

**LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

**Present:** Cllrs T Pepperall (Chairman), T Blackmore, D Cobb, M Groom, A Pflieger, K Thomas

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs S Burley, A Harris, S Mowbray.
2. **Safety Briefing.** given to 13 members of public plus 6 Councillors
3. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
4. **Minutes of meeting Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012.** Alterations were made at 11.2, last paragraph, change '37' to '38', 11.3 change 'may have been' to 'was' one mug out. Item 19 item was available but not read out, 26, Metro Count was on bus stop, south side of the road, not on the shelter as requested. The Minutes were then agreed and signed as a true copy.

**5. New Chair for Cemetery S/Committee, and Co-options.**

Before discussion regarding Co-options and new Committee Chair, it was announced that Cllr Burley had given his resignation from the end of 2012, due to his business workload and family commitments. This latest resignation regrettably has been accepted, and all four of the departing Cllrs will be sorely missed. The Council is now 7 in number, which will make it very difficult for the Council to carry out its' duties. There are a few names from previous enquiries that could be approached to fill the current vacancies, but no firm names had been offered prior to the meeting. No volunteers came forward for the two Committee Chair vacancies.

**6. Delegate Authority to Clerk re Dispensations to Code of Conduct.**

Lydiard Millicent Parish Council RESOLVED that the Council delegate the power to grant dispensations under Section 33 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 to the Clerk, Rosemary Leckie, under the following relevant statutory circumstance, i.e. 'To allow Councillors to participate in the setting of the Council precept'.

All Councillors wishing to take part in the discussion, setting or voting on of the precept, need to complete a Dispensation Request Form, available from the Clerk.

Cllrs Pepperall, Blackmore and Groom had completed theirs and dispensations duly granted by the Clerk.

**7. Housing Survey Needs, Speaker - Victoria Smith.**

WC and Housing Associations are working in partnership. If the survey shows a need, then it can be adopted by the Parish Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan, and could be processed with dwellings and community schemes.

The Parish Council can prepare and enclose a supplementary questionnaire with the official survey, subject to WC approval. The question was asked whether or not it only focuses on rented accommodation? No, it covers all different housing possibilities.

It was asked if WC would take any notice of the survey. Any planning application resulting from the survey would need to go through the normal WC planning system, who would take into account all current policies, and local plans. It will carry legislative weight if incorporated in the Neighbourhood Plan.

**8. Police Report - None.**

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

1. Cllr Groom is unhappy with the appeal decision to grant permission for the Ridgeway Farm development, and has despatched various strongly worded emails. She is trying to persuade WC & SBC to have the decision overturned, as the decision is based on the un-adopted and outdated RSS policies.

Both Wiltshire and Swindon Councils have yet to decide what to do about this Appeal decision by the Inspector.

2. Wiltshire Council has responded regarding water flowing across The Beeches entrance. Contractors have been instructed to pipe from the BT cover to the drainage system in the main road to clear the problem. A blocked drain between The Butts and The Beeches has been awaiting repair for several years.

**10. Parishioner's Question Time.**

1. Mr. Perring, and other residents of Washpool, had recently received a letter from Wiltshire Council, concerning the depositing of garden waste and other items on the bridle path at the rear of the properties. Mr Perring and the other residents confirmed that they have been cutting back the trees and bushes themselves for many years. Also they have only just received their Green Waste Bins, after six months wait. All material cut down was biodegradable. The residents also regularly place type 1 road material on the track to keep it manageable, but the rain still washes the dirt into the road. They requested that WC put down some tarmac for a better finish.

Other items referred to in W.C.'s letter were doggy bags left on bushes, and various fly tipping that has occurred. Mr Perring was advised to contact W.C. regarding any future fly tipping, and the WC Dog Warden should be informed of any mis-use of doggy bags if reported to the Clerk.

*The Clerk was asked to establish what the track/path number was, and she was given the letter to copy and return.*

2. The Clerk was not able to report any further action regarding the hedge at the end of Tewksbury way/Holborn thought to be owned by Wimpey. Concerns are that Wimpey will try to delay long enough to avoid cutting the hedge again this year before nesting time again. *Clerk - urgent.*

3. Parish Steward had done good job at Holborn Bridge - could attention now be turned to Washpool Bridge. It was confirmed that the Holborn Bridge area has seen extra work following motor accidents in November, which had been overseen by Cllr Cobb. It is suggested that this work should be charged to the driver's insurance company.

4. Confirmation was requested that the Parish Council still have the £4,000 needed to join up the Holborn path, after purchase of the field recently. Response - yes, funds are still available for this project.

5. The Butts drains on the south side have a high level of standing water, which quickly floods at this time of year. Also one of the drains on the north side is filled with balls, debris, etc. A further inspection by WC of these drains is to be requested by the Clerk.

6. Mr. Tapscott thanked the volunteers who erected the Christmas tree team this year, and hoped that the electrical fault will soon be rectified. Mr John Butcher an electrician has been asked to rectify this. Cllr Pflieger accepted the parishioners' thanks, and for Cllr Burley and others who had helped erect the tree.

Mr Tapscott offered his thanks to those Councillors who have left and are leaving the Council for their past and often numerous years of service, and supported the content of Cllr Blackmore's article encouraging new members of the public to consider the role of Councillor in the future elections in May. It was agreed that the search for candidates to stand for election in May needs to be urgently followed up over the next few months.

**11. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries - none.**

**12. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention - none.**

**13. Report on matters arising from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 not on the main agenda.**

It was asked if quotations had been requested of Enlan Ltd for White Lining on the field. This had not been minuted in either the October or November Minutes, and will be urgently attended to.

It was requested that the *Clerk make renewed contact with the local police* to seek to establish a regular report for the meeting, to be given in person or via the Clerk. Copies of PC Agenda and Minutes to be offered monthly, to both the local police, and the newly elected Police Commissioner, to promote better shared community information.

#### **14. Planning Applications**

**12/03800FUL** 3 The Moors - First floor side ext. and porch (Renewal of 08.02364.FUL) - **no specific comments.**

**12/03668/FUL** 3 Church Place - Proposed side and rear extensions. Despite some local concerns over the new proposed access, which would be nearer to the corner and roundabout, it was agreed to - **Support this application.**

**S/12/1646 (Swindon)** - Outline Planning - Erection of 73 dwellings on Land North of Hook Street.

A proposed draft response had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. It was agreed as before to **object.**

#### **15. Accounts (\*incl. VAT)**

##### **Expenditure**

		£'s
R Leckie	Salary	347.85*
R Leckie	Expenses - Tel, Stationery, Mileage, etc.	118.72*
LMPHall	Hire of P/Hall	24.00
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	504.00*
SFC	White Lining	300.00
Stratton St Margaret PC	Grass Cuts	60.00*
SCS	Grass Cut	72.00*
LPC	Council Field, Consultant Fees 1	336.00*
Alan Pflieger	Christmas Tree and Lights	112.45*

The above accounts were proposed by Cllr Blackmore, seconded by Cllr Thomas, no objections, and duly approved.

**16. Precept -** Proposals for Budget 2013/14 (for drafting prior to January meeting). Mini roundabout at Casa Paola, was discussed, agreement was not reached on whether or not the impending development at Ridgeway Farm, would decrease traffic in that area. It was agreed that contingency money could be used for such large endeavours, which may require some Parish contribution. It was further agreed that it should be raised at the next CATG meeting. Neighbourhood Planning consultation and drop in sessions - reasonable expenses can be catered for.

**17. Quotes for new Spring Horse -** discuss. No quote. *Clerk to start process again.*

**18. Discuss use of Transcam -** to replace humps. Cllrs have always wanted a proper ascetic repair in keeping with its original design. However, W.C. does not have the funding to carry out such repairs, which would involve the closing of the road. Cllrs do not like or want the proposed option of tarmac humps with white lines. The 'Dunlop inflatable hump' seems to be the most appropriate option. If a vehicle goes over at correct speed then the hump sinks; if it transits too fast, then it becomes a deterrent. Mr Hind and Mr Drinkwater have been asked if it meets the criteria set by W.C. The retail cost per installation is around £6-10,000, with lifespan of approx 10 years.

**19. Sub-Comm. Chair Reports:**

Highways & Footpaths - Cllr Cobb reported on the last S/Comm. meeting held on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 50% attendance, which reviewed all projects and Issue sheets. Copies of the meeting had been circulated to Cllrs during the meeting. Cllr Cobb introduced the '20 is plenty campaign' to the Council for their consideration at a future meeting. Cllr Pflieger pointed out that such schemes would render any Community Speed Watch Schemes obsolete. *Clerk to add this subject to a future Agenda, to allow the Sub Comm. to review both schemes.*

The salt bin in Holborn, emptied by the motor accident, has been reported to Highways for a refill.

At a recent CATG meeting, it was indicated that if there were several small local projects in an area, they could be grouped together as a package.

Rec. Field & JCH (TP) - last months' report given to Clerk but not read out. A great deal of time had been taken up over the SFC agreement recently.

There is a large ash tree down and into Mr Perrin's field, on the approach road to JCH. Cllr Burley has offered to dispose of the tree, and will liaise with Mr Perrin, as the field is too wet for heavy machinery at present.

Cemetery & Public Areas - Enlan have begun the work to restore the levels of some of the older plots in the cemetery. Thanks given to J Redford and J Willies for their planting in the raised beds, and to *Midgehall Nurseries for the plants.*

**20. Other Committee Reports:**

Play Areas. This incorporates the report not quoted in the previous minutes.

Part of a tree on the access road to the Rec. Field was blown down on Wednesday, and will need to be cleared - Cllr Burley offered to clear it.

The RoSPA report on the Play Areas contains items to be addressed.

A further meeting with SFC is to be arranged, and 3 local residents also are to be invited to attend.

Rights of Way & Walks - the stile by Path 81, believed to be in Purton has been repaired, we believe by Purton PC. Footpath 123 has been disused so long that it is almost impossible to see evidence of it. Clerk to report path condition to W.C. who has a statutory obligation to keep footpaths open.

Lorry Watch - since the scheme started, 31 vehicles have been reported, of which at least 12 have received written warnings.

**21. Update on Community Speed Watch** - waiting for report from the Holborn Metro Count, when a request for volunteer training will be made. The idea of a 20mph speed limit in parts of the village was discussed. If this were to be approved the CSW scheme could not take place, as they are not done in such areas. *Highways Sub.Comm to check.*

**22. Neighbourhood Plan** - Good progress is being made despite the many different local needs of all the smaller villages in the scheme. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January is the date for Drop in Session and presentations on opportunities within Neighbourhood Plan.

*Cllr Thomas left early at 9.30, as agreed with Chairman prior to meeting.*

**23. Parish Plan** - there is still progress on the Holborn Path, as Westlea HA are now being requested to enter into their necessary agreement with LMPC.

**24. Holborn Footpath Project** - there is still interest in the principle of having a naming competition, which will be discussed further once footpath nearer completion.

**25. Christmas Tree** - a group of six, headed by Cllrs Pflieger & Burley erected the tree, which has been staked and roped. Thanks were given for their help. No date was decided upon for its removal - Cllr Pflieger to keep Parish Hall Committee informed, before working on the tree.

**26. Parish Council Field** - it was agreed to adopt the proposed change of name to 'Community Field', the original name used for convenience only. The Parish Hall has a number of un-resolved issues following the recent meeting with LMPC, and is seeking guidance from the Charity Commission. Next meeting to be arranged. Cllr Pflieger requested the history on the origins of the Parish Hall and land ownership, prior to next Parish Council meeting. He was advised that the land was given by Mr Webb, and that the Parish Hall was built with public donations and is run as an independent Trust.

**27. The Butts Parking Area** - it was thought by Cllrs Blackmore and Pflieger that one 6-foot planter will be sufficient. *Chairman to request appropriate licence from Wiltshire Council.*

**28. Parish Steward tasks** - Greenhill turning circle. Butts - drainage, and sweep leaves from marked path.

**29. Correspondence.**

Consider request - donation for Victim Support - agreed. *Add to next agenda.*

Notice of increase - Parish Hall fees up 50p to £24.50; reminder - emergency evacuation to be carried out annually.

SBC - Draft revised statement of Community Involvement in Planning - public consultation Nov13-Jan 8, 2013

Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site allocations Local Plan - Inspectors report.

Notice of Waste Collections over Christmas - *to be added to web site.*

Town & Parish (Parish Steward tasks) Involvement meeting Jan 31, 6pm - Cllr Cobb offered to attend.

**30. Next meeting, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2013, 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

**Meeting closed 9.35 pm**