray, A Pflieger, D Rees, K Thomas.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr A Harris
2. **Safety Briefing** given to 5 members of public plus 6 Cllrs
3. **Declarations of Interest** – none

Arrival of Cllr Groom.

4. **Minutes of meeting Thursday 7th February 2013** - signed as a true record.
5. **Police Report.** PC Singfield was on leave, and reported no crimes. The Chairman had heard of a local garden theft, and was urging the resident to report this, along with any other residents who may have had things go missing.

6. Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.

- a. Area Blog launch - Monday 11th March, 3p.m. to 4.30 p.m. at the RWB Library.
- b. Friday 8th March 5.15 p.m. - Planning protest organised re 73 houses in Hook St., next to Lydiard Park.
- Tuesday 12th March - SBC Hearing for Hook Street North 6pm.
- c. At the Area Board meeting local grants were awarded, including £872 to the L/M Church Puppet group.
- d. Cllr Groom was looking forward to attending the Stakeholder meeting next week on Health Service transitions.
- e. Tuesday 12th March 2 - 8 p.m. and 13th March 10 - 2 p.m. at St Andrews Church, Lyneham, The MOD will be presenting their plans for the future of the site.

7. Parishioner's Question Time.

- a. Our last Agenda advertised a cleaning job on at £7 an hour. It was suggested this figure might not be high enough to attract anyone, although it was over minimum wage. It was further thought that such a job might suit a Year 11 at Purton or Wootton Bassett Secondary Schools, which would keep the money in the Community.
- b. It was noted that the SFC 'please park with consideration' sign had not been used lately, and that inconsiderate parking was creeping back in. SFC will be asked to re-commence the use of the sign and Parking Marshall's.
- c. A Parish Steward task was suggested - the wall between Manor Farm and The Beeches is still crumbling, and a lot of wall crumbs need to be removed from the pavement.
- d. A resident commented that the Website needs updating, in particular the Cllrs photographs, especially in the run up to the elections, so those standing can be identified. It was agreed that this was a job to be done.

8. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

Cllr Rees requested that the situation regarding the cutting of the hedge from Ash Close towards the Casa Paolo junction be resolved. In the past this hedge has been cut by SBC. However, Cllr Groom thought W.C. was keen to cut this. Cllr Groom to approach WC with a view to putting the hedge on their schedules.

9. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention.

The Clerk had received the Elections correspondence, and had printed a number of nomination forms for both Cllrs and members of the public to take with them. It was agreed that Posters need to go out quickly as the election timetable requires candidates to put in their nominations between 18th March and noon on Friday 5th April. Unfortunately the data will only give 7 days notice in the April Lydiard Magazine. Candidates qualify by living in or within 3 miles, working, or having property in the Parish. Posters to go on Notice Boards, Web site, & Facebook page. Applications can be downloaded from WC website, or seek details from Cllr Pepperall 770734, & Mrs Leckie 347508.

10. Report on matters arising from 7th February 2013 not on the main agenda.

Item 14, Minutes, said a report on the meeting with SFC was due at the March meeting - deferred until April.

11. Planning Applications

Ridgeway Farm – at a meeting with Purton PC, we both agreed to seek consultation with WC, & the developers to try & agree on road usage. It was agreed to send a copy of our comments to Purton out of courtesy. However, following many email since, the planned consultation seems to be going nowhere. Because the planning decision included reserved matters, there may be an opportunity to ask the developers to re-design, or lobby WC so they can understand, and hopefully back our own Parish concerns.

Late Planning

N/13/00493/TCA Lydiard House, Lydiard Green - Various Tree Work.

Supported

87 Chestnut Springs - Occupants have been renovating the property, which has recently included, what is considered by many in the parish, an eyesore of a fence. Because the level of the land is much higher at that point than the road, it makes the fence seem much higher than necessary. However, the fence appears to be within planning guidelines and the consent. Cllr Groom offered to discuss the problem with WC Planning officers, as it spoils the site line and street scene. Also there are concerns that the gravel placed on the bank sides could slide down on to the road. A suggestion was made that installation of low bushes might soften the effect, and prevent the gravel moving.

Approvals

N/12/03668/FUL 3 Church Place - Side and Rear Extensions

N/12/04131/FUL 4 The Street - Two Storey Rear Extension.

12. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

| Expenditure | | £'s |
|--------------------|--|------------|
| R Leckie | Salary | 347.85* |
| R Leckie | Expenses - 3m - Tel, Stationery, Mileage, etc | 217.76* |
| LMP Hall | Hire of P/Hall | 24.00 |
| LMP Hall | Neighbourhood Plan meeting hall hire | 23.20 |
| Enlan Ltd | Groundsman Fee | 504.00* |
| SFC | White Lining | 100.00 |
| WALC | Elections training 22 nd Feb in Devizes | 35.00* |
| Lydiards Magazine | Annual subscription | 5.00 |
| TH Pepperrall | Annual fees to 34SP for Hosting & Domain Name | 42.95 |
| A Pflieger | Boot Scraper for the Recreation Field | 80.12 |
| A Pflieger | ASF Signs Ltd for Boot Scraper | 36.00 |
| LPC Ltd | New Comm. Field correspondence and advice | 98.70* |

AHS Ltd was approved to supply woodchip for the Play Areas at £831.60* - Clerk to order, taking into consideration delivery date and available volunteers.

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

13. Sub-Comm. Chair Reports:

Highways & Footpaths. Cllr Cobb was still working on the minutes of 21st Feb, his main concern of the evening was the closure without consultation of an Issue Sheet - he was advised to contact Penny Bell at WC. He reported that he had produced a new item for his Agendas to cover development issues in the area, such as Ridgeway and Tadpole Lane. Dates of the next two meetings are to be published shortly.

Cllr Cobb had also attended a recent CATG meeting and gave a short resume of its purposes and activities for the benefit of new Cllr Rees. Verge erosion at the junction with Stone Lane and Common Platt is one of the parish's biggest issues at present. Wiltshire Council, have installed some stronger reflective posts to the boundary of The Anchorage, but further work is needed to re-instate the eroded land.

Rec. Field & JCH A further sub-committee meeting needs to be arranged prior to meeting again with SFC.

Thanks were recorded to Cllr Pflieger for the installation of the boot scraper. A metal sign for the boot scraper will now be erected. Both the Chairman and Vice Chairman had made enquiries about possible white lining contacts.

Cemetery & Public/Areas. Cllr Mowbray had nothing new to report.

14. Other Committee Reports:

Play Areas Cllr Pflieger to carry out inspection on Saturday, 12th March and report back to the Clerk.

Rights of Way & Walks will start again soon - watch the notice boards for information.

Lorry Watch Cllr Pflieger was informed of a mapping company who give wrong HGV instructions for parish roads, and will contact them accordingly.

WC Emergency Planning meeting on 10th April, 7.30. Cllrs Cobb and Thomas offered to consider attending this.

Spring Clean Cllr Mowbray offered to organise this year's Spring Clean, which was gratefully accepted.

15. Community Speed Watch - There are in the region of 20 groups to be trained from late Spring. A further notice will be placed in the Lydiard Magazine for volunteers to join Lydiard Millicent's group. Various safe sites have been earmarked in the Parish to carry out the speed watch checks.

- 16. Parish Plan Update** - linked with Neighbourhood plan, meeting next week. The WC Rural Housing Needs Survey had generated an excellent 38% responses, and closely confirmed our own estimated housing needs.
- 17. Neighbourhood Plan** - J Bennett has the Rural Housing Survey data and is documenting the statistics. Next Neighbourhood Plan meeting 19th March in Jubilee ClubHouse. Consideration needed over how to handle the information, now that more potential housing sites have been put forward, which were not part of the Survey Questionnaire. The Hot Cross Bun coffee morning on the 29th March was thought to be a good opportunity to promote the Neighbourhood plan further.
- 18. Holborn Footpath** progress is currently in the hands of Westlea Housing's solicitors.
- 19. Community Field** - Sub-committee to meet again re conservation issues, before next public meeting.
- 20. The Butts Parking Area** - Purchase of planter organised by Cllr Pflieger. It will need a ton of topsoil and plants. It was suggested that Toomers might help as a possible sponsor. The planter will be prepared with reflective plates prior to installation at The Butts. A group of volunteers will be needed for the installation - contact Cllr Pflieger.
- Raised beds.** It was discussed that the end of May would be a good time to replace the logs; meanwhile, volunteers are sought to measure and cut up the telegraph poles pre-installation.
- 21. Parish Steward tasks** - clean the White Gates, path behind railings at The Butts, flakes from wall opposite The Butts, & road signs.
- 22. Volunteer required** - Local Authority School Governor. Chairman needs to verify with School if a potential volunteer was suitable.
- 23. Correspondence.**
 Letter from Mr Meredith requesting renewal of the Lydiard Plain for grass keep - approved at existing price.
 JCH - new cleaner required by SFC, approx 2 hrs per week @ £7 p.h. Contact Clerk for details.
 Letter from J Hunt re Drains in The Butts - discuss with Highways.
 Letter from Ellen Blacker, recently appointed as our local Good Neighbour Co-Ordinator, requesting that we allocate her a few minutes at the beginning of a meeting to introduce her role to the Community. It was instead suggest that she be the guest speaker for the Annual Meeting on 16th May.
- 24. Next meeting, Thursday 4th April 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.**