

LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting on 3rd January 2013

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

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr A Harris.

2. Safety Briefing given by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest. None.

4. Minutes of meeting Thursday 6th December 2012. Signed as a true record.

Alteration to the Agenda - Accounts last item, cheque to be paid to J Butcher not A Pflieger.

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

No Cllrs had come forward to be Chairman of Cemetery Committee, which currently has just Cllr Mowbray.

Co-option information. The Chairman introduced Mr David Rees, who was considering joining the Council, but had not been resident long enough when he last considered. Clerk to send him relevant information for next month.

New Vice Chairman - Cllr Pflieger offered to stand as Vice Chairman for the next 3 months - gratefully approved.

The Chairman proposed Mr T Blackmore for co-option on to the Community Field Sub-Committee - approved.

6. Police Report. A written report had been received and was read out;

The Police were dealing with excess use of car horns in the Common Platt area.

Reported that a local resident had disturbed a burglary in process during December.

2 RTC's had been reported, and a fence had been damaged in the local area.

PCSO Singfield is now on facebook via the RWB & Cricklade policing team website.

7. Wiltshire Councillor Report and Questions arising.

Cllr Groom read from an edited report from Jane Scott OBE. the W.C. leader, which had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. She pointed out that W.C. was pleased with the outcome of the amalgamation of the five Councils in 2009, and had successfully delivered on 'One Council' in a time of financial austerity, with a zero increase in Council Tax throughout the life of the Council. The decision to invest in and celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee and London 2012 Olympics had been well received by the general public. They had delivered on their promise to reduce the number of council offices and had opened more efficient Council hubs instead. W.C had also successfully kept open and increased the popularity of their libraries.

8. Parishioner's Question Time.

It was reported that drain clearance tanker had visited The Butts, but had not cleared the issue. A resident of The Butts has water flowing into his garage as a result of all the standing water.

9. Councillors' Reports of Parishioners' queries.

Church Place - roundabout paint missing – to report at CATG meeting.

Steve Hind had viewed Lydiard Green and discussed the provision of pavements with Cllr Mowbray, who reported that the only likely way of achieving pavements would be to stage the project into smaller manageable chunks- *add to Highway sub-committee agenda.*

The ownership of the ditch to the side of Snail Cottage was still being sought.

Lots of leaves on pavements reported throughout parish - Lengthsmen to be asked to clear.

Request received to have Salt Bin positioned closer to the concrete bunker in Lydiard Green.

Cllr Mowbray offered to check out all the large potholes and report to Clarence.

A request was received to have white gates at Lydiard Green - *add to highway sub-committee agenda.*

Cllr Mowbray was continuing to work with residents of Lydiard Green with regard to the need for mains sewerage.

10. Clerks Report on matters brought to her attention. None.

11. Report on matters arising from 6th December 2012 not on the main agenda.

The Salt Bin in Holborn – hit by RTA October 2012 had been re-filled.

12. Planning Applications

N/12/03668/FUL 3 Church Place, Side & rear extension - amendment to access – Support.

V/12/04017/CLE The Studio, Oakland, Wood Lane, Braydon - use as dwelling. It was agreed to re-iterate comments made on this application earlier in the year together with observations from previous site visit, and to call this application in.

N/12/04131/FUL 4 The Street, Lydiard Millicent - two storey rear extension - Noted.

Ridgeway Farm. As the Appeal succeeded, any expected planning gains or conditions sought, are lost. It was agreed

to seek advice from W.C. on the best way to achieve these benefits for the Parish.

W.C. Planning Responses.

N/12/01742/FUL 39 Chestnut Springs. Two storey side extension - REFUSED, but subsequently
N/12/03508/FUL 39 Chestnut Springs. Side and rear single storey extension - APPROVED.

13. Accounts (*incl. VAT)

Expenditure

		£'s
R Leckie	Salary	347.85*
R Leckie	Expenses - Tel, Stationery, Mileage, etc.	def'd.
.LMPHall	Hire of P/Hall	24.00
Enlan Ltd	Groundsman Fee	504.00*
SFC	White Lining	100.00
Victim Support	£137 donation	25.00
SLCC	Annual Membership Renewal	86.00
Butchers Electricial	Repair to Xmas tree electrics (tripping)	62.75*

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

Precept - Approve Budget for 2013/14.

A draft precept had been prepared and circulated to the Cllrs at the meeting, which showed a projected deficit of £5,400, if the precept were to remain at £1400. It was proposed however, by the Chairman that the Council should consider a 20% increase which would lessen the deficit, and pave the way forward for the next few years in the light of future precept capping, whereby increases would need to be justified. It was noted that it the spending on the Community Field will take some time, but that reserves would need to be available to achieve match funding grants when needed. The proposal to increase the precept by 20% to £16,800 was agreed by all Cllrs present, and approved.

14. Dispensations. It was confirmed that all Councillors present had filed requests for dispensation with the Clerk, who had duly granted them. Dispensations generally would need to be looked at over the coming year to comply with the changing legislations.

15. White Lining Quotation - to be discussed by Recreation Field Sub Committee.

16. Sub-Comm. Chair Reports:

Highways & Footpaths - Cllr Cobb had noted items from Cllr reports to go to CATG meeting, and now needed to set up another sub-committee meeting. He will also list all highway issues raised to date in order of priority/minor/major projects. Outstanding Issue Sheets to be completed in time for February CATG meeting.

Rec.Field & JCH - Scheduled and agreed training cancelled due to water on pitches. *Playbark chipping to be ordered* once the amount required had been calculated.

Cem. & Public areas - Nothing to report on Cemetery. Common Land issue - ditch adjacent to Snail Cottage in Lydiard Green - being dealt with by Cllr Mowbray.

Letter received from Hannick Homes to say they had not found any issues with the drainage in The Orchard.

Cllr Thomas offered to draft a response and send on photographs of the area under water.

New Drains needed from The Butts to Holborn - *Cllr Cobb to report at CATG & prepare Issue Sheet if needed.*

17. Other Committee Reports:

Play Areas - no matters to report.

Rights of Way & Walks - no action needed.

LorryWatch - Nothing to report.

18. Community Speed Watch - update. Metro count results still not received. *Cllr Pflieger to chase up, the send in a Training request for the team.* Volunteers needed from parts of the Parish that will benefit.

19. Speed humps - Discussion took place over various options, with continued research to be looked at by Highway sub committee. *In the meantime an issue sheet to be raised for replacement humps.*

20. Parish Plan - update. Interlinked with Neighbourhood Plan.

21. Neighbourhood Plan - update. Public sessions 26th January, 10am & 12 noon. Also Rural Housing Needs Survey questionnaire to be delivered prior to sessions between 19th and 23rd January, together with a Link Scheme leaflet at same time. Volunteers to be used from all the groups.

22. Holborn Footpath Project - Waiting on Solicitors for update on Westlea Housing documents.

23. Community Field - Parish Hall committee have approved revised plans, which are now ready for wider consultation. Plans to be available to view during Sessions day. Another flyer re Comm Field to be issued - approval of expenditure up to £50 agreed. As soon as practical *information to be loaded onto Website, and Facebook*, to ensure as wide a consultation as possible.

24. The Butts Parking Area - Licence application signed and posted. On approval - purchase planter.

25. Parish Steward tasks - next visit 7th - 11th January - sweep pavements, fill potholes, and litter picks.

26. Correspondence.

Poster from W.C. re Digital Champion volunteers.

Copy letter from Lydiard Millicent School, re parking and Safe Routes to School.

Pre-School banner at The Butts - more notice as W.C. approval needed.

SBC - Local Plan pre-submission draft 2026 - public consultation until 21.2.2013.

Additional matters.

The remaining Jubilee Mugs will be on sale at the 'Sessions', together with Millennium Maps and Walking Guides.

27. Next meeting, Thursday 7th February 2013, 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.30. p.m.

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