

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2009 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr M Böckle (Chairman) Mr F Alexander, Mr P Boyes (part of the meeting) and Miss H Palmer.

In Attendance: Mrs M Weston (Clerk to the Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Bisson and Mr P Boyes (part of the meeting).

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 20 January 2009 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

(a) Assets/Insurance Register

The Clerk reported that this had now been updated.

5. Public Seating

The Chairman reported that several seats now needed repairing. The seats most urgently needing attention were in Gosport Lane, opposite the entrance to The Custards and near The Oak PH at Bank.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman write a specification of work needed. This would be given to the Clerk in order that estimates for the work involved could be obtained.

The Chairman stated that the Chairman of NFDC, Mr Puttock, had said he would be willing to assist with the possible installation of a bench seat on forest land. It was considered that it might be possible to place a seat beyond the Cemetery to show the direction of the circular walk and a second seat could be placed near the war memorial. The Amenities Committee would be willing to “trade” two seats near the Cemetery that were now overgrown by gorse bushes.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Mr Puttock and the Forestry Commission Land Agent to gain their views.

6. Bus Shelters

The Clerk had received information from a company who cleaned, painted and repaired bus shelters.

RESOLVED: That two bus shelters be considered for remedial action in this financial year and the Chairman prepare specifications. Estimates for the work involved would then be obtained.

7. Bulbs

RESOLVED: That further bulbs be purchased and planted at the village entrances this Autumn.

8. Lyndhurst Signs

The Clerk reported that she was still trying to obtain information from Hampshire County Council on this matter.

9. Possible Bus Shelter outside Lyndhurst Infant School

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Hampshire County Council showing support for a shelter and had now written to the Chairman of the School Governors to ascertain the school's view on this matter.

10. Great Mead

The Clerk read out a letter signed by several residents from Shaggs Meadow stating that they would like to see Great Mead remain as at present but with a barrier at the Gosport Lane end and perhaps a narrow pathway through. It was noted that the money promised for the upkeep of this land had so far not been forthcoming from the National Park Authority and that the Clerk was pursuing this matter.

11. Final Accounts re Lyndhurst Parish Circular Walk

The Clerk reported that a final amount could not be given yet as an account had not been received from NFDC for erection of the mapboard. £500 had been allowed by the Parish Council and it was unlikely that this amount would be exceeded.

12. Advertising within the Circular Walk Leaflet

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of placing a black and white A4 insertion into future leaflets containing advertising. The revenue would be used to fund further print runs of the leaflet.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to each pub on the walk route, the camping shop, golf course and Chairman of the Chamber of Trade to see if there was likely to be any uptake of advertising space.

13. Ideas for the Future

None at the present time.

14. Any Other Business

The Clerk asked the Chairman to have a further look at a willow tree in Great Mead that was overhanging a shed in the garden of 9 Shaggs Meadow, with a view to the shed owner or the Parish Council severing a branch to prevent damage taking place.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to purchase eight plastic leaflet holders. These could then be placed in pubs, shops, etc around the village with Parish Council contact details on to show where further copies of the leaflet could be obtained when existing supplies ran out.

The Chairman undertook to look at the seat at Allum Green to see what condition it was in and report back to the Committee.

In the absence of any other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

Chairman _____

Date _____